



Campus Wien

Harnessing the planning power of data with Unit4 prevero

Customer: FH Campus Wien

Size: 5,400 students, 430 employees, Sales of EUR 38 million

Sector/industry: Education

Unit4 solution: Planning and Reporting



High efficiency and reliable data for planning and reporting

During the last ten years, the range of courses at FH Campus Wien has increased rapidly, with the university currently offering 50 different degree programs and postgraduate courses. But the task of creating an overall budget became increasingly complex too. With Unit4 prevero's convenient Self-Service BI approach, the budget managers can now carry out their planning, analysis and reporting more efficiently, based on reliable data retrieved directly from their source systems. In this way, they get detailed insights in next to no time. In addition, the central finance and accounting department can set up an overall budget much faster.

With around 5,400 students, FH Campus Wien is one of the largest universities of applied sciences in Austria. The Departments of Applied Life Sciences, Building and Design, Health, Public Sector, Social Affairs and Technology offer more than 50 Bachelor's and Master's degree programs as well as postgraduate Master's courses. Thanks to its institutional independence, this entrepreneurial university is in a position to actively shape its development through strategic partnerships in terms of both economy and society.

"For us as a private university, it's particularly important to have full control over our budgeting at all times," explains Ing. Mag. Horst Rode, Managing Director and CFO at FH Campus Wien.

"In the past, our budget managers had to transfer the data from our accounting system to Excel spreadsheets for every degree program. However, our processes became increasingly complex due to our growth. The Excel spreadsheet with 5 to 8 tables per course alone contained about 300 sheets that we had to process for the overall budget."

Mastering the challenge with Unit4 prevero

With the old process, the university had no way of ensuring that all data was correct and that no errors had occurred when transferring or editing figures. Therefore, FH Campus Wien decided to look for a comprehensive BI solution. The new tool was to import actual data automatically from their source systems and provide a transparent and comprehensible way of planning. To help with the standardization of budgeting processes, the software had to be customized to the individual needs of FH Campus Wien. Easy and efficient handling was another important requirement.

"Unit4 prevero provides everything we need," says Horst Rode. "The solution allows us to transfer our actual figures from our accounting software, BMD. Moreover, it offers flexible customization options and can be adjusted individually. It also provides numerous modular functions that enable us to extend the scope of the application step by step. We are already using prevero for areas like cost center accounting and cost allocations and the information is available much faster. In addition, prevero provides us with a reporting tool, various analysis functions as well as an integrated database solution."

Efficient Self-Service BI approach

The new solution's usability and easy handling was an essential aspect for FH Campus Wien. After all, not only the budget managers themselves should be able to enter data, but also people appointed as their representatives (e.g. assistants). Unit4 prevero is used by a total of 80 to 100 employees, which includes the managers, who use it to create reports. Due to the software's Self-Service BI approach, all data can be entered and modified intuitively. Moreover, planning, analysis and reports can be created with only a few clicks. The two Power Users at FH Campus Wien can even model processes largely by themselves. To ensure that only authorized users can access certain functions, Unit4 prevero allows for a granular allocation of permissions.

"With prevero, we were able to replace all Excel and PDF files in our budgeting processes," adds Horst Rode. "When we were using PDF files, our management only saw the reporting data, but couldn't access any further details. With prevero, this can be accomplished easily, intuitively and in real time."

A multitude of advantages

With Unit4 prevero, the finance and accounting department of FH Campus Wien benefits from numerous advantages. All processes are significantly more efficient, as it takes less time to reconcile data and identify errors. Reports are available much faster, which leads to shorter decision processes and more reliable planning.

"We do save a lot of time using prevero, but the improved data quality is an advantage we appreciate even more," says Horst Rode. "Moreover, our budget managers are happier, as they receive required information much faster. As a result, plan/actual comparisons are now carried out monthly instead of quarterly. Moreover, further important

key figures such as costs per student or number of students are available at a glance for 50 degree programs."

As FH Campus Wien is very satisfied with Unit4 prevero, they are planning to extend the solution to further areas. Apart from making increased use of the numerous analysis functions, this includes project performance management with a time recording option. For this purpose, Unit4 prevero provides a customized license model. "As we are a university with an entrepreneurial approach, the prevero solution greatly supported us in our further development," says Horst Rode. "Thanks to prevero, the quality of budgeting and reporting has increased significantly. We are sure that we will keep on benefiting from the flexible, upgradeable and comprehensive integrated solution for planning, analysis and reporting."

Allocations are carried out per cost element group and the allocation source is completely traceable. This leads to a planning system with allocations, in which simulations and scenarios can be calculated.

In this way, calculation processes that could not be carried out up to this point due to the required time and manpower can now be executed easily. Plan/actual comparisons can be accessed by the budget managers in Unit4 prevero; direct cost statements are still handled with BMD cost accounting.

Benefits

- **Easy, intuitive handling** due to Self-Service BI
- **Faster way of setting up an overall budget**
- **Reliable data base** due to an automatic import of actual figures
- **Shorter decision processes** due to a monthly plan/actual comparison
- **Essential key figures** for 50 degree programs at a glance

About Unit4

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