

# Features and capabilities of ELMA BPM

ELMA Community Edition (ELMA CE) is a fully functional system, but some of its features are different to those of ELMA BPM.

This document discribes all the additional features of ELMA BPM.



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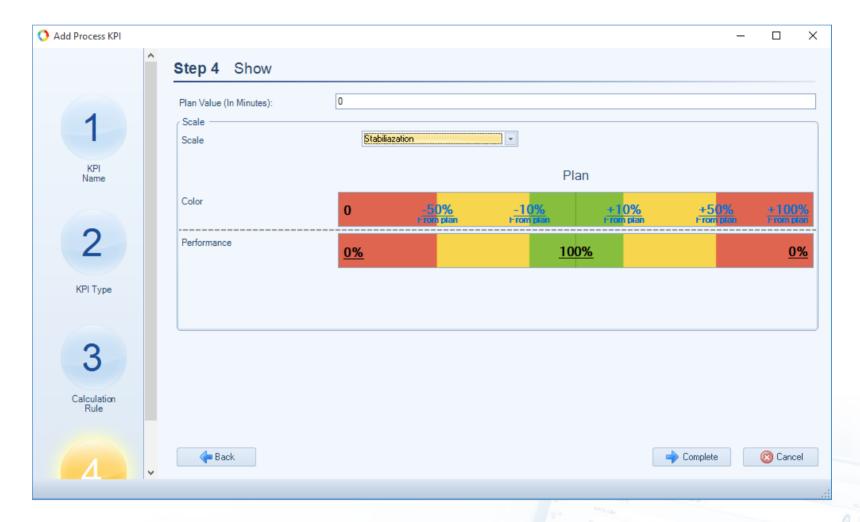


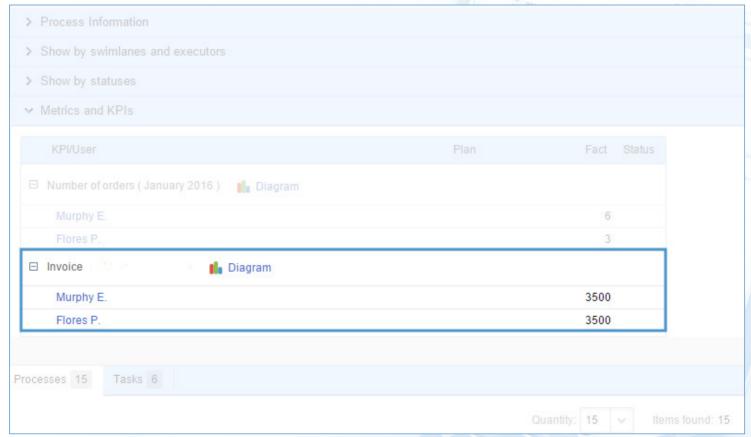
## **BPM AND WEB PORTAL**

## **Measuring Metrics and Process Indicators**

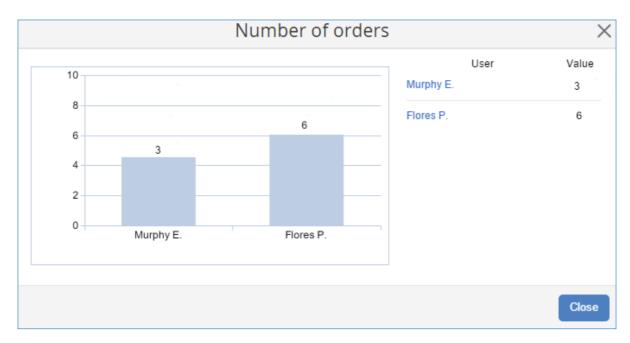
Metrics and process KPIs allow you to measure and evaluate performance at a certain process step according to such parameters as variables or process execution time. The values of the metrics and KPIs can be displayed as a bar chart for better visualization.

Moreover, in ELMA BPM, the Process Monitor is more informative than in the Community edition. It allows you to monitor all the important process KPIs in one place. There are special color indicators that demonstrate the status of a process or a process instance. If any irregularities appear, you can react immediately and take timely actions.

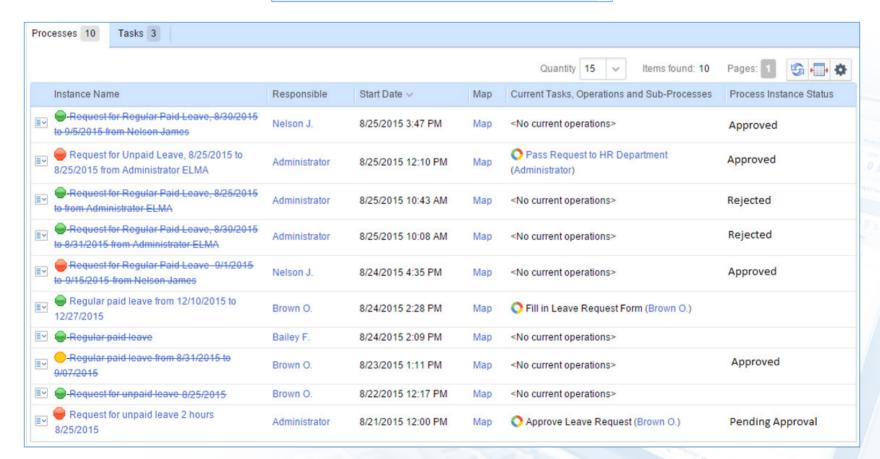






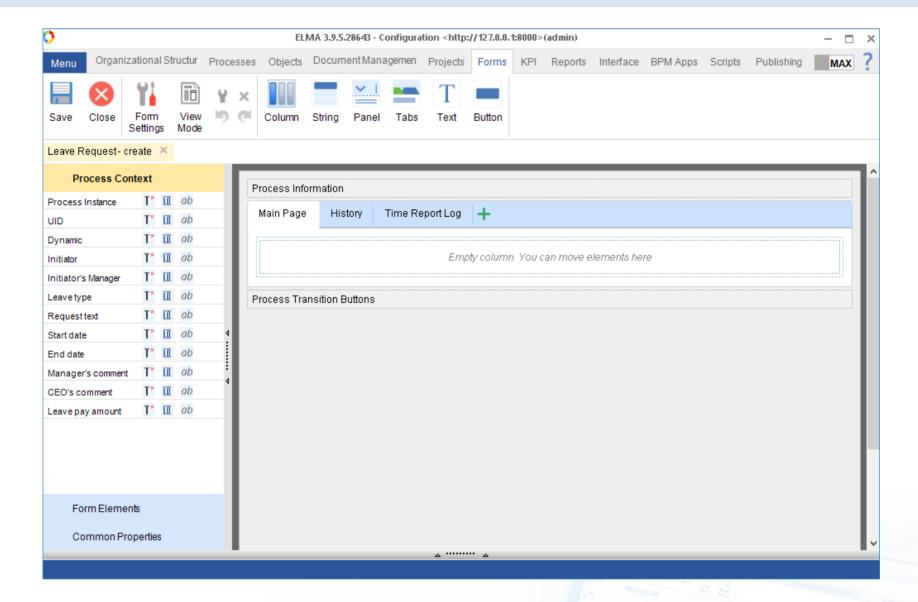






# Form Builder for Interface Modeling

Every system interface must be understandable and user-friendly. When designing business processes, it is important to be able to adjust the view forms for different system objects. For that, we have created Form Builder. In Form Builder, you can adjust the interface and make any page look better. Use the drag-n-drop feature to arrange elements on the form.

