

# **bpm@pnw**Scaling Process Automation at Provinzial NordWest

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Sales Regions with ~26m Inhabitants

Premium Volume >6bn Euro

~5m Customers

>5.700 Employees (~900 in the IT Department)







We lead IT projects to success with our excellent business, methodical and technical skills shaped by our values, team spirit and passion!



Founded

2015



Employees

32



Locations

2



Staff growth 2019

15%



























































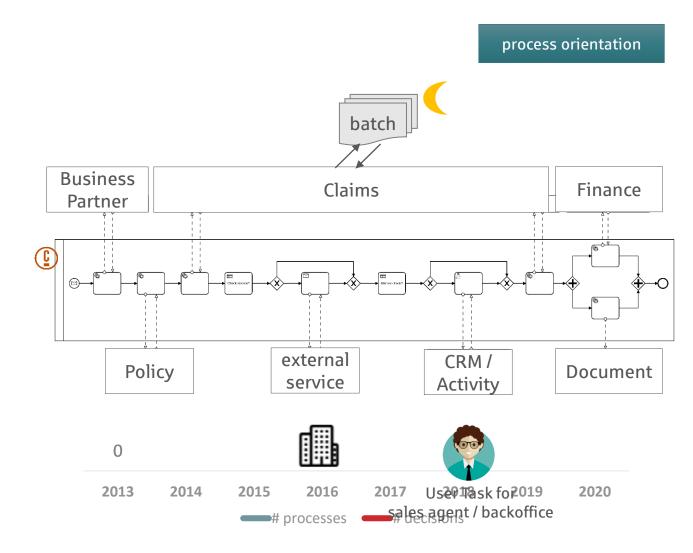




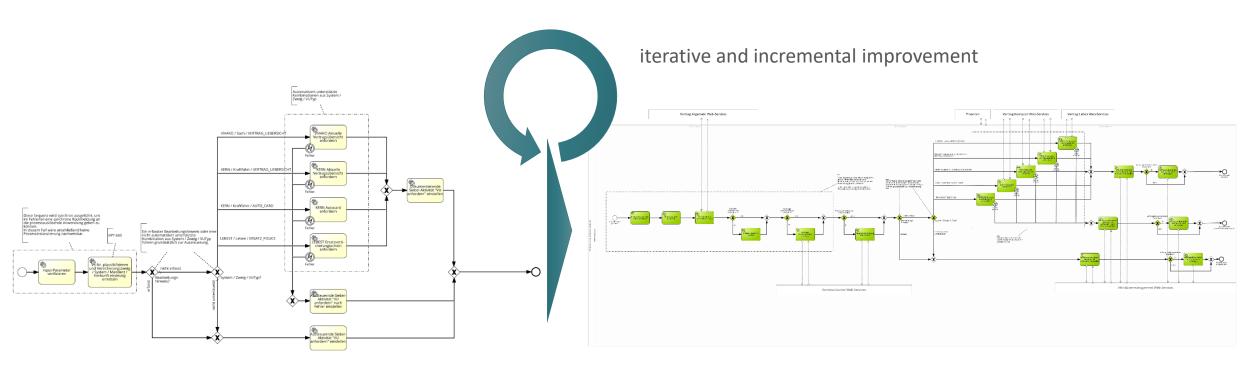




The Objective (2014): A central workflow automation platform intensifies the process orientation in our application-portfolio and enables the execution of cross-application and (semi)-automated processes.







