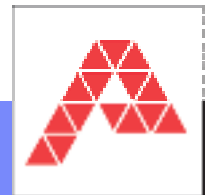


# Financial rapports

Province of Antwerp

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# Agenda

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- Introduction : structure Province of Antwerp
  - A *'central administration'* vs *'independent units'*
- Standard procedures
  - *Oracle Financials vs ProAcc/ProCure*
- BI-project Del-FI
  - *budgetary accounting vs dual accounting*
- And the future ?

## 1. Structure Province of Antwerp

## 1.1. A central administration

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- Province of Antwerp has a central administration, which clusters 10 departments :
  - 7 'policy based'
  - 3 logistical
- Under this departments there are  $\pm 30$  internal en  $\pm 10$  external offices.
  - ↳ *only difference is there geographical location.*
- A centralised financial structure under the Financial Department in Oracle Financials based on budgetary accounting.

## 1.2. Internal independency

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- Since 2001 the Province of Antwerp has created 21 Internal Independent Units, the Gewone Provinciebedrijven [GPB] :
  - I.e. an **internal independency** for a provincial office, but without creating a legal person.
  - A GPB is managed separately from the central administration and has a separate Balance sheet/Profit and Loss account.
  - Therefore the GPB uses a **dual accounting**, based on the principles of the accounting law dd. July 17, 1975.

## 1.2. Internal independency

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- Consequences :
  - Province of Antwerp needed a new accounting software tool for the GPB's.
  - Province of Antwerp had to introduce dual accounting in a the public sector.
  
- At the start of the GPB's, a public tender led to the purchase of ProAcc Professional (a product of Solid Data, now Exact Software).

## 2. Standard procedures

## 2.1. Central administration : Oracle Financials

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- For executing all the financial procedures the 10 departments each have a financial staff with access to Oracle Financials.  
In total there are approximately 80 users in the entire central administration.
- When introducing Oracle Financials, the Province of Antwerp did specific reprogramming so all the procedures would be pre-defined. As a result, all the 80 users in the central administration follow the same designed flows.

## 2.2. Independent units : from decentralized software to a centralized application

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- Initially ProAcc Professional was installed in each GPB :
  - module accounting for registration, using there own general accounts en analytical codes.
  - module order administration with own system for classifying incoming and outgoing invoices.
- A “administrative textbook” describes the standard-procedures for the GPB’s, but each unit had to set up there own method and tool.

## 2.2. Independent units : from decentralized software to a centralized application

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- A project to provide a standard tool was set up for two reasons :
  - Province of Antwerp wanted uniform financial rapports by the GPB's.
  - Higher gouvernement (Flanders) would chance their expectations regarding the global financial reports in a new Provinciedecreet.
- In 2007 this led to :
  - upgrade from ProAcc Professional to ProAcc Corporate
  - installation of the software tool ProCure (budgetcontrol and paperless decision flow for purchase orders)
  - also :
    - Standard general accounts
    - Uniform analytical codes
    - Coordinated set-up

## 2.2. Standard procedures in ProCure

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- Procedures described in the “administrative textbook” were translated in a standard ProCure-flow :
  - specific tasks assigned to 5 rolls; and in each of the 21 units the different rolls have the same authorities
  - the GPB’s may vary in :
    - **number of divisions**
    - **use of budgetgroups**
    - ...
- Key figures users ProAcc/ProCure GPB’s :
  - 70 users ProAcc
  - 130 users ProCure