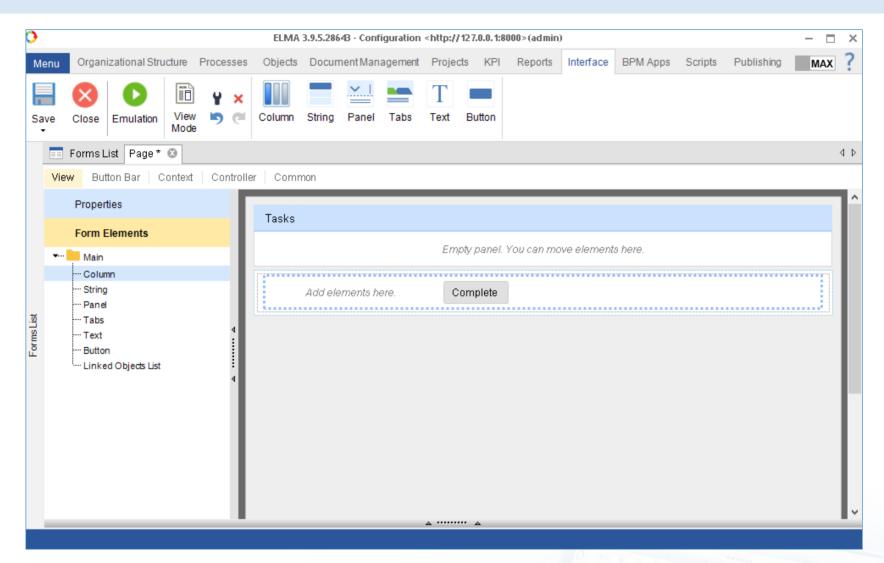


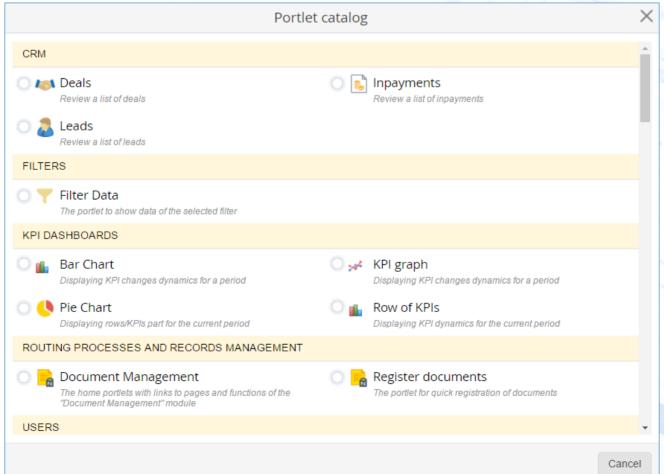


# **Modeling New Interfaces in ELMA Designer**

In ELMA Designer, you can create and modify user interfaces according to specific requirements. You can create portlets and pages in the standard form maker or use Razor markup.

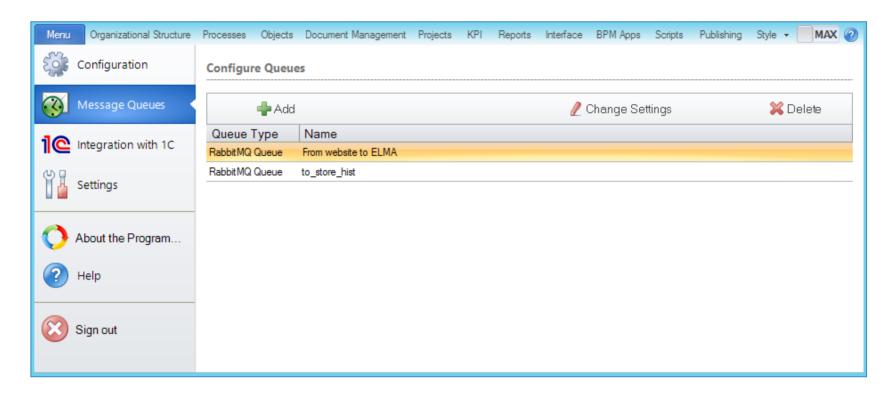
The new portlets and pages become available to the users right after being published.

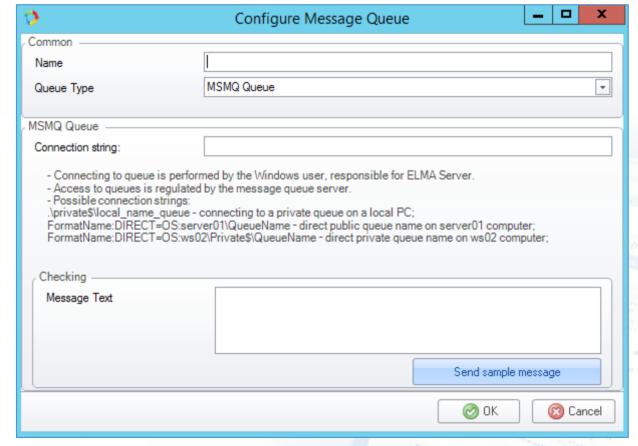




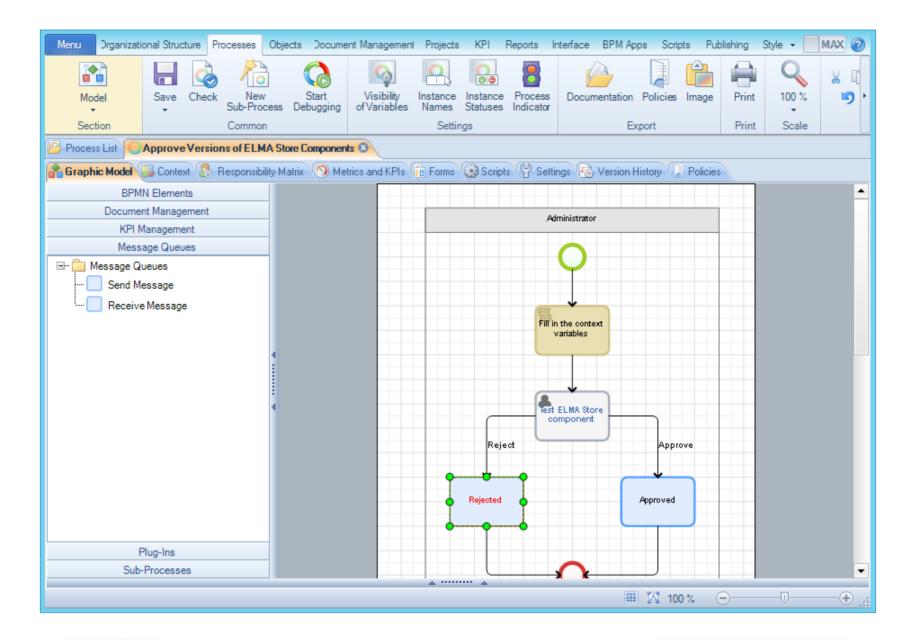
## **Integration with Data Buses**

When building failure-tolerant systems, it is important to ensure proper communication of data through data buses. For that purpose, ELMA features message queues (RabbitMQ, MSMQ, JMS). They collect messages from different programs and put them in queues for sending, sorting and distributing.





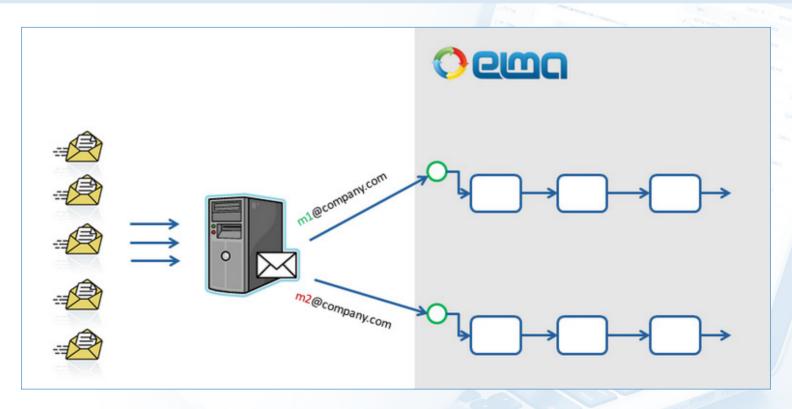




# **Additional Tools for Fast Integration**

ELMA BPM easily integrates into a typical IT system of a company. Any process can be published with a web service and an activation link. This way you can align business processes with any events that happen in other IT systems.

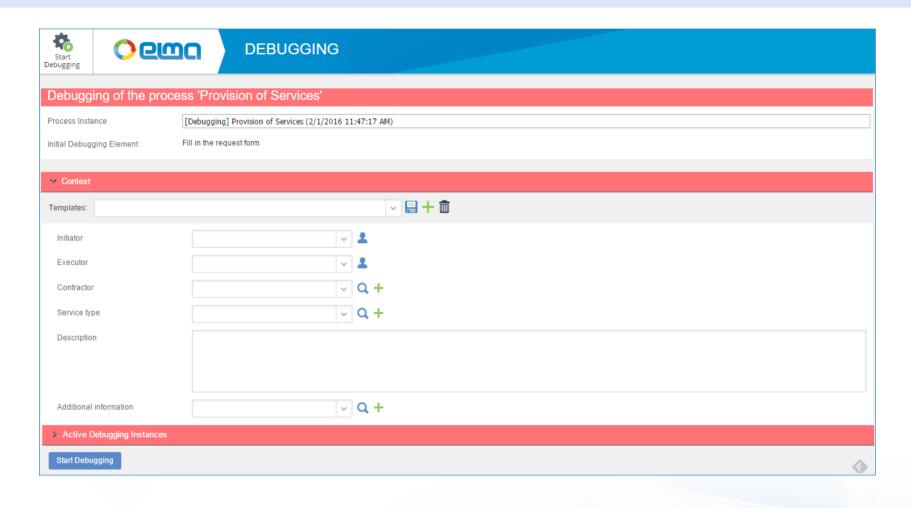
For example, a process can start when a new e-mail is received. This e-mail message can be processed within the business process.



