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ProArc – a criteria for success

In delivering major building projects, Advansia relies on simple and straight-forward access to documents, traceability and effective collaboration with both suppliers and other external parties. ProArc has therefore become one of the criteria in measuring the success of their projects.

“A successful project involves delivering the promised quality and functionality, as well as arriving on time and to budget. ProArc is vital to us in achieving these goals,” says Document Controller Truls Are Bakken.

ProArc in numerous large projects

Advansia has been using ProArc for approximately three years since the expansion of Gardermoen International Airport. ProArc is also a vital tool in their ongoing projects Bjørvika Infrastructure and Bjørvika Development, as well as in three projects that are in their initial phases: Statkraft (Norwegian State Energy), Veritas and Gardermoen Airport Terminal 2.

“Experienced partners and face-to-face contact are important factors in the success of large development projects – but good document management systems, such as ProArc, are the crucial key to project completion. Document management will continue to increase in importance in the future,” says Bjørn Sund, CEO of Advansia.

Traceability and Easy Access

Truls Are Bakken points out: “ProArc allows us to deal with all our documentation in one place and ensures that we have easy access to the latest valid version of a document. We are also able to trace every element, allowing us to review who has done what and when. This means we can avoid the discrepancies that so often occur in hectic projects. Furthermore, we are able to reduce our outgoings for photocopying and printing significantly.”

Bjørn Sund adds: “Reduced conflict levels due to straightforward traceability within the distribution line allow the project managers to focus on the completion of the project and contribute to reaching the project’s goals.”

It is extremely important for Advansia to be able to refine the project completion process and the relevant support sys-

Product: ProArc
Industry: Project and Construction Management



About Advansia

Advansia develops large and complicated land-based construction projects on behalf of construction clients. Their projects, both completed and currently under development, include: Oslo Gardermoen International Airport, Telenor’s head office at Fornebu, the Akerhus University Hospital (Ahus), Norway Post Østlands Terminal and Bjørvika.

tems in order to be able to improve it from project to project. This means that they need simple access to the documentation of how previous projects were completed.

“All experiences and knowledge need to be captured in a competency system and distributed to employees and partners. We undertake regular quality audits to identify areas for improvement and do something about them,” says Sund.

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Communication simplified

Advansia give their suppliers, advisers and other external parties access to ProArc in order to achieve simpler and more air-tight cooperation in their projects.

Truls Are Bakken says: "In each of our projects, we have contracts with a long and varied list of companies – in the Ahus development alone there were as many as 450 companies involved. Whether large or small, each of these companies requires communication and the sharing of drafts, plans and documents across a common user-interface. The commissioning client is also granted access to ProArc, allowing them to know what is going on at any given time. This gives them more of an overview and a sense of security. Without a powerful document management system such as ProArc, we would be unable to complete these large-scale projects."

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SharePoint-Room allows for improved collaboration

The ProArc Supplier Room combines the flexibility and usability of SharePoint with the sophisticated process verification and document management function of ProArc. The result is a solution that not only optimises the collaboration between contractors and suppliers, but also yields complete control of the document processes and workflow of the whole project to the user.

"ProArc 6 offers increased possibilities for collaboration thanks to the integration of SharePoint. For example, we are able to create a Supplier Room where our suppliers can log in to access documents relevant to them. They are all able to exchange technical documents and specifications within the same system and can therefore be certain to all have the same – and correct – version," Bakken explains.

Improved Planning and Management

The planning module, ProArc Planning, gives Advansia better control of the progress and resource requirements for their projects.

About ProArc

ProArc is the market's leading software for the management of technical documents, document control, workflow, email processing, project management and collaboration, procurement and asset management. ProArc is built on the MS SharePoint platform, is integrated in MS Office and, paves the way for fast and easy production, sharing and re-using information, supervising and automating business processes and increasing traceability.

"ProArc Planning gives us a comprehensive overview of all the activities within the project, allowing us to plan our staffing needs precisely. We can also see where we are in relation to our targets and can adjust timings if we find ourselves running behind schedule. Large projects demand extremely disciplined schedules. If you divert from the plan, it is a lot harder to get back on track than it would be in smaller projects. That is why it is important to avoid having to make changes when a large project is already under way," Bakken continues.

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ProArc gets the job done

"We evaluate each project once it is completed. We always come to the conclusion that ProArc was the right tool for the job, and a vital tool. The review of the Telenor project, for example, concluded that ProArc had helped us by "reducing photocopying costs as well as tidy, effective, fast, accurate and documented management of drafts." This contributed to making document management one of our criteria for success," Bakken concludes.

With 300 employees, Software Innovation is one of Scandinavia's leading providers of software for case and document management, collaboration and process management. The company has been helping organisations in the private and public sectors to control, manage and share information and documents for over 25 years.