

# TECHNIDATA EPM

## **TechniData EPM**

Saving you Time and Money by Streamlining the Collection, Processing and Reporting of Data for your Sustainability Reporting

### **SOLUTION BRIEF**

TechniData EPM reduces the time and effort required to collect sustainability data, analyze performance and generate reports for targeted stakeholders that impact your business.

Furthermore, it supports reporting according to the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) guidelines and other standards. Through this user-friendly web-based solution, enabled by the SAP NetWeaver platform, TechniData EPM streamlines the sustainability performance management process. It supports you ensure compliance, improve data quality, reduce process costs and improve business performance in the area of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility).

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Sustainable business practices are good for the bottom line. They reduce risk, keep employees safe and help companies act in a socially responsible manner. Unfortunately, traditional environmental performance management is costly and time-consuming. Data is collected and validated using labor-intensive tools which are generally not flexible enough to keep up with future changes. Processes are manual and collaboration is difficult.

For companies that want to embed CSR in their business practices - and comply with regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley in the United States and the Turnbull Code in the EU - the challenge is to meet the goals of sustainable development in an efficient way that keeps costs down, is relevant to business and aligns with overall corporate strategy. The GRI guidelines along with various other standards and rankings (e.g. DJSI, EMAS) path the way to best business practices.

TechniData EPM is the answer. This solution gives you the flexibility to define key performance indicators (KPIs) as required by stakeholders, quickly access up-to-date information, gather and evaluate data, generate reports and incorporate changes easily. An easy-to-use management cockpit puts KPI data at your fingertips which can then be verified by external auditors for the corporate reports. It enables fast, effective analysis of the "triple bottom line"-economic, social and environmental considerations, to ensure the sustainable value of your business and long-term success.

## THE KEY CAPABILITIES OF TECHNIDATA EPM

### MASTER DATA MANAGEMENT AND DATA MODELING

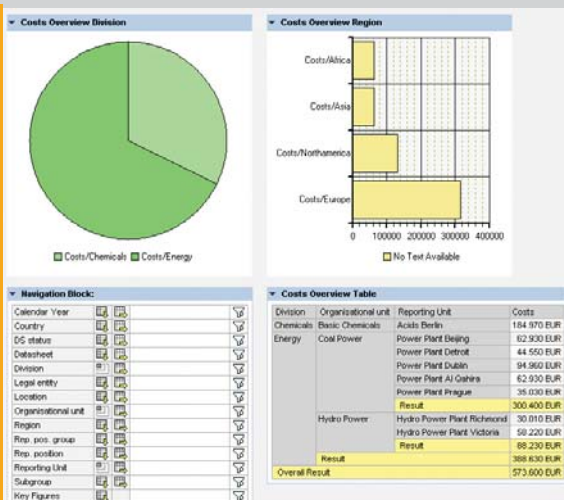
A flexible tool is required to set up the system, representing the needs of today and the ability to cope with modifications to come in the future. TechniData EPM helps you model the organizational structure, including entities implementing SAP and non-SAP systems. Alterations within this structure are easy to incorporate as your company evolves. Master data for individual plants can be defined according to local requirements. Managers define roles and responsibilities so that data is gathered and approvals are obtained before data is released for the final reports. Pre-configured templates for KPIs with customizable data fields as well as specialized questionnaires can be used to follow industry best practices and take part in ranking schemes, such as DJSI, GRI, EMAS, FTSE4GOOD and ISO 14000.

### DATA GATHERING AND PROCESSING

TechniData EPM enables quantitative and qualitative data to be consolidated in one collaborative system. Flexible workflows with e-mail notifications ensure that relevant data is collected on time and reviewed by authorized persons. Data is gathered manually via user-friendly dialogues or via integration with other tools in the enterprise. Sophisticated data validation techniques, meanwhile, confirm that all collected data passes rigorous standards for accuracy and quality before being approved for release. This helps minimize data conflicts and errors, improve data quality and thus ensure greater process efficiency. Data from each plant is consolidated in a business warehouse for easy management and analysis.

### REPORTING AND ANALYSIS

With TechniData EPM, companies can determine reporting scope based on data type, hierarchies (e.g. regional, organizational, and legal) and reporting periods. KPIs such as environmental performance, employee wellness, product responsibility, industrial health & safety and community activities can be easily viewed and evaluated for performance. Internal and external reports can be generated and verified by auditors as required. The GRI guidelines



are taken into account and questions from ranking schemes and authorities can be answered with ease from one tool instead of a cocktail of many. Using SAP NetWeaver technology with its Business Intelligence components, you can expand and adjust analysis to focus in on a single plant or view data from the perspective of the overall enterprise. The availability of high-quality sustainability data allows professional management and analysis of CSR activities, supports risk management and the compliance processes.

### POWERFUL UNDERLYING TECHNOLOGY

TechniData EPM is based on the powerful, standards-based SAP NetWeaver platform, which enables integration into mySAP ERP as well as non-SAP systems in the organization. The components of SAP NetWeaver play critical roles in delivering the unique capabilities of TechniData EPM. These include:

- A single, secure, web-based point of access via the Web Application Server (Web AS). This reduces the number of interfaces required to view and manipulate sustainability data and simplifies the end-user experience.
- Data warehousing capabilities required to identify, integrate, report and analyze sustainability data from heterogeneous sources is available from SAP Business Intelligence (SAP BI).

### TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO IMPROVE YOUR BUSINESS

For more than 20 years we provide industry-leading solutions and expertise, helping companies manage complex environment, health and safety processes. That made us SAP's partner for SAP EH&S in 1995. Today more than 700 customers world-wide rely on our solutions.

To find out more about how TechniData EPM can help you streamline your sustainability reporting processes, call TechniData today at +49 7544 970-0, or visit us at [www.technidata.de](http://www.technidata.de) or [www.technidata-america.com](http://www.technidata-america.com).



### Increased Visibility, Lower Process Costs, and Greater Competitive Advantage

**Long-term success is not purely based on tangible financial results, but increasingly on less tangible factors such as CSR. With increased visibility into high-quality sustainability data and flexible analysis and reporting options, TechniData EPM saves you money and reduces compliance-related burdens. While other companies are dedicating precious time and resources to report on their environmental performance, your company will be free to focus on the things that keep you ahead of the competition. Specific benefits of TechniData EPM include:**

- **Improved Relationships with Vital Stakeholders** - helps you report and meet the expectations of all vital stakeholders. Better relationships - means better business.
- **Process Optimization** - improves efficiency by reducing the time and effort required in sustainability management processes. Your company can work smarter and faster.
- **Greater Collaboration** - with TechniData EPM information flows in multiple directions but in one centralized system. With one view the risk of non-compliance is minimized and costs reduced.
- **Improved Visibility and Transparency** - TechniData EPM ensures the availability of high quality sustainability data. This lays a firm foundation for benchmarking, operational improvements, process efficiencies and significant cost savings.

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