# **Process Debugging**

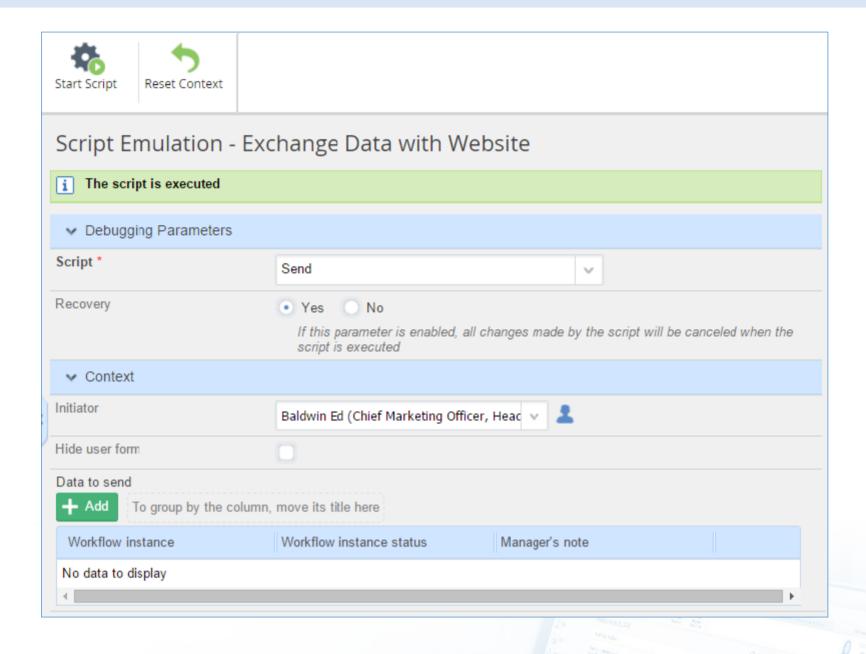
Before a designed process can be used in Web Application, you need to make sure the process model is correct. In ELMA BPM, this is done by means of the checking and debugging features.

By checking a process, you can verify if there are any logic errors. By debugging the process, you verify the view forms and check how the process performs with different variable values. You can start process debugging on any step of the process and not necessarily from the very beginning.



# **Script Emulation**

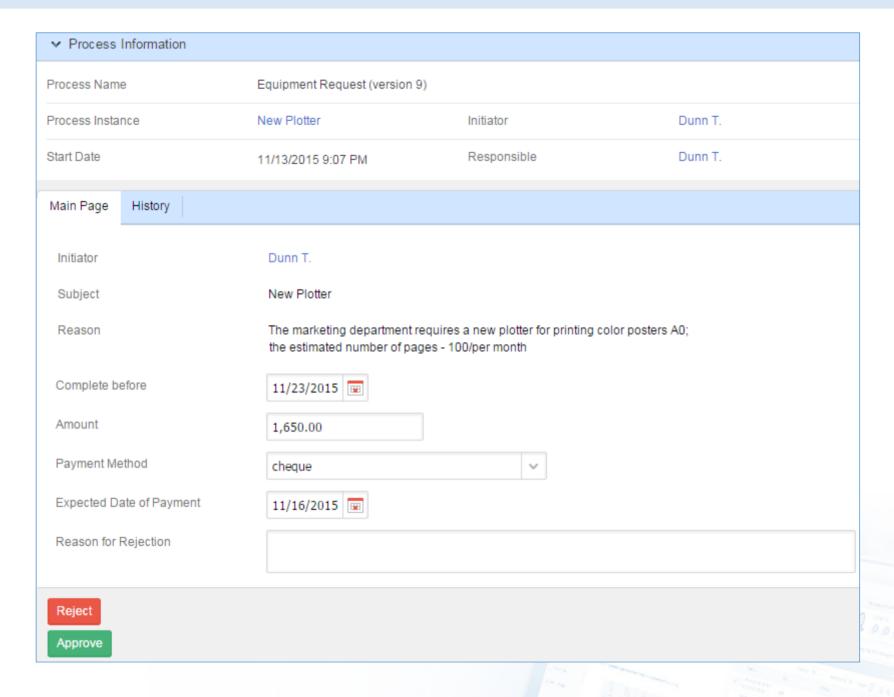
Script emulation is an important part of process modeling. It allows you to verify if a script works as expected and see how it functions with different context variables.



# **Creating Flexible Task Forms**

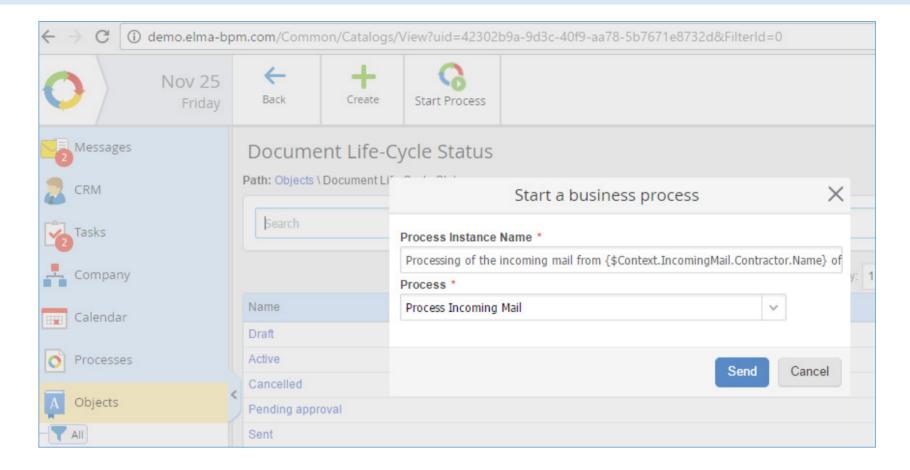
In ELMA BPM, you can create flexible and convenient dynamic task forms.

The task forms are created when the process model is designed, so you cannot know beforehand what the form will look like eventually. Dynamic task forms are very flexible and, therefore, allow you to create convenient solutions.



## A Wider Use of Processes

In ELMA BPM, it is possible to link processes to various system objects. Business processes can be started from the page of an object that you added to extend the system. For example, you can create a "Document Life-Cycle Status" object and design several processes where the status is an input variable. Then you can start these processes right from the object page.



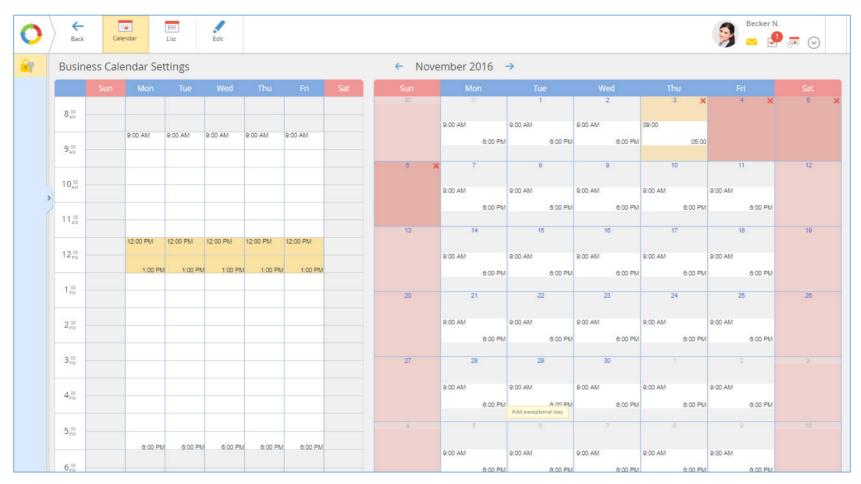
## Flexible Settings of the Business Calendar

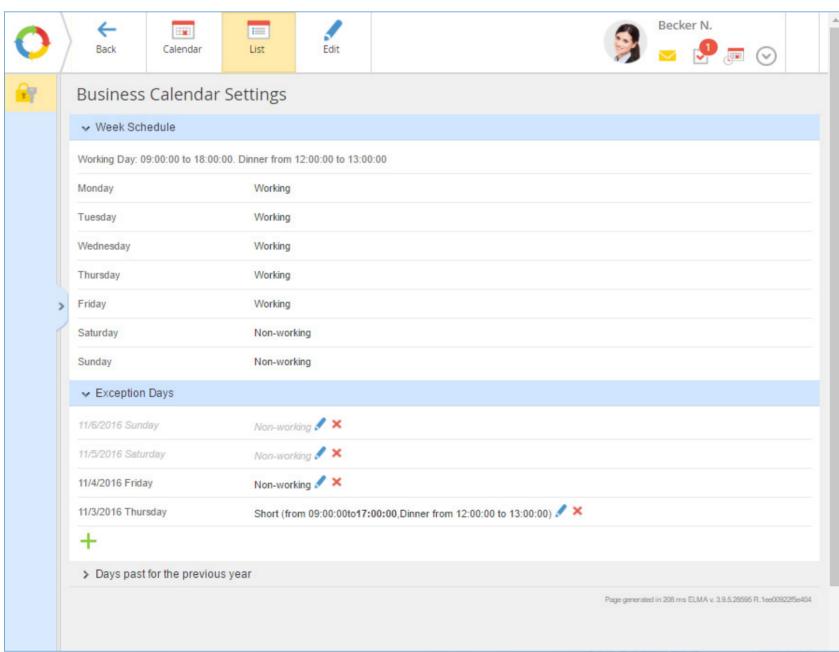
In ELMA BPM, the Business Calendar is more flexible than in the Community editions: you can configure exceptions and days off.

