

# Plan and navigate to your target architecture with SAP LeanIX

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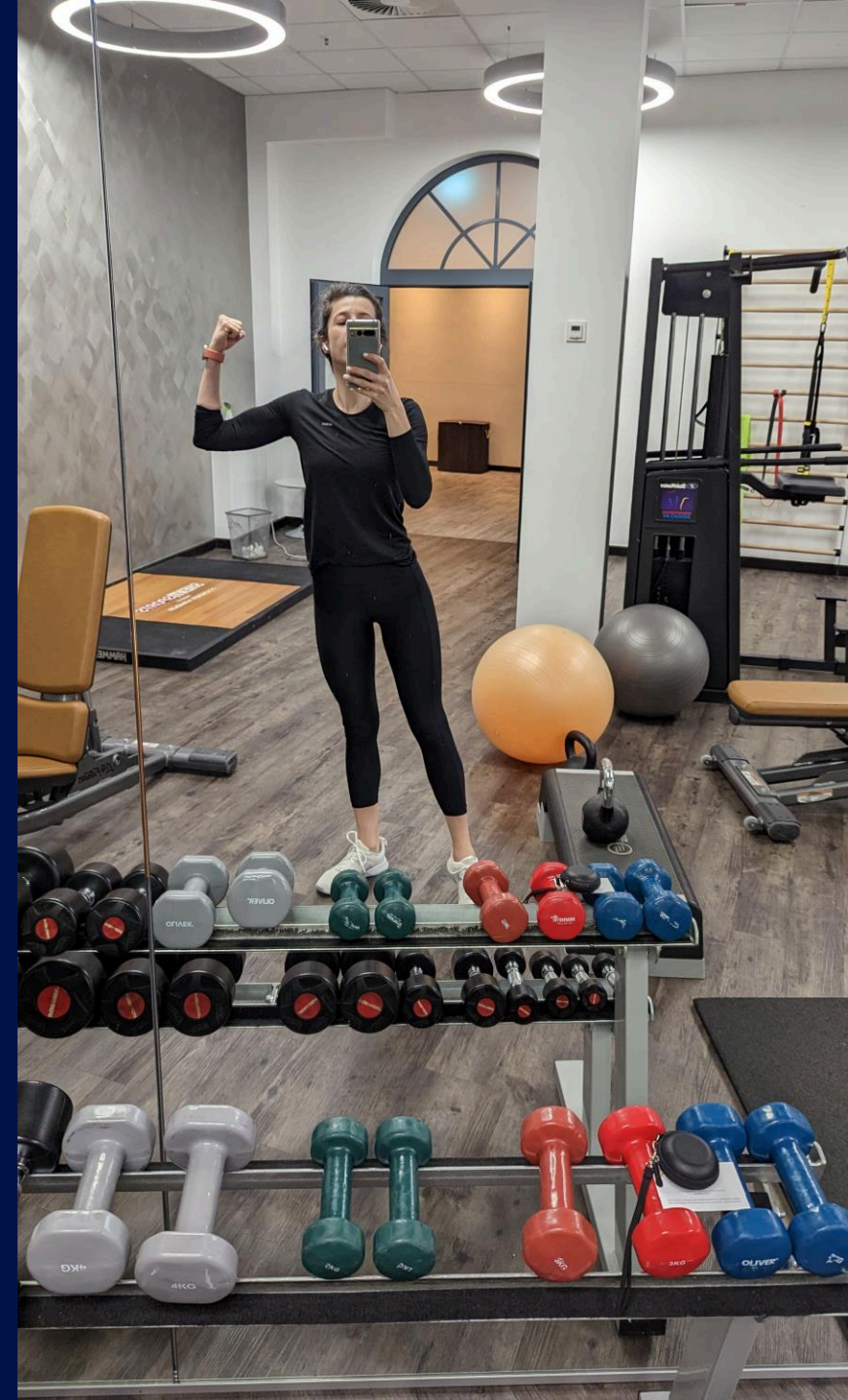
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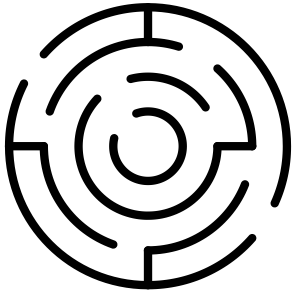
What does this picture have in common with transformations?



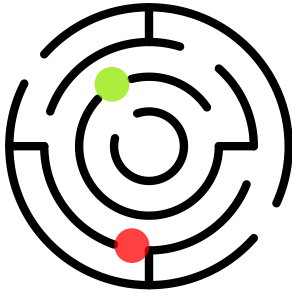
# You can only transform, when you know where to start!



