Exploring the SAP S/4HANA® finance transformation journey

In Fall 2019, 4,576 people tuned in for a Dbriefs webcast, “Exploring the SAP S/4HANA finance transformation journey,” during which the audience was polled about SAP S/4HANA and SAP Central Finance. Here are the highlights:

What is the largest SAP S/4HANA digital transformation opportunity within your organization?

Poll respondents indicated process simplification and standardization, a single source of truth ERP, and real-time reporting and analytics as the primary opportunities for SAP S/4HANA at their organization.

A closer look across industries

- Process simplification and standardization: 17%
- A single source of truth ERP: 16%
- Real-time reporting and analytics: 16%

Top findings across organizational levels

- C-Suite indicated that the greatest opportunity for SAP S/4HANA in their organization rests in process simplification and standardization (21%), followed by real-time reporting and analytics (16%).
- Executives* and Managers indicated single source of truth ERP (17% and 18%, respectively) and process simplification and standardization (16% and 18%, respectively) as the top opportunities.

*Executives = Directors and above (excluding C-suite)
Based on what you learned about SAP Central Finance, what is the most compelling benefit that you see for your organization?

C-Suite respondents indicated **consistency of KPI definitions and reports** as the most compelling benefit, but across other role categories, **single language for finance to speak** was noted as the most compelling benefit, as well as in the overall average.

- Single language for finance to speak (e.g., common data definitions)
- Consistency of KPI definitions and reports
- Rapid reporting after newly acquired business integration
- I do not think Central Finance will be beneficial for my organization
- Don't know/not applicable

**Number of respondents**: 3,953

![Pie chart showing the distribution of responses](chart)

**A closer look across organizational levels**

- **Single language for finance to speak (e.g., common data definitions)**
  - C-Suite: 21%
  - Executive: 28%
  - Manager: 28%
  - Analyst: 23%

- **Consistency of KPI definitions and reports**
  - C-Suite: 25%
  - Executive: 22%
  - Manager: 23%
  - Analyst: 20%

- **Rapid reporting after newly acquired business integration**
  - C-Suite: 14%
  - Executive: 17%
  - Manager: 17%
  - Analyst: 19%

**Top findings across industries**

- More than any other industry, **Energy, Resources & Industrials** respondents indicated having a single language for finance to speak as the most compelling benefit of Central Finance (34% compared to 28% average).
- **Government & Public Services** respondents indicated rapid reporting after newly acquired business integration to be a top benefit of Central Finance, more so than the average respondent (20% compared to 17% average).
- More than any other industry, **Consumer** respondents indicated consistency of KPI definitions and reports as the most compelling benefit of Central Finance (24% compared to 22% average).

Explore more in the CFO guide to SAP S/4HANA and Central Finance: [www2.deloitte.com/us/cfo-sap-s4hana](http://www2.deloitte.com/us/cfo-sap-s4hana)