Calendar settings are global system rules. It means that all the tasks, processes and calendars work according to the working hours specified in the Business Calendar.

Moreover, Business Calendar settings have convenient display modes. It can display a working week as a calendar or as a list.







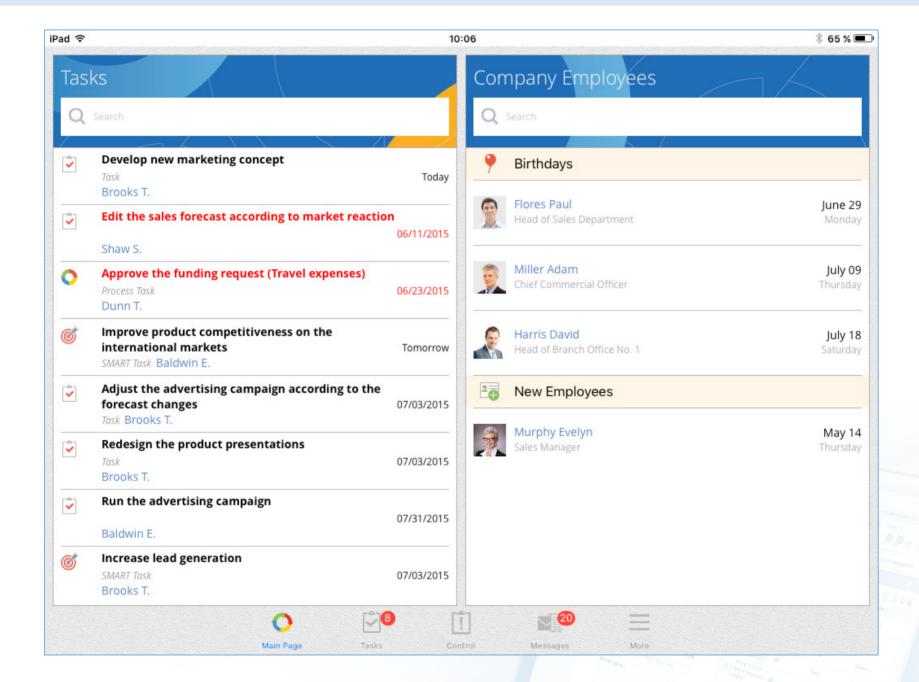
# **Mobile Applications**

Mobile application for ELMA BPM allows you to work in the system regardless of place and time. Whether you are at the office, on the road or at home, you can access the system from whichever device you find more convenient at the moment.

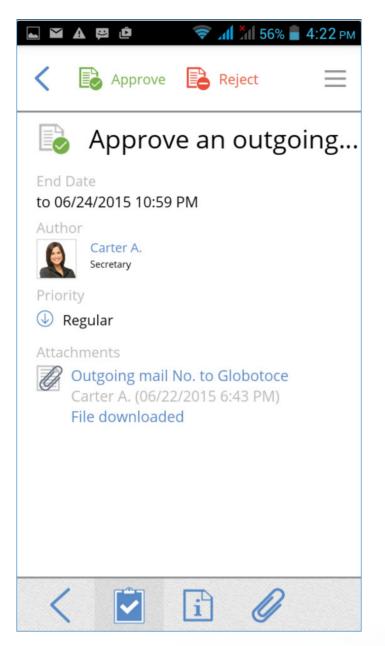
Push-notifications keep you informed about any changes in the system.

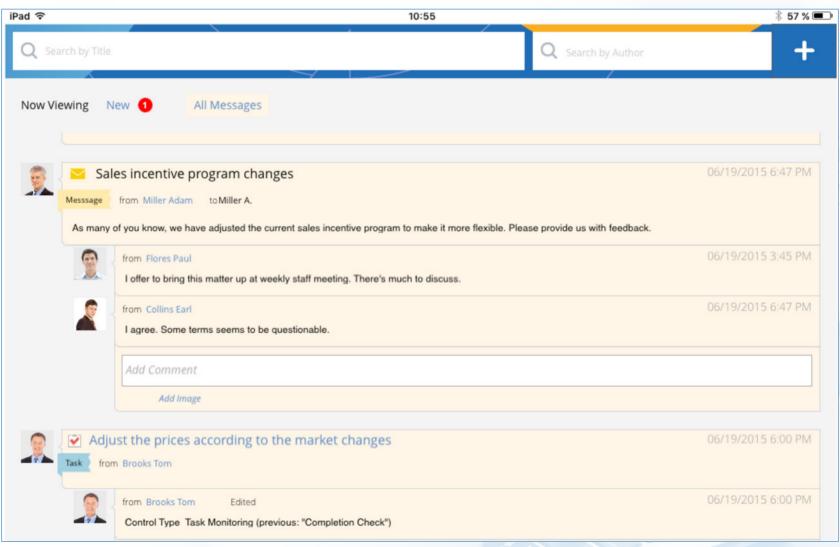
Having no Internet access is not a problem. For example, you can make task-related decisions and approve documents while you are offline. As soon as you get Internet access, all the changes will immediately be sent to the system.

The application's interfaces are simple and very convenient for working in ELMA while you are out of the office.









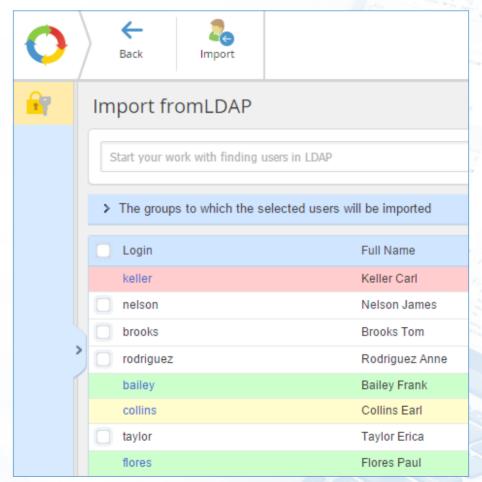
# Integration with LDAP

If your company is using an LDAP server, ELMA can be integrated with it and retrieve user data from the LDAP catalog. If your ELMA server is configured to work with LDAP, you can import the user list to ELMA from LDAP.

This allows you to use the single sign-on feature in ELMA BPM.



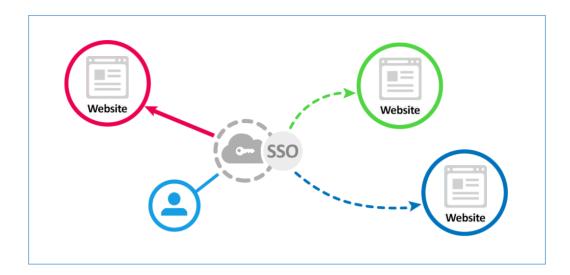






# Single Sign-On

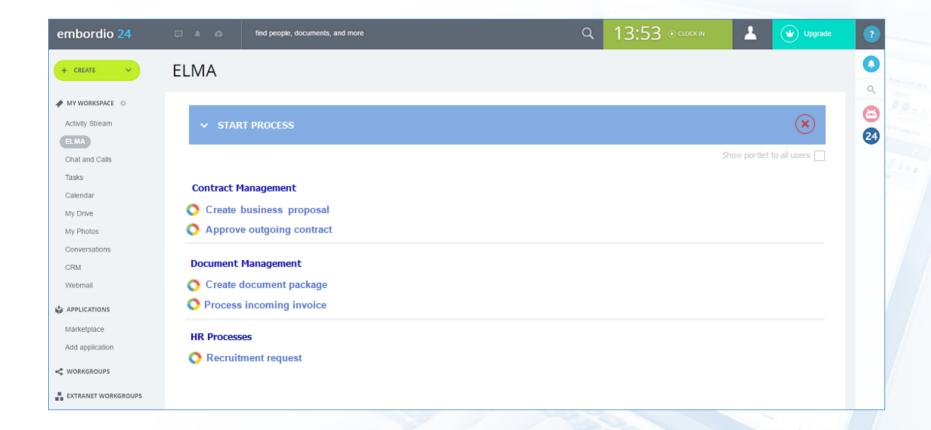
If your employees are using various corporate programs, it is very convenient to use single sign-on. With single sign-on, a user logs into all the corporate systems at once after being authenticated in the corporate domain.



