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Introduction



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About GOPA

- **GOPA Worldwide Consultants** is a leading German consulting company with more than **50 years of international experience**.
- GOPA implements development and technical assistance projects in cooperation with international partners, governments and institutions.
- Its expertise covers areas such as **education and skills development, employment, economic development, governance and institutional strengthening**.
- GOPA works across **Europe, Africa, Asia and other regions,** bringing together international expertise and local knowledge.
- In Bosnia and Herzegovina, GOPA has been involved in a number of projects supporting **education, vocational training and labour-market development**.

GOPA's Centralized WINPACCS Approach

Finance & Controlling as the central hub

Centralized setup

- Project creation
- Budget setup and maintenance
- Common standards adapted to project and donor requirements

Continuous support

- User training and troubleshooting
- Guidance on financial postings and reporting
- Direct contact with accountants, PMs and branch finance teams

Standardized project setup. Centralized knowledge. Continuous support.

Supporting Project Managers

Less system administration. More focus on implementation and financial follow-up.

Project Managers focus on

- Project implementation and donor relations
- Monitoring budget consumption
- Identifying deviations and taking action
- Managing project performance

F&C provides

- WINPACCS setup and administration
- Budget and reporting structures
- Reliable financial figures
- System expertise and ongoing support

Reliable financial information for effective project management without the need to become WINPACCS experts.

Standardized Processes. Better Financial Information.

Higher data quality. More timely financial information.

How we achieve this

- Centrally coordinated project and budget setup
- Consistent financial practices and reporting structures
- Direct support and data quality monitoring

What this delivers

- For projects: reliable figures, less system administration and faster issue resolution
- For headquarters: timelier reporting, stronger controlling and better company reporting

Centralized setup > Consistent processes > Reliable and timely information > Better decisions

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Challenges in Managing International Projects



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Challenges in Managing International Projects

- “Where is the latest version?”
- Multiple locations, diverse teams
- Scattered information: Excel, emails, files
- Manual calculations & reconciliation
- Need for transparency, structure, traceability



Why Project Accounting Matters

- A project transaction is not only an accounting entry.
- It needs to connect to the correct project, activity, budget line and supporting documentation.
- Management needs reliable information on spent, committed, remaining and budgeted amounts.
- Good project accounting creates the basis for reporting, monitoring and informed project decisions.

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How GOPA Uses WINPACCS Today: Our Project Reality



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How GOPA Uses WINPACSS Today: Our project reality

- One project. Different locations. Different perspectives.
- Bosnia & Herzegovina — Implementation & daily financial processing
- Germany — Management & financial oversight
- Different responsibilities, but one shared financial picture.
- Project accounting has to connect local processing with headquarters-level visibility.



Daily Project Accounting Processes: WINPACCS toolkit

- Recording transactions in real time
- Allocating: splitting invoices across budget lines
- Checking & monitoring: documentation, quality control
- Structured reporting: spent, committed, remaining, budget

Daily Project Accounting Processes: WINPACCS toolkit

- **JOURNALS** — Structure & financial flows
- **SPLITTING** — One transaction → multiple allocations
- **FILTERING** — Documentation: available / missing
- **CORRECTIONS** — Correct without losing the history
- **POSTING TEMPLATES** — Recurring transactions → less repetition
- **UNSETTLED ITEMS** — What is still open?
- **REPORTS & BUDGET** — From transactions → project picture

Project & Programme Structures

One transaction is rarely just one transaction.



Example: accommodation, conference room, catering

Splitting for detailed allocation

Corrections are traceable, history is preserved

WINPACCS helps keep these connections visible.

Practical Example: Splitting



One invoice ≠ One budget line



A single supplier invoice can contain:



Project team accommodation • Expert accommodation • Participant accommodation

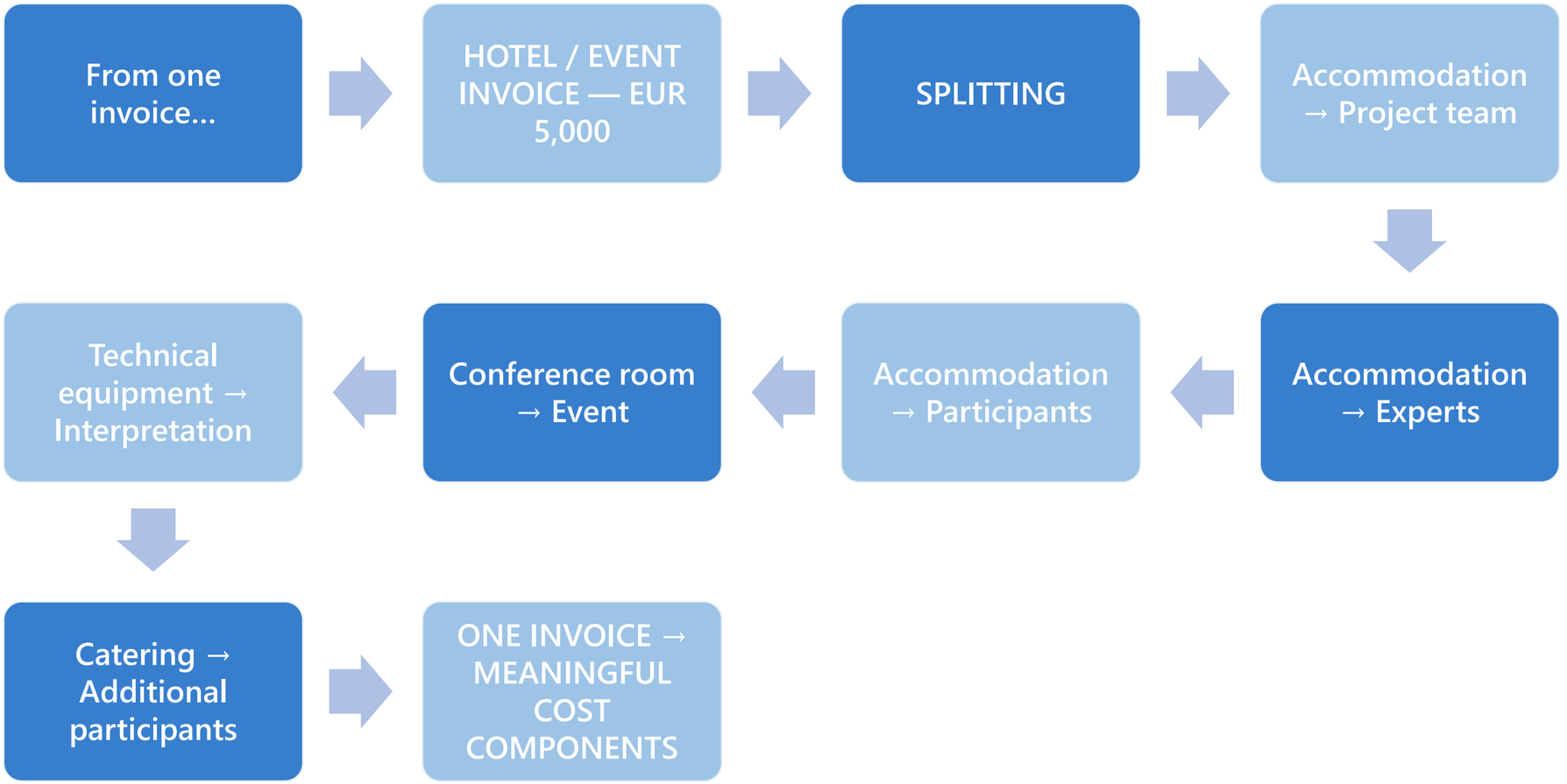


Conference room • Interpretation / technical equipment • Catering • Additional meetings



This is where I use SPLITTING.

LIVE EXAMPLE



Splitting

SPLITTING INFORMATION

Total amount voucher currency	Already split	Remaining amount voucher currency	Left to be split (in %)
18,357.50 BAM	18,357.50 BAM	0.00 BAM	0.00

VOUCHER INFORMATION

Recipient / Depositor: [redacted]

Posting text: Correction 757: FINAL: Hotel costs 3workshop schools, KUF 15/2026, Bank st. 10/2026

Amount in voucher currency: 16,772.66 BAM

ACCOUNT ASSIGNMENT

Cost category: 49000900 Incidentals, reimbursable

Sub-account cost category: 00 Incidentals, reimbursable costs

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNT ASSIGNMENT

Funding: [redacted]

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Partial postings

	Sp...	Amount in BAM	Percentage of total...	Posting text	Cost category	Sub-account cost ca...
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Practical Example: VAT Refund

1. Record the receivable
↓
2. VAT refund is paid
↓
3. Repayment of the Advance Payments
↓
4. Identify the related invoices

Original invoices → VAT receivable → VAT repayment
Traceable from beginning to end

When Real Life Happens: Corrections (Reversed transactions)

- REAL LIFE HAPPENS
- Wrong budget line?
- Additional information?
- Correction needed?
- Correct → Repost → Reverse
- The correction becomes part of the accounting history.
- No disappearing transactions. No rebuilding the story from scratch.