## 3. BI-project Del-FI

## 3.1. Main project objectives

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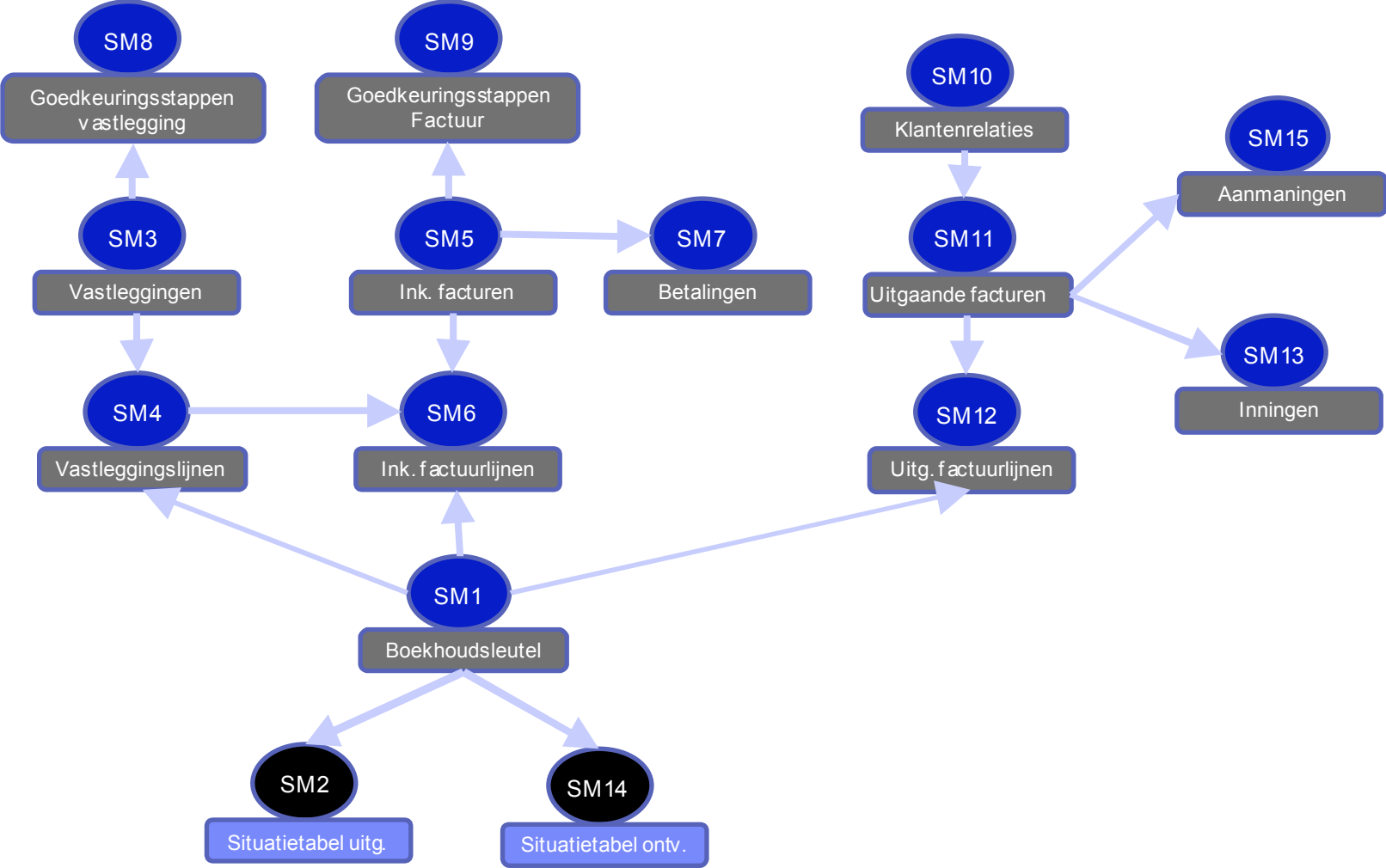
1. Consolidation of different types of accounting and budgeting systems in use by the ProvAnt into 1 centralized version of the financial truth in order to make better and more correctly founded decisions.
2. Setup of a real enterprise business intelligence platform for doing detailed financial reporting and analysis, implementing information models with financial data using an open vision in order to set the base for a longer term integration with other business models.