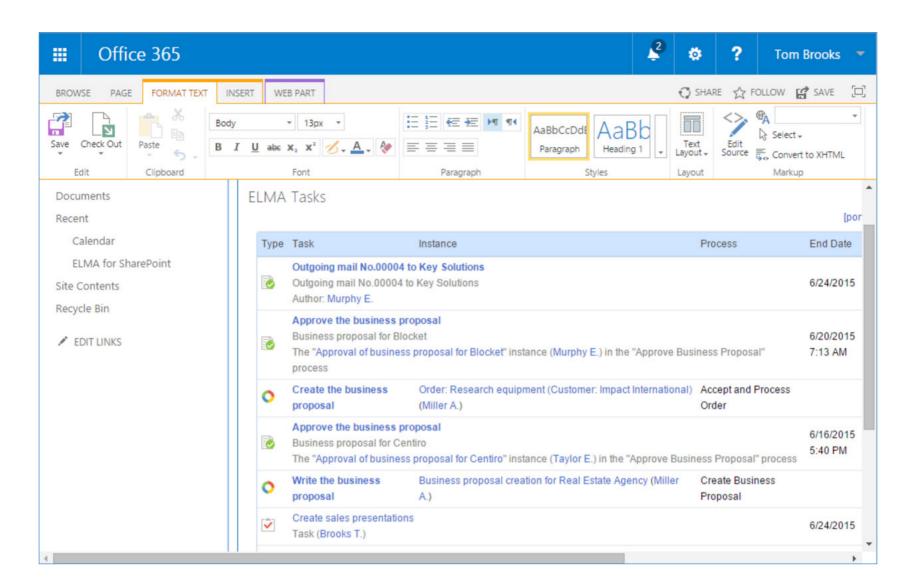
# **Integration with External Portal Solutions**

The ELMA Portal Connector component allows you to integrate ELMA into the information portal already used in your company. At the moment, you can integrate ELMA with Bitrix 24 and MS SharePoint.

Portal Connector makes it possible to use ELMA portlets and features in Bitrix and SharePoint corporate portals.









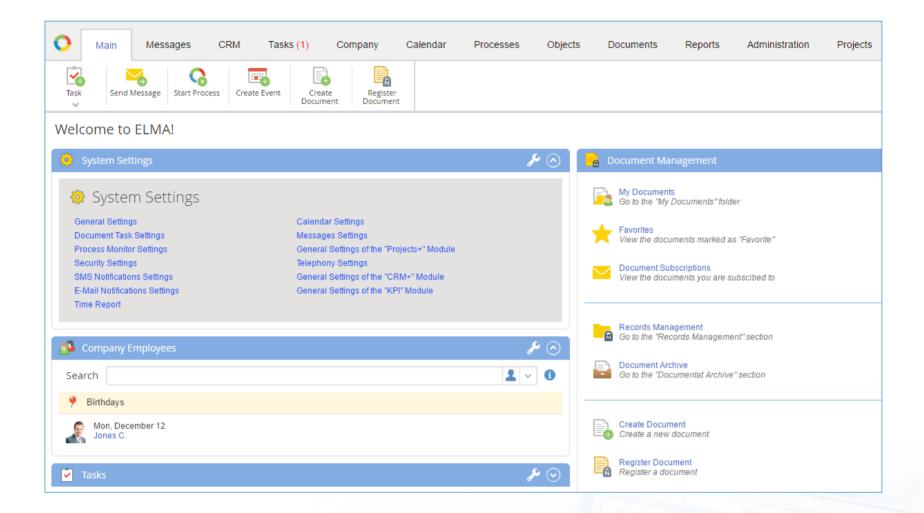
## Convenient User Interfaces (Lite and E-mail)

#### Lite Interface

If you are using ELMA Web Application as a shared internal portal of your company, you might want to use different interfaces for different groups of users.

Some users do not need to use all the system capabilities included in the standard interface. For them, the simplified Lite Interface will be much more convenient.

For example, you can configure the Lite Interface to feature only two or three controls.



#### Rich e-mail Interface

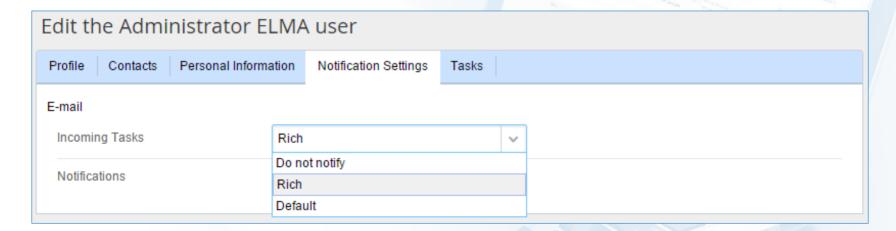
For those users who use e-mail services in their work, ELMA offers the ELMA Rich e-mail interface (ELMA.RE).

ELMA.RE sends information about your tasks in ELMA to your e-mail box, making it possible to make a decision right from the e-mail page.

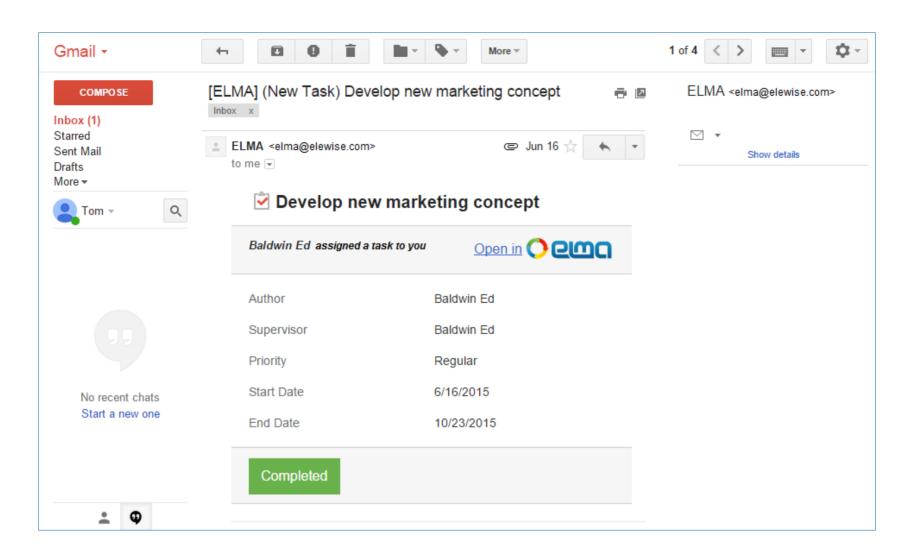
All the incoming tasks are sent to your Incoming folder. You can also set up a filter so that you ELMA e-mails do not mix up with the rest of your mail.

ELMA.RE not only notifies you, but also provides all the necessary information for making a decision. For example, if you are assigned with a task to read and approve a document, the document itself and all the relevant information will be attached to the e-mail.

As for business process tasks, you will see all the necessary information fields.





