



## Success Story of EPM platform



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The Company:  
Nippon Gases

Sector:  
Industry

The Solution:  
Oracle EPM Cloud

Partner:  
Nova

Nippon Gases integrates its financial planning and consolidation processes on Oracle Fusion Cloud to support the dynamic evolution of its business.

**Oracle Cloud EPM provides an agile, integrated planning and consolidation model, and enhances the optimisation and governance of all processes and data.**

Nippon Gases, a gas supplier and strategic partner for industrial and medical gases in Europe, has chosen the Oracle Fusion Cloud Enterprise Performance Management (EPM) solution to integrate its financial planning and consolidation processes on a single cloud platform and align its analytical model with the dynamic evolution of its business. The program has been implemented by NOVA, an Oracle Partner Network member specialized in solutions for EPM and BI.

Using Oracle's Cloud technology and Nova's expert services, the organisation has driven the digitisation and optimisation of all its planning, consolidation and closing processes, and the production and analysis of country-specific budgets and forecasts. Overall, improving its communication with users in its various subsidiaries, as well as the governance of its financial processes and data.



## Project needs

- The Nippon Gases group has 3 different ERPs with 6 account plans and 7 local currencies as well as different intercompany activities.
- Nippon Gases needed to have a solid consolidation platform that would support conversion to different European currencies, for European reporting and for the headquarters in Japan.
- The ERP accounting information must be integrated monthly into the Consolidation system where it is consolidated at a European level, and into the Planning system.

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Justin Corcho  
Chief Financial Officer  
Nippon Gases Group Europe Headquarters



## The Solution

### Integrated workflow and governance of financial processes

- Nippon Gases is the fourth largest supplier of industrial gases in Europe, with 150,000 customers, 195 production plants and 2950 employees. With 4 CO2 ships, 14 pipeline sites and more than 600 trucks to supply its extensive customer network, its mission is to provide innovative solutions that increase industrial productivity, improve people's well-being and help shape a more sustainable future.
- Operating in a dynamic market with high regulatory and operational complexity, the organisation needed to evolve its analytics to an agile, autonomous and cloud-integrated financial planning and consolidation model that would support its processes in the different countries of the Holding Company. The company opted for the integration and optimisation on Oracle Cloud EPM of all the processes linked to the preparation and analysis of budgets and forecasts by country, as well as financial closures.
- Prior to using Oracle, Nippon's processes were manual and lacked automation. This meant too much time was being invested on the collection and loading of information, while also experiencing difficulties in the governance of processes and communication with its users in different countries.

For the implementation of the EPM Cloud solution, Nippon Gases has worked with various partners until working with Nova...

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We are very happy with Nova, we have a trusting relationship, it adds a lot of value to our business by giving us stable support for the platform, presenting new solutions to our challenges and executing projects on time and with high-quality deliverables to evolve our financial platform.

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Elena López Osuna  
ITS Enterprise Applications  
Manager Europe  
Nippon Gases Group



## The vision of unique data in the cloud: benefits.

- A first achievement, more linked to the process than to the tool, is to have full visibility and control of the process and the data and not depend on the parent company for changes and updates.
- The frequency of data consolidation has gone from being every 6 hours to 2 hours, gaining a lot of agility in closing.
- Platform unavailability times due to consolidation processes have been reduced from 15 minutes to a maximum of 2 minutes.
- Reporting is more efficient in the calendar, thanks to mastering the process and the tool.
- Data generation/preparation times have been reduced thanks to the direct connection of the platform with the Excel SmartView Addin and the EPM cloud reporting package.

The first phase of the project, carried out at Nippon Gases' Holding in Madrid, lasted six months and ended in October 2021. Today, the deployment of Oracle Cloud EPM continues in the organisation's Iberian subsidiary, with the objective of exporting the project to the organisation's subsidiaries in other European countries in the future. Ultimately, allowing for their financial results to be measured and governed by the same criteria and indicators.



## Nippon Gases & Nova

### ABOUT NIPPON GASES

[nippongases.com](http://nippongases.com)

Nippon Gases, one of Europe's leading industrial and medical gases companies, is part of Nippon Sanso Holdings Corporation, which has more than 100 years of experience and a significant presence in Japan, Southeast Asia, Australia, the United States and Canada. It operates in 32 countries with more than 19,000 employees around the world. Its presence in Europe positions it as a leading company with more than 3,000 employees, 27% of whom are women, currently operating in 13 countries and with more than 150,000 customers.

Safety, the company's number one priority, is constantly improving thanks to the search for risk factors and behaviors and the observance of safety principles by all employees.

Nippon Gases' commitment to its customers, employees, associates and the communities in which it operates is a reflection of its dedication to the environment and sustainability. Their slogan is "The Gas Professionals" and their common goal is "Making life better through gas technology". Excellence in Compliance is achieved through continuous training and with the application of the company's Code of Conduct by each employee.

### ABOUT NOVA

[nova-praxis.com](http://nova-praxis.com)

Nova is a consulting company specialized in the digital transformation of Finance Performance Management and Data Analytics processes, with a 360° vision focused on data, integration and automation.

Nova's greatest value is its team of expert consultants, who bring their proven experience in international companies from various sectors, and transform needs into technological solutions by combining functional and technical knowledge.

With more than 15 years in the market, we are focused on the total satisfaction of the companies for which we work.