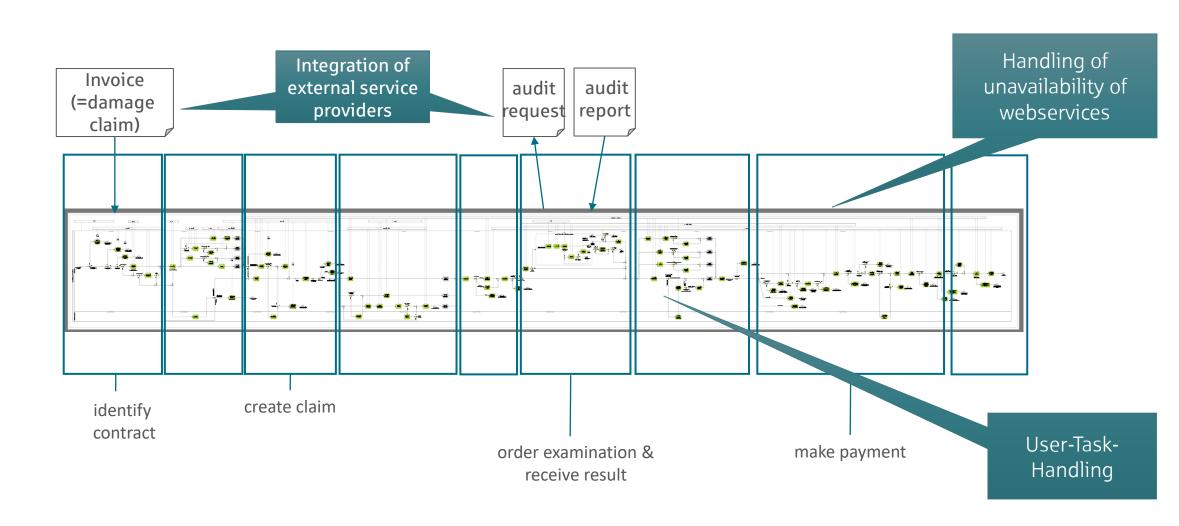
#### version 1.0 (2014)

- used by sales agents and back office workers
- 11 document types (e.g. Certificate of Contribution)

#### latest version (2020)

- extended for customers to be used as a self-service
- 13 document types







#### Milestone I: Project to introduce Process Automation successfully finished (2014)





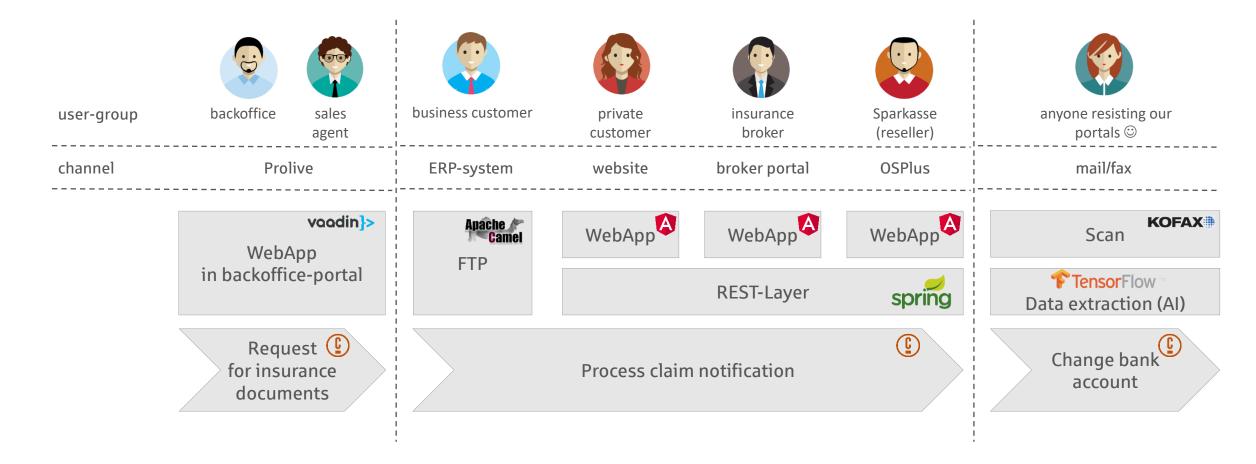
- A lightweight plattform based on Camunda BPM, Visual Rules and Apache Camel has been implemented.
- First two processes have been automated and up on these processes the capabilities of the plattform and the methodology has been proofed.
- The business specialists experience the benefits of BPMN and Camunda and they have been convinced that this is a good foundation for Business-IT-Alignment.



