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SAP S/4HANA Migration and E-Invoicing: Alzchem Counts on xSuite

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Company Profile

Client	Alzchem Group AG
Industry	Chemische Industrie
Website	www.alzchem.com/de/
Solution	• Fully SAP-integrated solution for processing invoices, including e-invoices • Standardized, generic solution

For Alzchem Group AG, electronic invoice processing in SAP is far from new. The company has relied on xSuite for many years—supporting its S/4HANA migration, cloud transformation, and transition to e-invoicing with dependable expertise.

Alzchem Group AG is a globally active specialty chemicals company with 1,730 employees and €544 million in annual sales in 2024. The company is a market leader in several of its business segments, offering a product portfolio ranging from nutritional supplements to pharmaceutical raw materials. Headquartered in Trostberg, Germany, Alzchem operates four additional production sites in Germany, one in Sweden, and maintains sales subsidiaries in the United States, China, and the United Kingdom.

Following a 2006 spin-off from what is now the Evonik Group, Alzchem began its journey into electronic invoice processing—first with a Lotus Notes–based system, and since 2013 with SAP-integrated solutions from xSuite Group. Several hundred employees across Germany and Sweden work with the company’s invoice verification workflow, which adheres to the four-eyes principle and includes a structured preliminary validation. Variances or account assignment errors in purchase order–related invoices are identified immediately. Alzchem has also defined rule sets within the software to ensure correct and automated routing for invoice approvals

Fast, transparent processes

With xSuite, Alzchem has significantly accelerated its entire invoice processing pipeline. A recent xSuite Health Check reported an average processing time of just four hours per document.

“Substantially faster processes aren’t the only advantage,” notes Stefan Hahn, CIO of Alzchem Group AG. “By running the entire invoice verification workflow inside SAP, we’ve gained far greater transparency in accounts payable. This leads to better accruals for month-end and year-end closing.”

Technological evolution has also shaped the system: paper invoices have nearly disappeared, with 90 percent of documents now sent as PDF attachments via email. E-invoicing adoption continues to grow. Of the 46,000 invoices received in the first eight months of 2025, 13 percent arrived in machine readable formats (XRechnung or ZUGFeRD) —and the share is rising steadily



Comprehensive e-invoicing support, including all major formats

With mandatory B2B e-invoicing taking effect in Germany, Alzchem required a solution capable of handling all new-standard formats—primarily XRechnung and ZUGFeRD. Today, xSuite enables the company to implement consistent end-to-end e-invoicing across all common formats. The company also plans to adopt the cloud-based xSuite eDNA platform to support the direct transmission of e-invoices from within SAP

Smooth S/4HANA transformation with xSuite

In spring 2024, Alzchem completed its SAP S/4HANA implementation. “Our S/4HANA migration and the move to e-invoicing are key milestones in our digital transformation. xSuite supports—and even accelerates—this journey,” says Roland Hasselberg, responsible for SAP and xSuite within Alzchem’s IT department

S/4HANA transformations require careful coordination, especially when third-party compatibility is involved. During the project, Alzchem opted at short notice to move to an even newer S/4HANA release (2023).

“xSuite provided outstanding flexibility during this last-minute shift in our roadmap. Thanks to their support, invoice processing continued without interruption throughout the migration,” adds Stefan Hahn.

Historically, Alzchem has favored an on-premises strategy for both SAP and xSuite, focusing first on optimizing internal invoice processes. This choice also ensures maximum control over data and workflows—an important consideration for a chemical manufacturer

Cloud readiness and AI on the horizon

In the medium to long term, however, Alzchem intends to reassess the benefits of cloud deployment, with hybrid models also under consideration. One scenario is migrating the xSuite Capture Server to the cloud.

“Flexibility, scalability, and cost efficiency are key factors,” says Roland Hasselberg. “By connecting via the SAP Business Technology Platform (BTP), cloud-based invoice processing integrates seamlessly with S/4HANA. The fact that xSuite already supports such extensions is a major advantage.”

While xSuite’s AI features—such as automated user determination—are not yet in use, this is primarily because 99 percent of the company’s invoices are purchase order-based and already highly automated. In areas like account assignment and line-item allocation, however, AI could play a larger role in the future.



“The benefits of AI—such as automating routine tasks and improving data quality—are undeniable,” Hasselberg notes.

Both IT and business units at Alzchem remain confident that choosing xSuite was the right decision from the outset.

As Stefan Hahn summarizes: “The adaptability of xSuite’s solutions to new SAP releases is a major advantage. We are confident that xSuite will continue to provide the right software to support our digital transformation in the years ahead.”