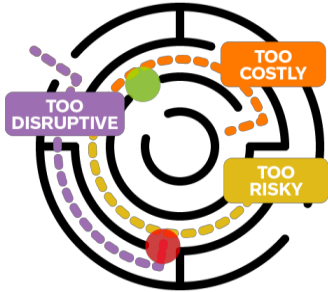
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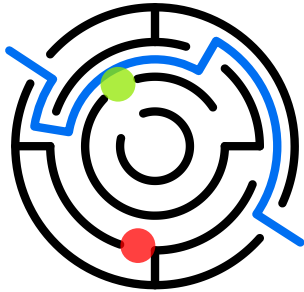
Knowing your As-Is



Defining your To-Be



Scenario modelling



Transformation planning and execution tracking



# Documentation

SAP LeanIX as single source of truth within VW Group

## Without SAP LeanIX ID

There is no...

-  Application
-  IT Security Assessment
-  Workers Council approval
-  Business Criticality Analysis
-  Compliance assessments overall
-  ... and more



## What we currently document

SAP LeanIX is perceived as ...

- Tool for mandatory application registration
- Highly defined by compliance
- Mainly used for documentation of as-is

SAP LeanIX as  
single source of  
truth

SAP LeanIX as a transformation time  
machine

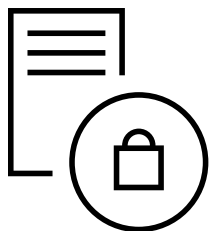
SAP LeanIX as  
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Main use cases of SAP LeanIX at  
VW Group

SAP LeanIX for compliance  
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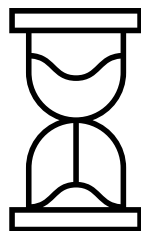
# Perceived hurdles

Why transformations might not take off



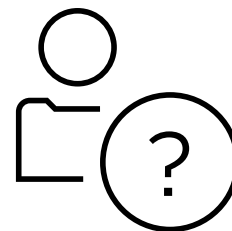
## Requirements by Auditors and Compliance

In certain processes (compliance, audit, ...) SAP LeanIX data is seen as vital for processes. SAP LeanIX is master data source for lots of processes.



## Hesitation by Business Departments

Transformations need to be thoroughly planned - and that needs to be done with a mature methodology. Not in spreadsheets as of now.



## Lack of resources from business and IT

Most transformations suffer from a lack of resources - one project manager "just doing it".



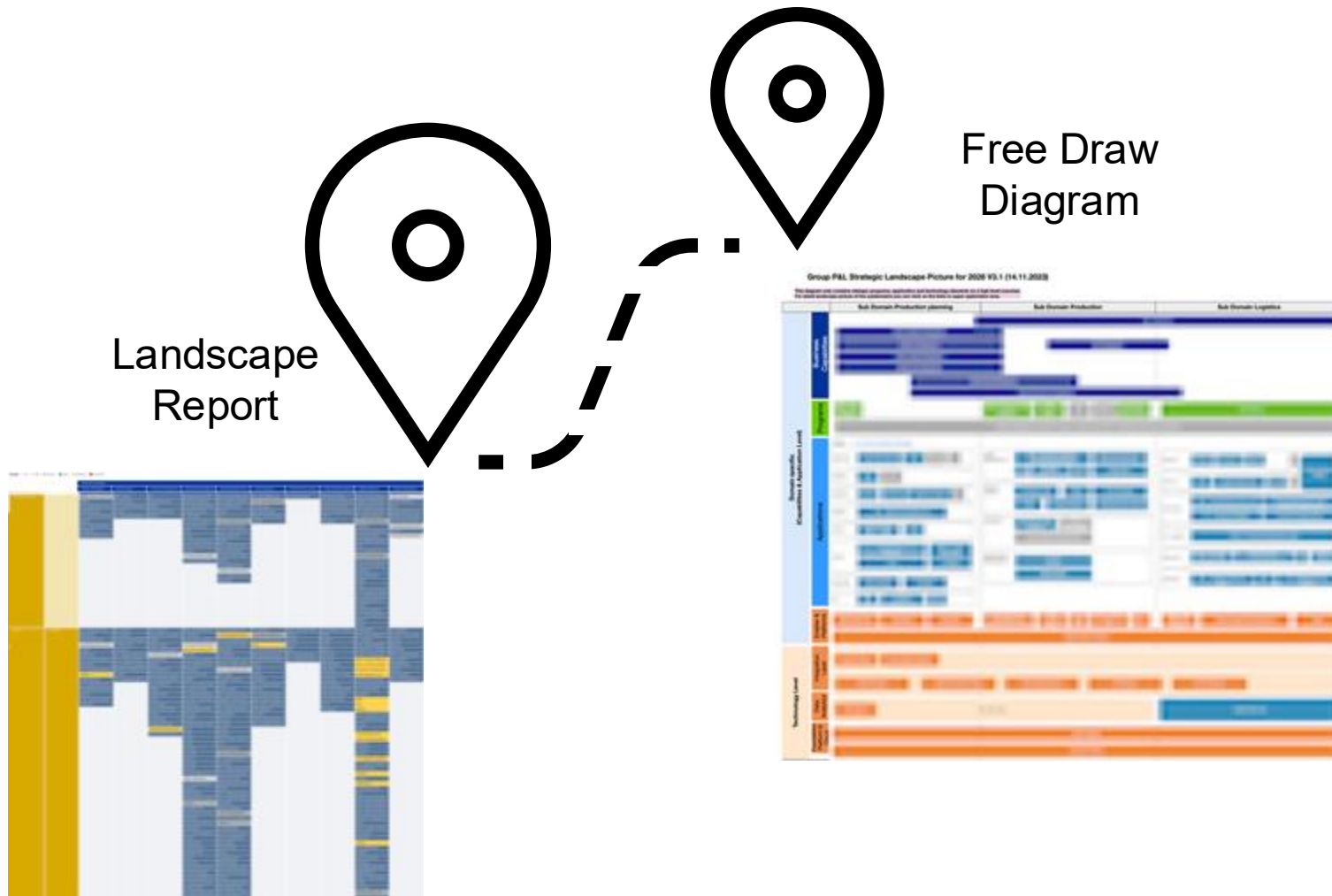
## Complexity of Concept / Functionality