## 3.2. Faze 1 : integration of financial information

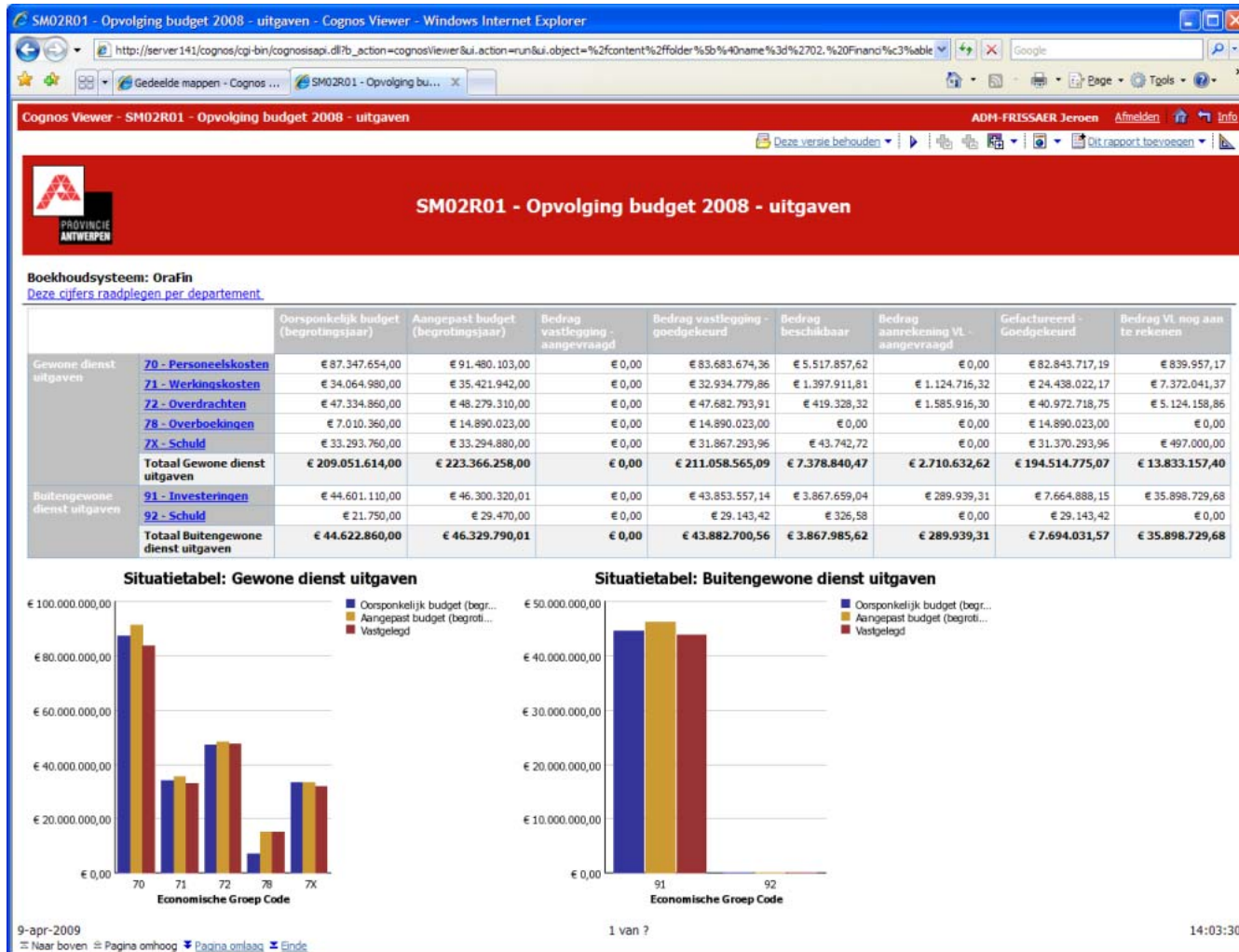
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- Number of star-schemes designed for
  - incoming invoices and payments
  - outgoing invoices and revenues
- Result : information from the tools Oracle Financials and ProAcc/ProCure put together in a datawarehouse
- Standard rapports filter the global information in this datawarehouse based on the profile of the user. The rapports are accessible for the users in Cognos

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### 3.3. IBM Cognos Performance Lifetime Award 2009

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- The **IBM Cognos Performance Lifetime Award 2009** was awarded to Province of Antwerp October 22, 2009 for faze 1 of the Del-Fi project.