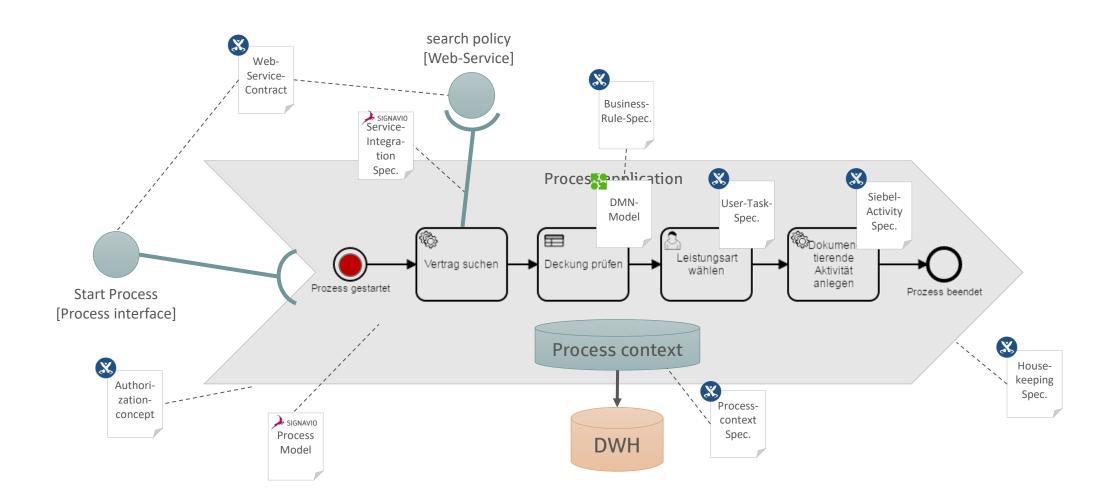
- Skill build up in a small team, but how to bring it to a broader community?
- Which is the right strategy for identifying the processes that has to be automated and what is the right Operation Model for the future?



# A big Digitalization Project Portfolio was started to integrate different user groups into the IT-landscape





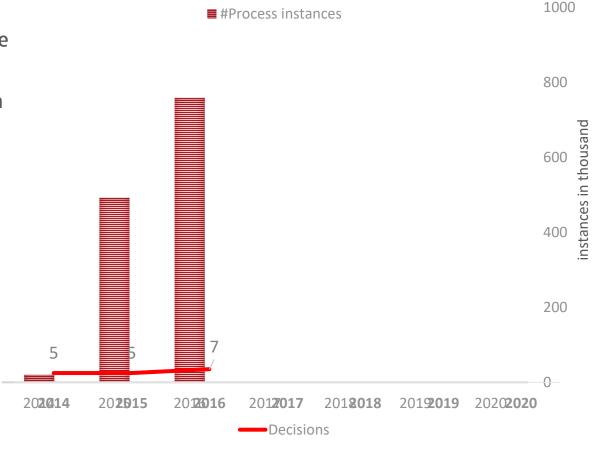




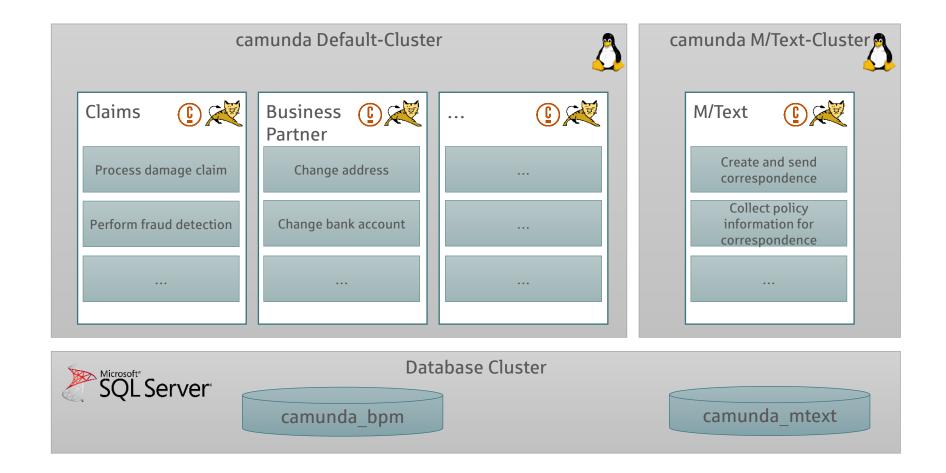
## Milestone II: The corporate project portfolio "PNWdigital" enables digitalization of processes based on Camunda.



- Build up an integration architecture based on microservices and Camunda BPM that allows to integrate different user-groups in the same business process
- Established a standard specification and documentation framework for process automation projects
- Empowered more than 20 people in several teams using the framework and building automated processes with BPMN and Camunda
- Visual Rules has not been adopted by the teams and decisions were implemented in Java instead. How do we enforce rules management?
- How do we handle the increased number of process applications and grant scalability in technique and organisation?