Functional concept of SAP LeanIX transformations and long way to actual benefit keep users from exploring the feature.

The topic is technically complex, but culture and business participation play a vital „pull“ role!

# The SAP LeanIX paradox: We have the data, yet disconnected

When architects search for the path to to-be state




# Transformation

## SAP LeanIX as a transformation machine

### Without SAP LeanIX Transformation

There is no...

-  Application Change
-  Application Shutdown
-  Initiative Rollout
-  Target Architecture

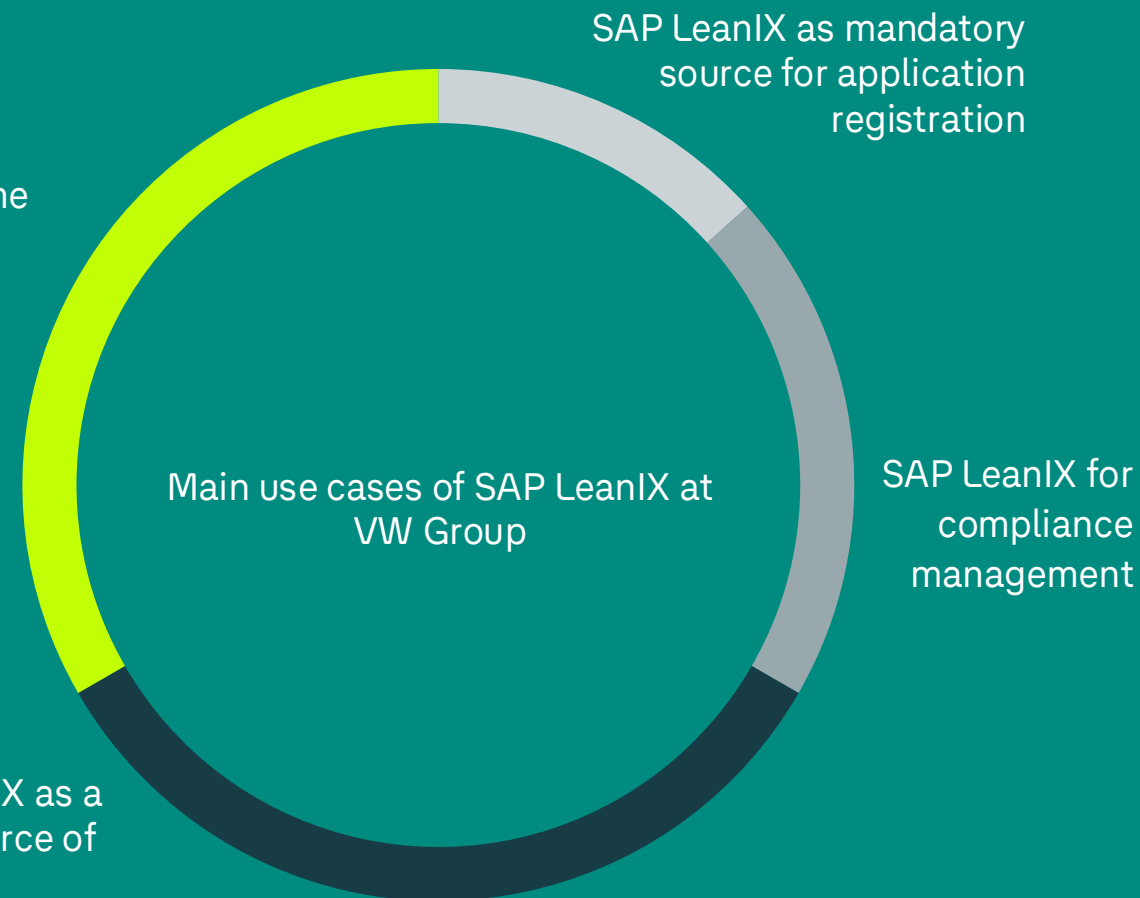
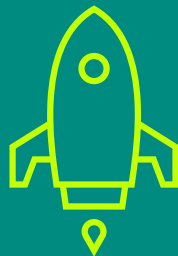