## 4. And the future ?

## 4.1. And the future ?

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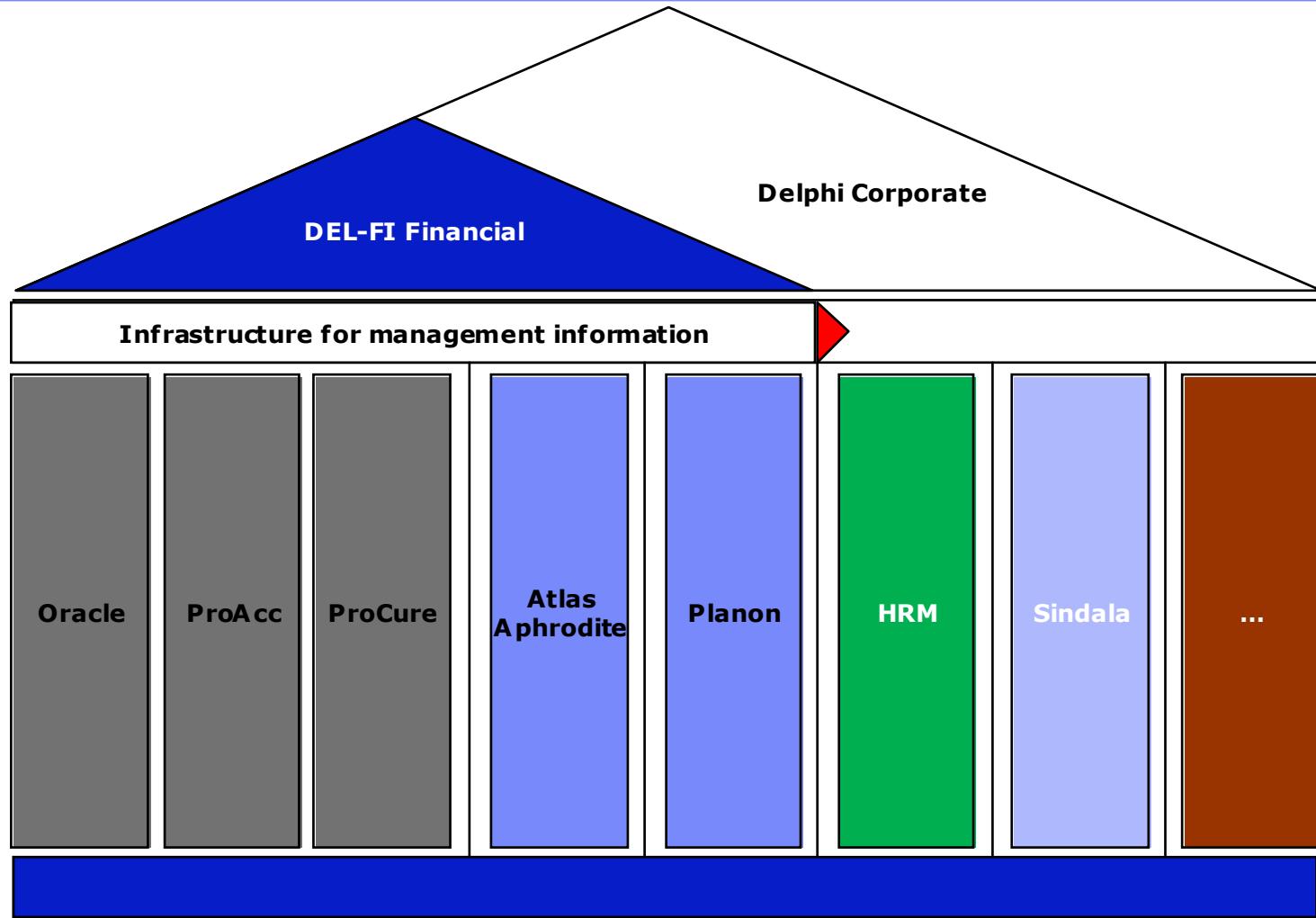
- In 2009 the Province of Antwerp has created 4 External Independent Units, the Autonome Provinciebedrijven [APB's]. These units are each a legal person.
  - extra ProAcc/ProCure databases on the central dataserer
  - same set-up as the GPB's
- Consequences of the new Provinciedecreet are that Province of Antwerp needs to introduce :
  - new organisation form for the GPB's as internal agencies
  - incorporation financial information APB's in faze 1 BI-tool

## 4.2. Long term objectives

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- Faze 2 BI-project :
  - 'non-financial' information in datawarehouse
    - inventory
    - staff records
    - ...
  - Del-Fi ⇔ Delphi

## 4.2. Long term objectives

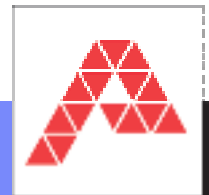


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