BPM Blog



BPM
Training Courses



BPM Community-Day

About 40 posts/year

2 courses of 5 modules per year, about 30-40 participants

1 day, 2 parallel tracks, most talks from project teams

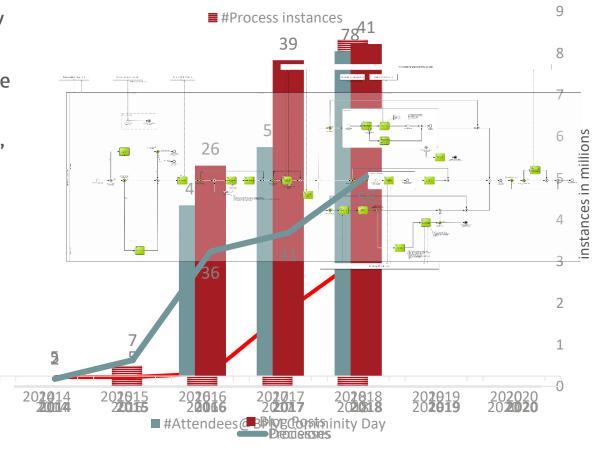


## Milestone III: Established a BPM Community and successfully adopted Decision management based on DMN



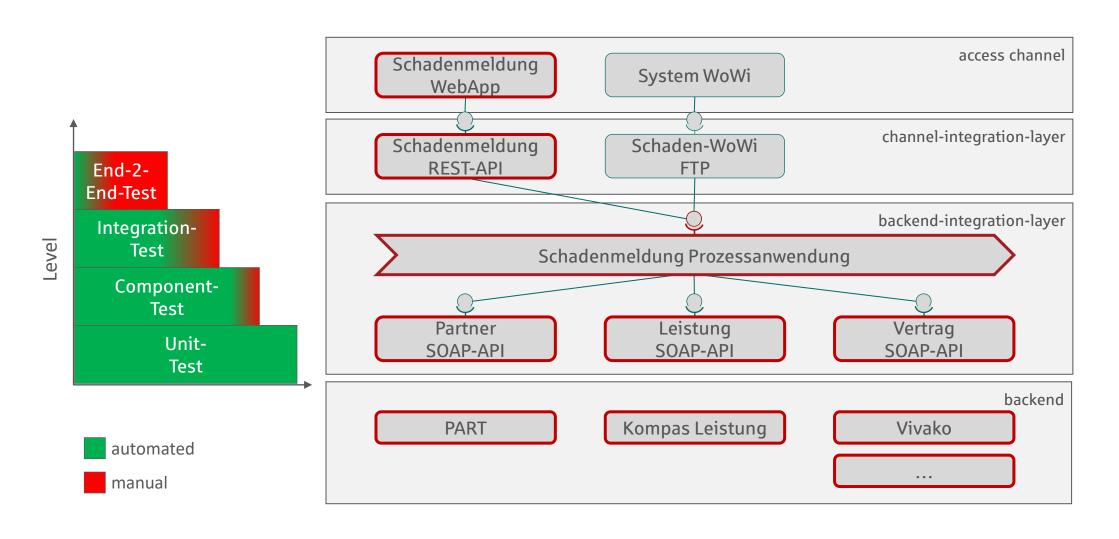


- Clustering allows horizontal scaling and more autonomy for the development teams.
- DMN has been introduced and replaced Visual Rules. The simplicity of DMN speeds up decision management.
- A BPM-Community has been set-up. It consists of a blog, in-house trainings and a community day.
- Reference process established that demonstrates features and is used to ensure the quality of the plattform.
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- More processes and –instances need more testing. How do we avoid increasing effort?
- Analysing of processes gets more important to improve process quality. How do we get a better reporting?





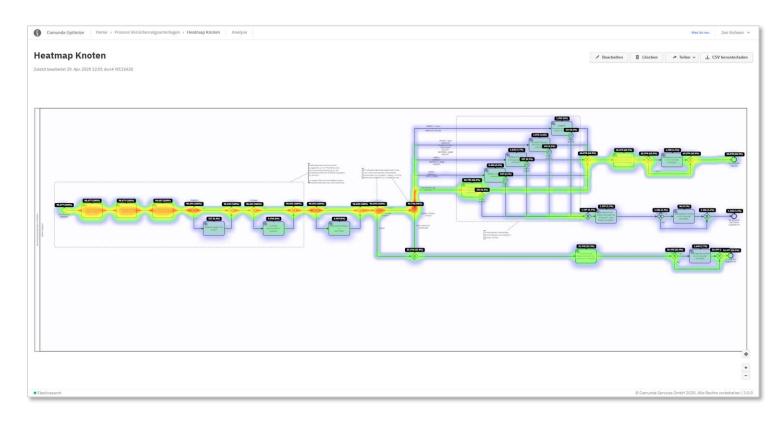
#### Several steps of testautomization reduce manual testeffort.