### What we could do with the data

SAP LeanIX is used as ...

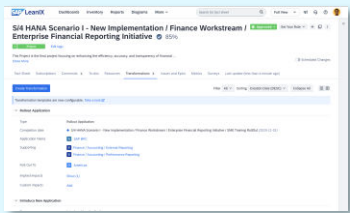
- Tool for mandatory application registration
- Shows a path into the future of the architecture landscape with initiatives
- A set of tools to showcase scenarios based on most recent "as is" data

SAP LeanIX as a transformation time machine



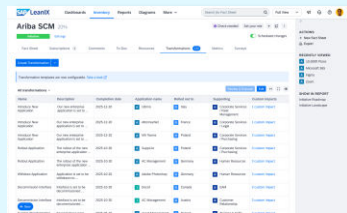
# Evolution of target architecture planning

## Introduce transformations



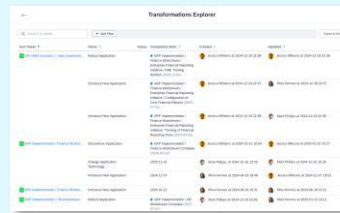
Introduce the ability to create transformations and view projected impacts in reports

## Improve guidance



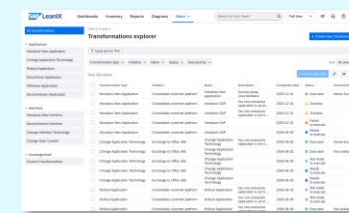
Scale creation of transformations and introduce customizable templates

## Increase transparency



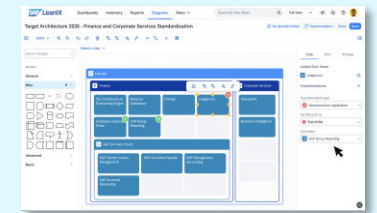
Enhance the overview of transformations and planned changes in the fact sheet

## Ensure better scaling



Improve maintaining transformations with bulk executions, scope change, etc.

## Make it visual & collaborative



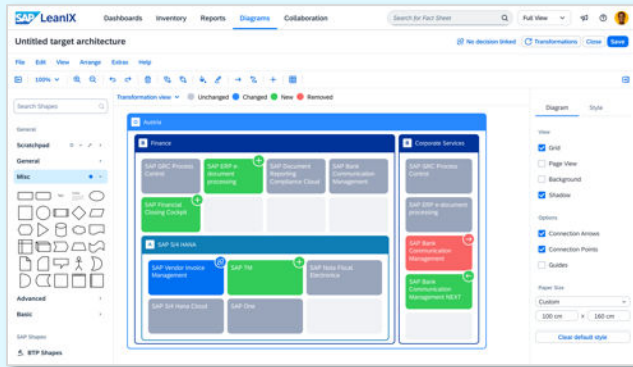
Introduce a new visual collaborative approach to design, decide and plan target architectures

Existing functionality

Upcoming

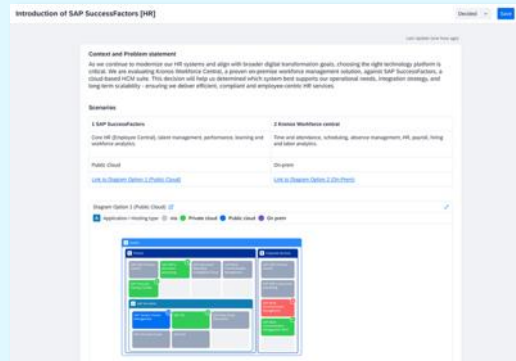
# Visual target architecture planning: diagram driven approach