Supporting documentation

Can I prove it later?

FILTER → CHECK → IDENTIFY → FOLLOW UP

Supporting documentation: ✓ Available ⚠ Missing

Not just a search function. A quality-control tool.

With WINPACCS



From information scattered across files…



ONE STRUCTURED FINANCIAL PICTURE



Spent • Committed • Remaining • Budget • Documentation • Reporting

From transaction to budget



What does this transaction tell me?



TRANSACTION → BUDGET LINE → ACTUAL EXPENDITURE → BUDGET MONITORING → PROJECT DECISION



Not only: “Did we record the invoice?”



But: “What does our financial situation tell us about the project?”

Collaboration: HQ ↔ Country Office

- Country office: daily financial processing and supporting documentation
- HQ: management, financial oversight and reporting
- WINPACCS provides a common financial basis.
- The goal is not just access to the same data — it is a shared understanding of the project's financial position.

Reporting & Project Controlling



From individual transactions to the overall project picture.



Financial data supports budget monitoring and reporting.



Clearer links between expenditure, documentation and budget allocation.



Finance can provide information that supports project management discussions and decisions.

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Lessons learned



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Lessons Learned & Recommendations

- Structure reduces manual work & errors
- Documentation checks improve quality
- Corrections are visible and traceable
- Invest in systems for efficiency & clarity



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Looking ahead



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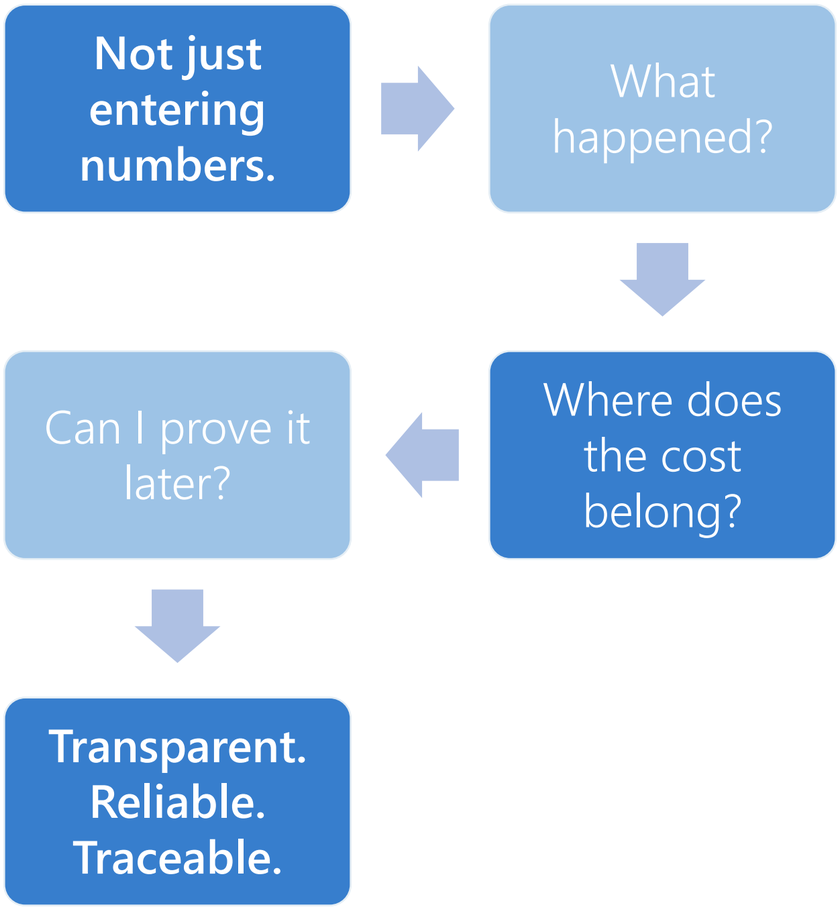
Looking Ahead

- Digitalization & automation
- Collaboration with WINPACCS/mbi for improvements



What WINPACCS means to me



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Questions and discussions



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Thank you



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Exchange of
Experiences