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#### Low hanging fruits are cropped with Camunda Optimize



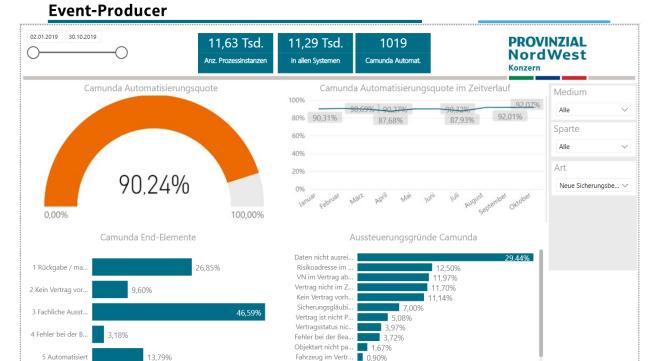
#### Optimize is used for

- explorative analysis based on the BPMN process model
- identifing KPIs that might be relevant for operational regulation and monitoring
- supporting regression and integration tests, to visualize testcoverage of the processmodel



#### A modern DWH with Power-BI in Microsoft Azure is our new standard for monitoring and process reporting





PNW-AZURE SiteToSite (VPN)

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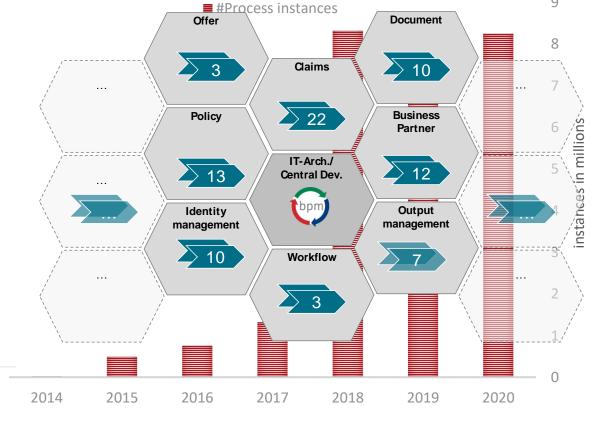
- Eventhased dataextraction with soft realtime updating of processdata
- Cloud based messages are consumed serverless by Azure Functions (FaaS) and on-premises
- Dataextraction is build on the Camunda-API instead of direct access to the Camunda-DB
- Central provisioning of standardized and selfservice reporting
- Easy implementation of individual reports based on Power-BI-Templates



## Milestone IV: Camunda is our standard technology for processautomation and has been adopted through all business areas



- The maturity of the framework and the plattform is on a high professional level and broadly accepted
- Camunda has become a mandatory building block in our technology stack
- Process automation is highly demanded from our business and BPMN is now the new overall standard within the organisation for business process modeling
- Camunda is used for service orchestration. But how do we adopt the benefits within micro workflows as well?
- How do we enable a more dev-ops like approach for the development teams?



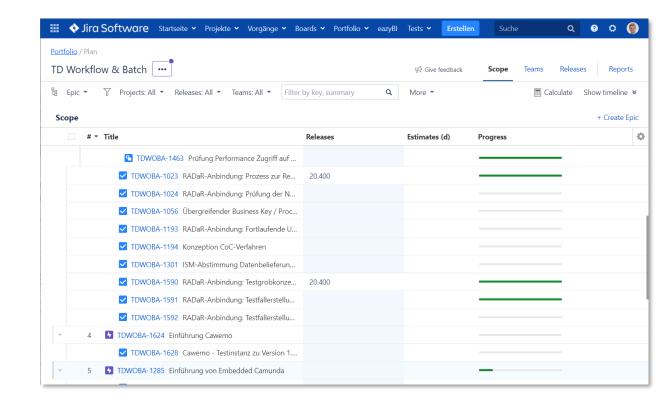


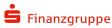
#### There are still a lot of improvements on our roadmap...



- Introduction of the embedded camunda
   WORK IN PROGRESS
- Introduction of standalone Camunda approach
   WORK IN PROGRESS
- Establishing Cawemo as sucessor for SignavioWORK IN PROGRESS
- Support for generic usertasks to reduce implementation effort for simple user tasks
   WORK IN PROGRESS
- Finishing with our talk in time

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### **Thanks for your Attention!**

### **Any Questions?**



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