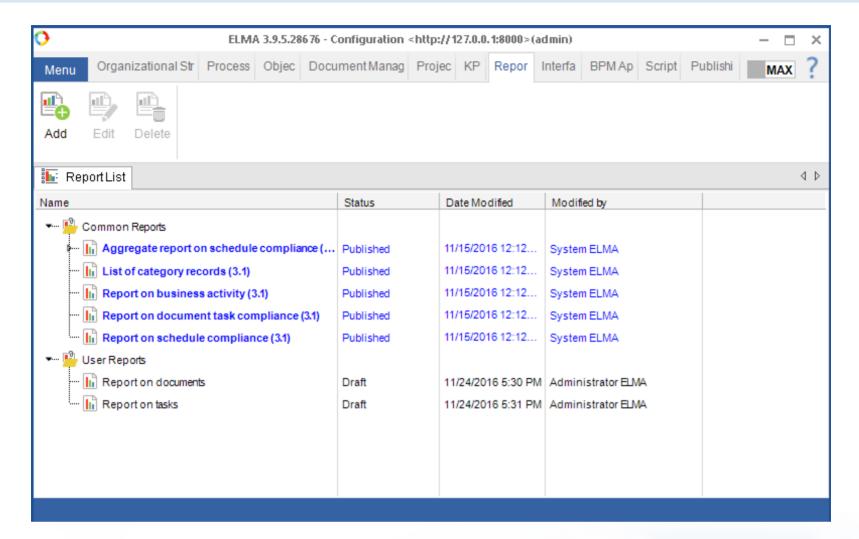


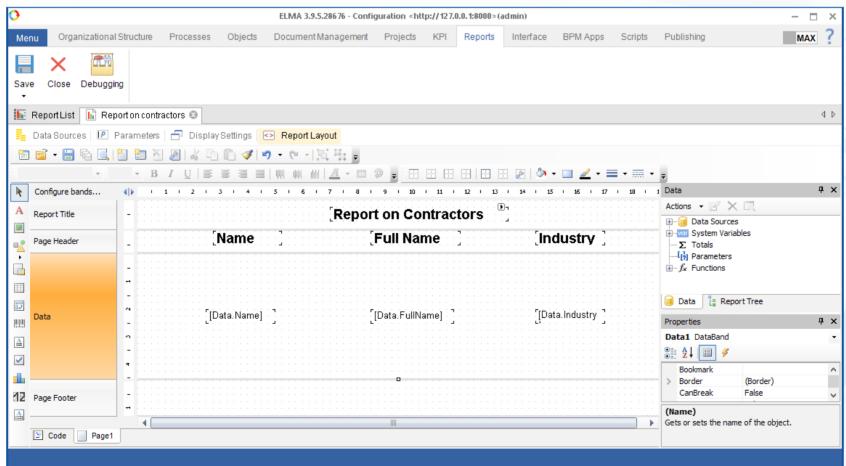




## **Report Maker**

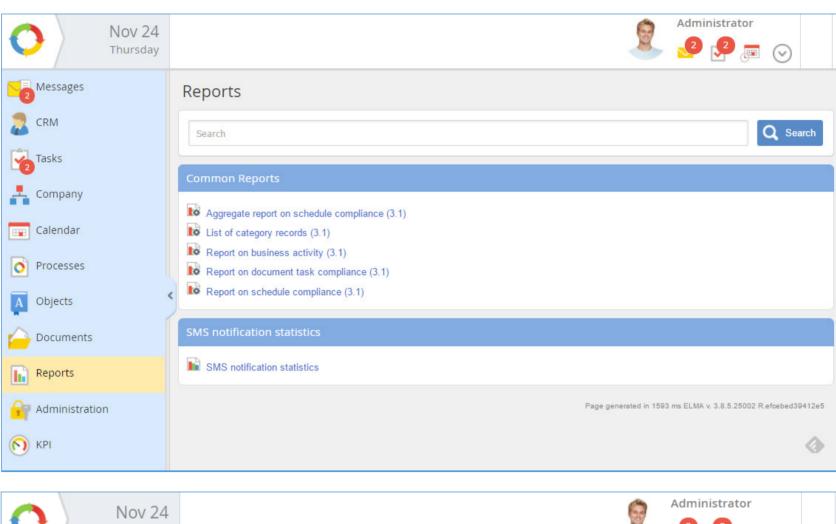
ELMA allows you to create user reports, and personalize and configure them to suit certain user or company requirements. This is done in the Report Maker section of ELMA Designer, which features a graphic editor for report templates. Here you can configure the report view form and see a preview.

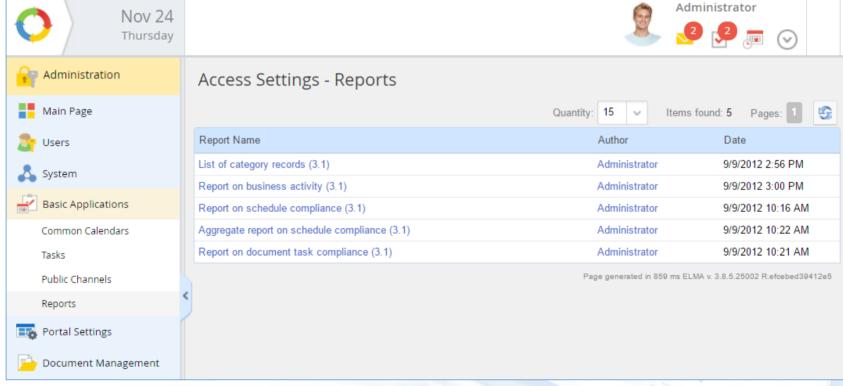




# **Default Reports**

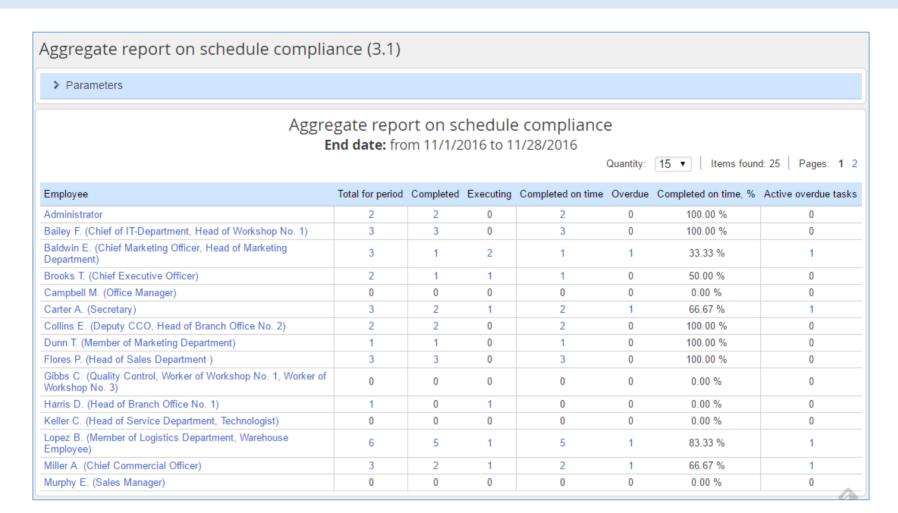
Reports are used to check schedule compliance and to analyze documents registered in the system. ELMA BPM includes 5 reports, which you can use to analyze the user activity. Reports are managed in the Reports section of the Web Application. By default, this section and the system reports are only available to system administrators.



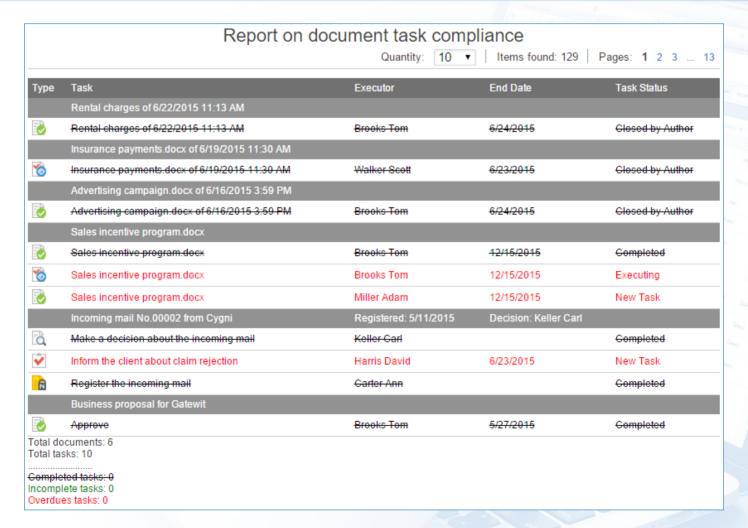


The following reports are available in this section:

• Aggregate report on schedule compliance – displays summary statistics on the tasks of ELMA users over a certain period: the number of assigned, completed, overdue tasks, etc.

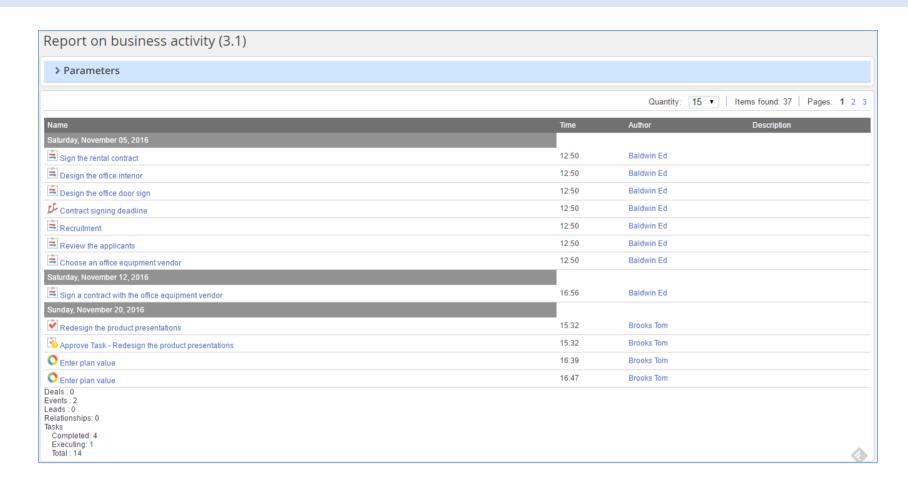


• Report on document task compliance – displays a list of document-based tasks. The report contains a list of all the tasks, executors, due dates and statuses.

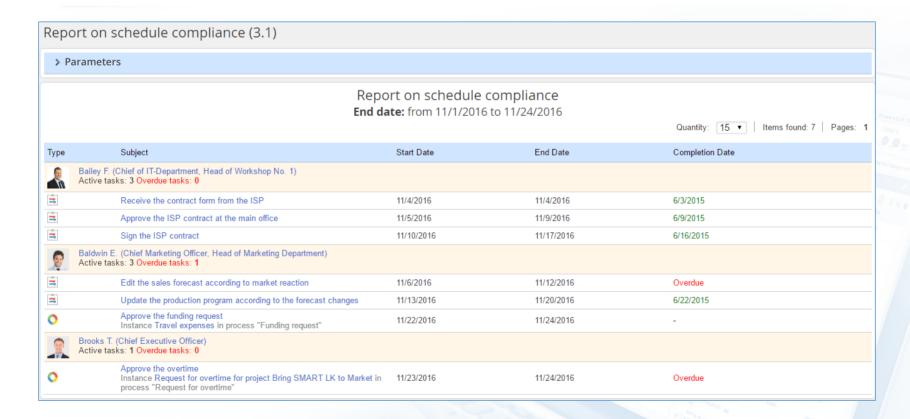




• Report on business activity – displays all the tasks, relationships, calendar events, deals and leads of selected ELMA users over a certain period.

