



BUTAGAZ SUCCESS STORY

INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY & EFFICIENCY WITH AP AUTOMATION

BACKGROUND

Butagaz, a French gas and energy company, decided to automate its manual accounts payable (AP) process to improve invoice processing, eliminate postal mail exchanges and increase productivity. This was the first step in the transformation of its procure-to-pay (P2P) cycle.

Butagaz's Accounting Department had been manually processing 20,000 invoices annually. This inefficient process led to numerous postal mail exchanges, lack of workload visibility and poor invoice traceability, resulting in a negative impact on supplier relationships.

SOLUTION

Seamlessly integrated into Butagaz's SAP® system, Esker's Accounts Payable automation solution was implemented in just a few months and has enabled the company to automate its entire supplier invoice processing chain.

Invoices received by email (42%) arrive in a common inbox, allowing teams to control and validate the invoice in one simple click (if the entire purchase order process is correct in the ERP). The remaining paper invoices are scanned and instantly integrated into Esker to follow the same process.



ABOUT BUTAGAZ

Industry: Gas & Electricity
ERP: SAP
Solution: Accounts Payable

Multi-energy and service provider, Butagaz's mission is to support every French person in their energy transition by helping to consume less and consume better. Subsidiary of the DCC group, Butagaz is a major French player in liquid gas (propane and butane) as well as a supplier of natural gas, electricity and wood pellets.

With both B2C and B2B customers, the Butagaz group is made up of Gaz Européen, Distrinord Gaz, Logigaz Nord and Proxigaz. The company has 800 employees across France and 1 billion euros in sales revenue.

BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

-  Simplified internal approvals
-  2 hours gained daily by AP department
-  Improved visibility
-  Increased job value





IT HAD BECOME CRUCIAL THAT WE AUTOMATE OUR AP PROCESS. **ESKER'S PROFESSIONALISM, THE SIMPLICITY OF ITS SOLUTION AND SEAMLESS INTEGRATION WITH SAP WON US OVER. WE EMBARKED ON THIS PROJECT WITH SERENITY THANKS TO THE CONFIDENCE ESTABLISHED WITH ESKER. TODAY ALL OUR USERS ARE IMPRESSED AND WE BENEFIT FROM EXCELLENT SUPPORT WITH FLAWLESS FOLLOW-UP."**

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BENEFITS



SIMPLIFIED INTERNAL VALIDATION thanks to the elimination of postal mail exchanges



2 HOURS GAINED PER DAY by the Accounting Department, as invoices are directly integrated into SAP



IMPROVED VISIBILITY & TRACKING over the full invoice processing chain thanks to dashboards



INCREASED JOB VALUE & ACQUISITION OF NEW SKILLS, enabling teams to concentrate on higher-value tasks like data analysis



OUR EMPLOYEES STARTED USING ESKER'S SOLUTION RIGHT AWAY. ONCE AN INVOICE IS ENTERED, IT IS INSTANTLY AVAILABLE IN SAP AND VISIBLE TO COWORKERS IN DIFFERENT OFFICES. **ANOTHER GREAT ADVANTAGE: PAYING AN INVOICE TWICE IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE THANKS TO NUMEROUS ALERTS ON THE INTERFACE."**

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