**Design your target state diagrams**



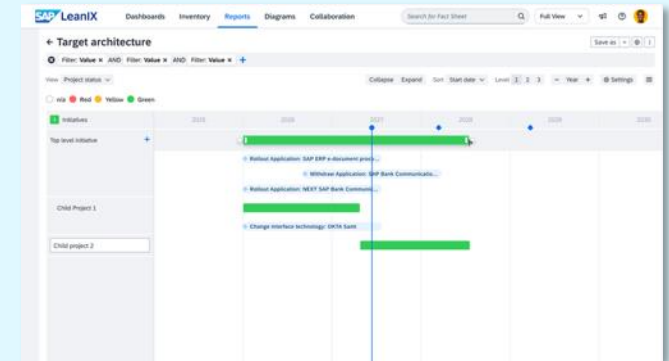
**Diagramming** to map your target architecture based on as-is data, reference content and trusted inventory sources

**Compare options in decisions**



**Governance of to-be state** by comparing options in architecture decisions

**Plan your transformations**



Derive **transformations from diagrams** and plan changes on a **roadmap** for simplified planning and editing

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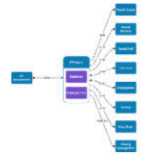
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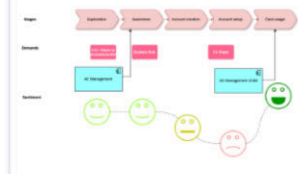
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# Target Architecture 2026 - Finance and Corporate Services Standardization

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# Main benefits of target architecture planning



- Leverage diagrams to model your **desired target architecture**
- Maintain and derive transformation data **out of the diagram**



- Make complex architectures **easier to understand**
- Simplify architecture planning and make it more **interactive**



- Allow teams to **compare scenarios visually**
- Enable better, **faster decisions** by linking to decision documents

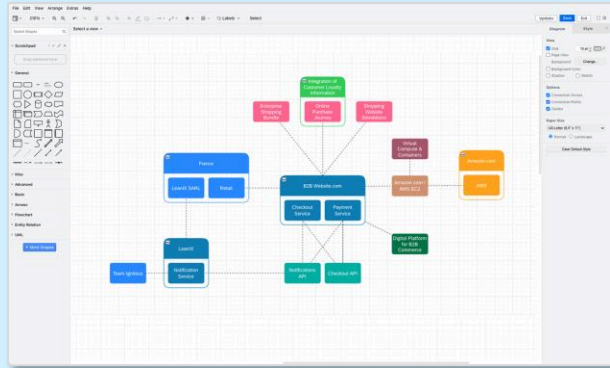


- Adjust your planning directly on the roadmap report

# What you can expect in Q1

Q1 2026

## Auto-generated diagrams

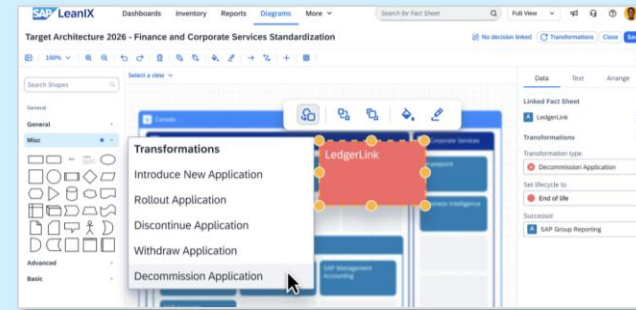


Reusable **diagram templates** and automation for **diagram generation** to reduce manual effort and improve consistency

Link to roadmap item:

- [Diagrams: Auto-generated content](#)

## Transformations from a target architecture diagram



Editor for designing target architecture diagrams and defining **specific transformations**

Link to roadmap item:

- [Diagrams: Derive transformations from a target architecture](#)

# Key takeaways

## 01 Complementary approach

The new approach is not a replacement it is complementary and can co-exist with existing functionality.

## 02 Implementation will take time and scope may evolve

The features and timelines shared today represent our current plans but may change at any time. They should not be taken as a commitment, and availability may vary depending on development progress and priorities.

## 03 Let´s talk!

For more information, please visit us at "Ask the expert" booth at SAP LeanIX solution area on the Show Floor (Level 0)

## 04 Stay up-to-date!

- ✓ See the status of our roadmap items
- ✓ Join the quarterly product roadmap webinar
- ✓ Sign up for the product newsletter for regular updates

## 05 Please attend next session

Session with Andre Tawalbeh on how VW group turns its EA repository into a transformation engine

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# Thank you.

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