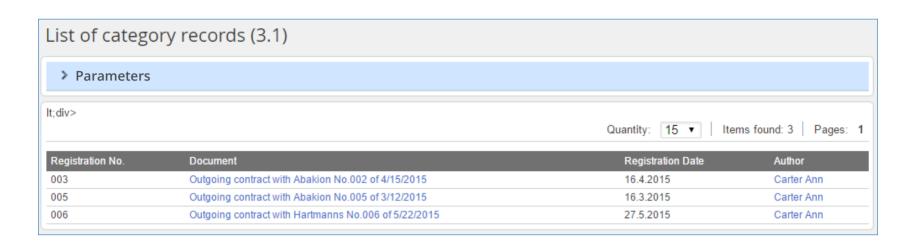


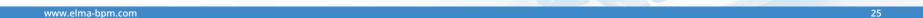
• Report on schedule compliance – displays detailed information about the tasks of a selected ELMA user: the task list, completed and overdue tasks, etc.





• List of category records – displays a list of all the documents registered in a certain category in the selected year. This report is only available if you have the ELMA ECM+ application installed.







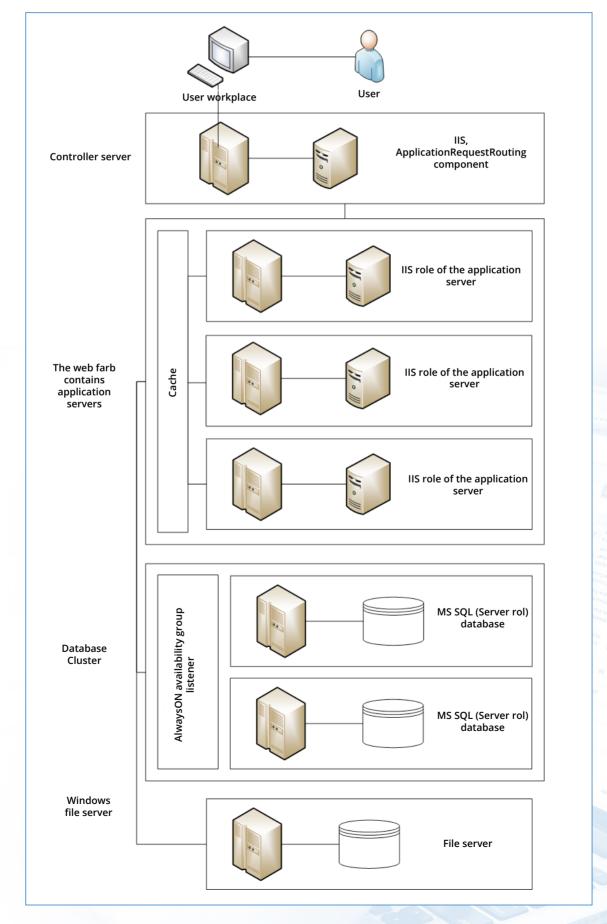
## Distributed Workload. Web Farm

ELMA support a large volume of user data requests and computations. For better performance, distribute the workload between ELMA servers using the server controller.

In order for the ELMA web farm to function well, do the following:

- Deploy a fault tolerant cluster. It enables you to restart application without the system administrator if any program or hardware errors appear.
- Deploy MS Web Farm Framework. A web farm allows for load distribution (that is, user activity) between various servers, virtual or physical, working as one. This means that you can significantly increase the number of users working in the system at the same time.

Also, regularly perform database and ELMA system maintenance.



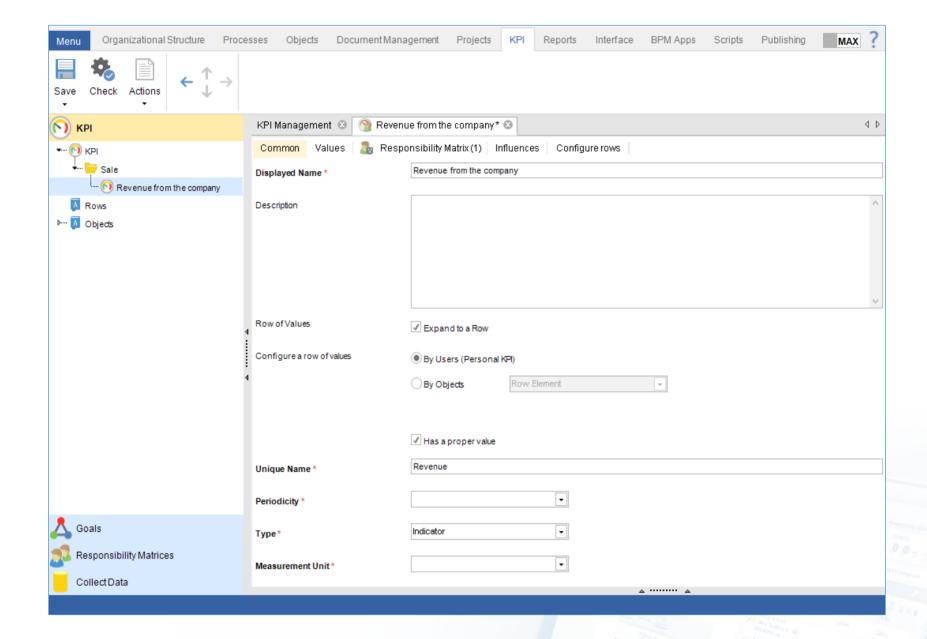


## **CAPABILITIES OF ELMA KPI**

# **Configuring KPIs**

ELMA KPI allows you to set up and customize a KPI system for your company. You can collect and monitor KPI values in any convenient form.

In ELMA Designer, you can create a KPI tree and specify a set of parameters for each KPI. For example, you can define how often a KPI is collected, how it is measured, and what are the plan values.

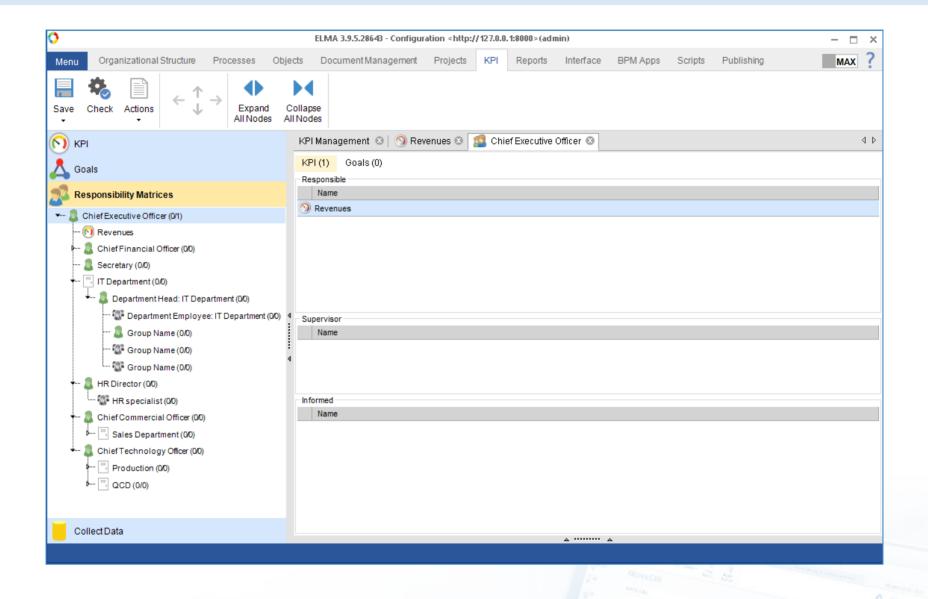




# Responsibility

In ELMA KPI, you can assign KPIs to certain employees. This way, you always know who is responsible for a KPI, and each employee knows exactly what is expected of him or her.

