Digitizing and analyzing supplier invoices with ELO

Stugalux, a construction company based in Luxembourg, receives 13,000 supplier invoices every year. Stugalux negotiates different prices for every supplier due to the varying quantities ordered. The company therefore decided to scan invoices to check prices for each order much faster, allowing for more consistent cost management.

Stugalux wants to process invoices faster while increasing revenue due to better cost management. This involves checking that the prices quoted correspond to the prices agreed with each supplier.

The Stugalux secretary scans all new incoming invoices. DocXtractor reads the different fields of each invoice and automatically submits this information to the Microsoft Dynamics NAV 2013 ERP system.

“Digitization has made it possible for us to compare prices, check every supplier and adjust our costs. This has practically already paid for the costs of purchasing ELO DocXtractor.”

Arnaud Blondel, Organization Manager at Stugalux
**Solution**

**Overview**

Country: Luxembourg  
Industry: Construction

**Company**

Stugalux is a construction company employing over 300 staff (250 construction workers).

**Challenge**

To scan invoices and supply information to ERP to automatically check supplier sales prices.

**Solution**

All supplier invoices are scanned with ELO DocXtractor which passes the extracted information on to Microsoft Dynamics NAV. ELO DMS makes it possible to remotely access digital files from construction sites.

**Benefits**

- Faster access to invoices  
- Automatic price monitoring  
- Huge price savings due to more consistent prices  
- Scanning of all documentation related to the construction site  
- Remote access to construction plans  
- Approval workflow for blueprints

**Perfect integration into the Microsoft Dynamics NAV ERP system**

“We chose ELO DocXtractor because it integrates with our ERP and it’s the program that best suited our needs. We go beyond simply entering a supplier and an amount - instead, we enter all details for each order,” says Arnaud Blondel, Organization Manager at Stugalux. Accuracy is Mr. Blondel’s top priority whether it is finding a reference or calculating a price. „Thanks to ELO DocXtractor, we are increasing the granularity of the information in Microsoft Dynamics NAV 2013. We avoid duplicate inputs, which prevents any recording errors.”

The use of ELO DocXtractor with an interface to the Stugalux ERP makes it possible to automatically track sales prices charged by its suppliers.

**Saving money with automatic supplier price tracking**

ELO DocXtractor accurately fills in each invoice field in Microsoft Dynamics NAV — for example, to determine the amount of concrete ordered, the unit price, the type of concrete and where Stugalux placed the order. This makes it easy to verify what a supplier charged for the same type of concrete.

“Since we started using the program, DocXtractor basically paid for itself with the money we saved by discovering pricing errors with our suppliers,” says Arnaud Blondel happily. Once all fields are filled out, it is very easy to analyze all invoices to extract the price per item, development of prices, etc.
Time savings with ELO
As well as saving time through automatic processing of its 13,000 annual invoices, digitized files make it easy for Stugalux employees to find any invoice or piece of information thanks to the detailed field search performed by ELO DocXtractor. This makes it much faster to find the quantity of sand or concrete purchased for a similar construction project, or relevant order information for reordering.

Thanks to Multidata - an IT consulting company - Stugalux has also discovered the benefits of ELO document management functions.

Each construction site file is now available in ELO containing all documents related to the construction site, such as meeting minutes, orders, etc. Electronic searches are much faster than going through paper files.

Saving space
Document management provided by ELO makes it possible to digitize traditional ring binders and to save on space that had been taken up by paper files.

ELO workflows
With document management provided by ELO, Stugalux has discovered the efficiency of workflows for version management and for validating plans for electronic installations and general building plans.

Each person involved can make suggestions for changes. The version history shows everyone what the current state of the project is. The approved version is stored in the construction file.

Since documents are available in ELO, everyone has access to the most current version of the plan, avoiding any possible confusion.

Access to ELO via iPad
Thanks to ELO for Mobile Devices, construction plans and files are available to project managers on site via their iPads.

Quality consulting
Stugalux particularly appreciates the advisory services provided by the Multidata team. Since the human aspect is an important factor for successful projects, Stugalux looks forward to continuing its collaboration with Multidata. The business partner has helped Stugalux to discover the full range of possibilities ELO offers for its daily business.
Outlook

Stugalux is planning to implement an approval feed for invoices. An interface will be developed for a real estate website that will automatically retrieve specific information contained in the ELO repository.

Stugalux intends to expand the use of ELO within the company. Every day, Stugalux teams discover new applications of ELO that make their daily lives easier.