BearingPoint

Intelligent Finance: SAP Cloud Finance Transformation & AI

Need for change

Time to get moving
BearingPoint's Intelligent Finance – Accelerating the future of finance

BearingPoint's Intelligent Finance helps organizations transform finance beyond ERP implementation. Building on SAP GROW Fast and SAP S/4HANA Cloud, it combines proven processes with AI-driven automation, intelligent assistance, and real-time insights. This enables finance teams to work faster, improve accuracy, reduce manual effort, and support better business decisions, creating a future-ready finance organization that can scale with confidence.

Value proposition
Intelligent Finance combines rapid deployment, AI-enabled finance capabilities and predictable delivery to accelerate business value while reducing implementation risk

AI-driven finance excellence	Fast time to value	Transparent costs	Reduced implementation risks
AI agents empower finance teams with less manual work, smarter insights, and stronger compliance	Go live in 16 weeks with a clear path to expand	Fixed-scope, fixed-price package covers complete core processes (order-to-cash, procure-to-pay, record-to-report and plan-to-fill)	Proven SAP scope, quality gates, and controlled fit-to-standard execution

Key trends and insights
Companies are shifting from complex ERP programs to accelerated, AI-enabled business transformation

Speed

From multi-year ERP transformations **to rapid deployment and faster business outcomes**

Fixed scope, faster deployment, earlier business outcomes

~75% faster deployment

Standardization

From extensive customization **to a standardized digital core**

Lower complexity, lower risk and simplified upgrades

~50% project cost decrease

60-80% lower core configuration effort

Data & AI

From fragmented systems and inconsistent data **to trusted enterprise data & AI at scale**

Clean ERP data becomes the foundation for embedded AI and automation

~75% CFO expect AI to have high impact

Up to 70% less manual effort

Scalability

From monolithic ERP **to scalable cloud architectures**

Flexible deployment models supporting growth and international expansion

~75% explore effort savings

~80% less template maintenance time

Sources: SAP and BearingPoint

BearingPoint's Intelligence Finance

Functional scope
81 pre-selected scope items accelerating SAP Cloud ERP adoption through industry-agnostic baseline with additional value-add capabilities

Solution	Functional area	
Cloud ERP Finance Base Packages Industry agnostic	SAP Business AI	Intelligent Finance AI assets
	Finance & Controlling (41 scope items)	Sales (18 scope items)
	Procurement / Supply Chain (13 scope items)	Others e.g. HR, EIM (9 scope items)

AI assets
Intelligence Finance accelerates value realization by combining SAP's trusted AI foundation with finance-specific AI assistants and autonomous agents

SAP Business AI

Joule Base

SAP's conversational AI entry point for Cloud ERP, supporting natural-language navigation, information access, and selected simple actions

Embedded AI Features

Supports users directly in their flow of work through contextual recommendations, automation, and decision support across SAP applications.

Intelligent Finance AI assets

AI-driven Accounting Assistant

General ledger accounting assistant to automate account assignment, reduce manual effort, and support compliant, high-quality financial postings based on accounting manual

Budget Control Agent

Pre-built and ready-to-use AI agent that provides real-time visibility into cost center actuals and available budgets, supporting budget control and spending decisions.

Transformation

Finance barriers to break down
Based on our client experiences we have seen a variety of challenges that we can help to overcome to ensure you can reap the full benefit of Intelligent Finance

Cluster	Common challenge	Typical client barrier	How BearingPoint helps
Finance system landscape, data & AI	Lack of quickly available financial transparency	Financial information is spread across multiple systems, spreadsheets and manual reports, delaying decision-making	Deliver a single source of truth with SAP Cloud ERP Public, embedded analytics and real-time finance insights
	Inconsistent financial data & reporting	Different definitions and data structures reduce confidence in management reporting and planning	Harmonized finance data model and governance framework creating trusted data for reporting and AI
	Finance wants to leverage AI but lacks the foundation and cloud mindset	Poor data quality, fragmented processes and unclear use cases prevent AI adoption	Intelligent Finance combines clean SAP Cloud ERP processes, trusted data and proven AI use cases from day one
Finance process efficiency & scalability	Inefficient finance processes	Significant effort spent on operational processing rather than business partnering and value creation	Standardized end-to-end processes combined with automation and AI-driven accounting capabilities
	Increasing regulatory and audit requirements	Controls are documented manually, difficult to monitor and costly to maintain	Embedded compliance processes, standardized controls and improved auditability within SAP Cloud ERP Public including ongoing release upgrades
	Finance processes cannot support business expansion	New entities, countries and business models increase complexity and effort disproportionally	Cloud-based finance foundation designed to scale through standardized global processes and templates
Finance system landscape, data & AI	Fit-to-standard adoption	Business users want to replicate legacy processes instead of adopting SAP best practices	Facilitate fit-to-standard workshops, challenge legacy requirements, and identify differentiating versus non-differentiating processes
	Excessive customization demand	Large number of custom developments and enhancement requests threaten GROW Fast scope	Apply clean core principles, design extension roadmaps, and implement only business-critical differentiators
	Scope creep	New requirements continuously emerge throughout delivery	Apply strict scope governance and backlog management aligned to the Intelligent Finance minimum viable scope

Project appraoch and pricing
16-week implementation timeline according to SAP activate methodology with a fixed-price delivery model

Discover	Prepare	Explore	Realize	Deploy	Run
Pre-Start	Week 1	Week 2-5	Week 6-14	Week 15-16	Post Go-Live

Timeline: **16 weeks**

Fixed price: **375 000 €**

Let's get moving
The next step towards Intelligent Finance: demonstrate the future state and validate readiness for rapid cloud adoption

Solution showcase & AI demo:
Customer-specific demo and value discussion

- Demonstrate Intelligent Finance and its AI assets

Validate the fit:
Intelligent Finance readiness

- Assess organizational readiness
- Confirm public cloud suitability

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