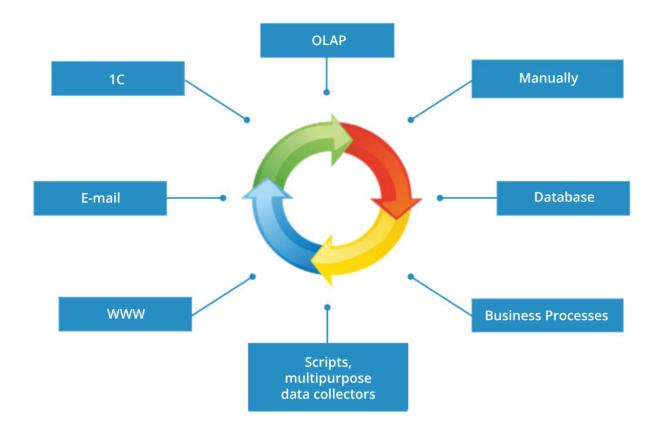
The responsibility matrix shows an employee's performance and if he or she is adequate for the job.



## **Different Tools for Data Collection**

ELMA KPI offers a wide variety of capabilities for data collection; you can always choose what is more convenient for your company at the actual moment.

For a KPI, which is introduced for a short period to control a specific problem, data is collected differently than that for a KPI that measures the company's entire activity.



## **Tools for Fast Decision-Making**

ELMA KPI allows you to make immediate decisions. It offers you on-line statistics and analytical data, which you can use on the spot, no paper documents required.

ELMA displays all the data and enables you to monitor the current value and the potential outcome.





# **Dashboards for Data Analysis**

ELMA uses dashboards for a better graphic representation of data and KPI dynamics.

Dashboards are perfect for a quick analysis of the current situation. They allows you to discuss all the relevant results and plans basing on exact data.

If your dashboards are configured well, you can turn time-consuming meetings into very effective ones, by quickly analyzing the deviations and finding solutions for optimization.



## **Employee Performance and Incentives**

In order to make the best of your KPIs, tie them to your employees' performance and incentives.

ELMA BPM can display information about all the employees on one screen, and you can learn how effective your personnel is.

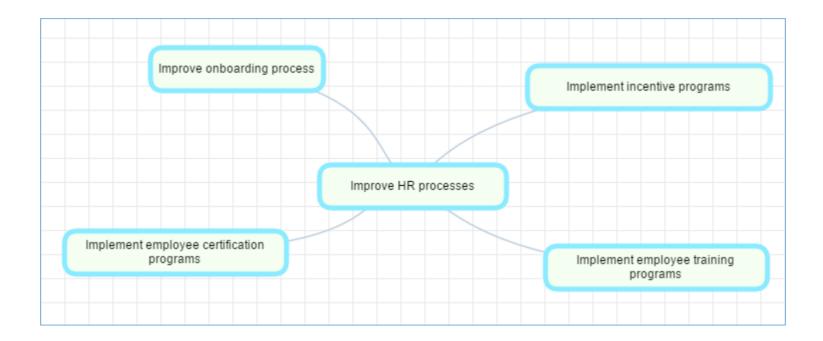




## **Strategic and Operational Goals**

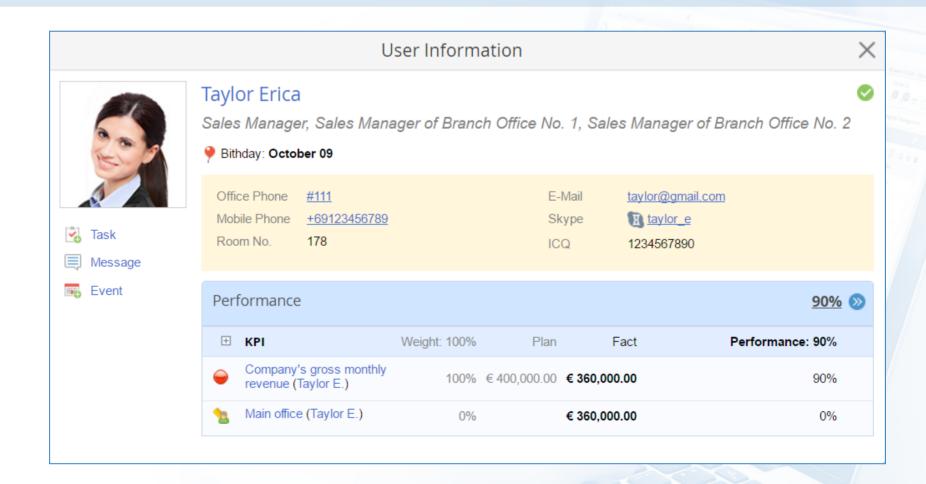
Apart from KPI and performance management, the ELMA KPI application offers you the possibility to manage your corporate goals.

You can configure a system of strategic and operational goals of your company, specify KPIs to measure the progress, and assign certain activities. ELMA timely informs you about any occurring problems and allows you to make corrections basing on actual data and not mere assumptions.



# **Employee Performance on User Page**

With ELMA KPI and a configured performance matrix, the Performance portlet becomes available in user profiles and pages. It displays information on performance of a user over a certain period. Superiors can see their subordinates' performance on their pages in ELMA.

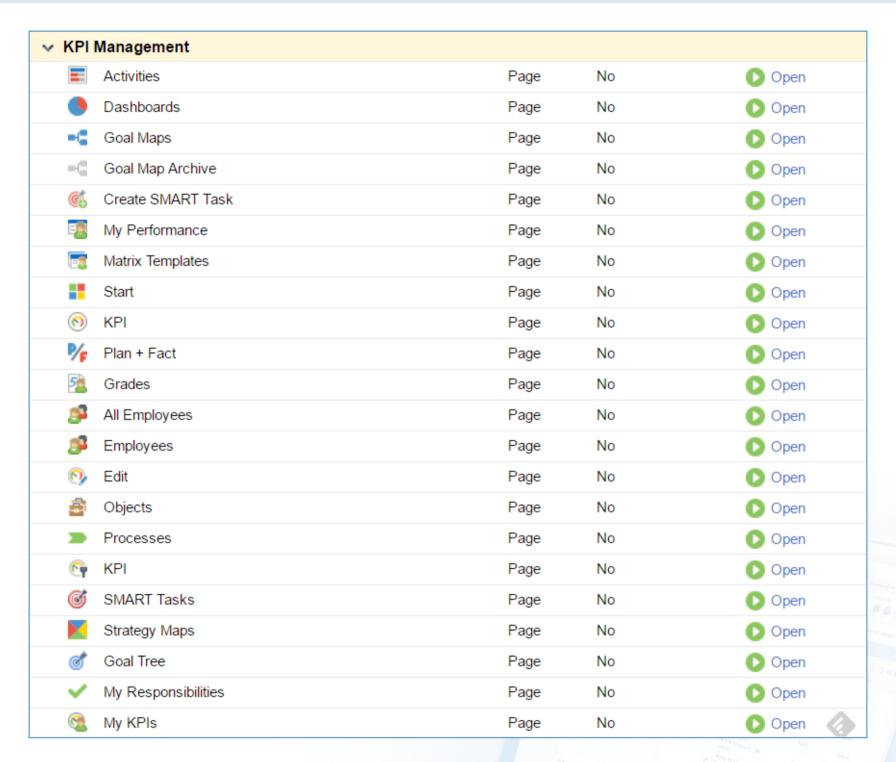




## **Action Register**

ELMA allows you to add links to certain activities from the Action Register. It is very useful for setting up the left, top and main menus, adding links to web documents and HTML portlets, and so on.

For example, you can configure an HTML portlet for heads of departments so that they can access their employees' performance, and view the goal maps and KPIs.







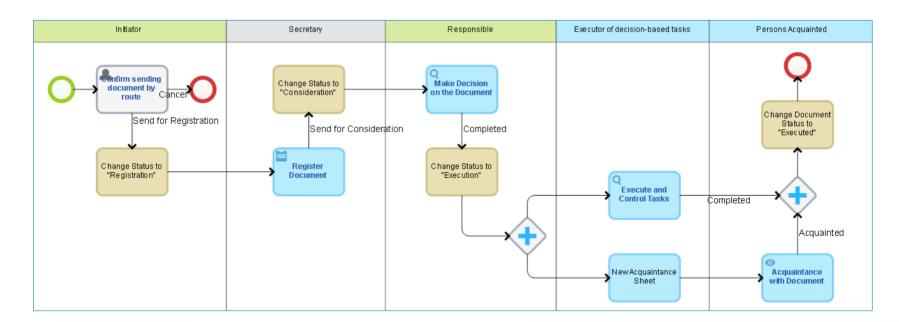
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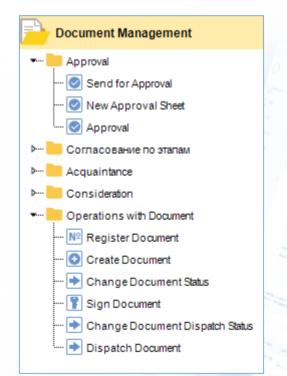
## **Document Routing**

In ELMA BPM, you can create document routes for better document management. The routes are assigned to specific document types and are modeled in ELMA Designer with document management activities.

The benefits of using document routes are clear:

- documents move from one user to another as programmed;
- you can always check, where exactly in the route the document is;
- many document lifecycle stages can be automated, such as status update, approval and so on.



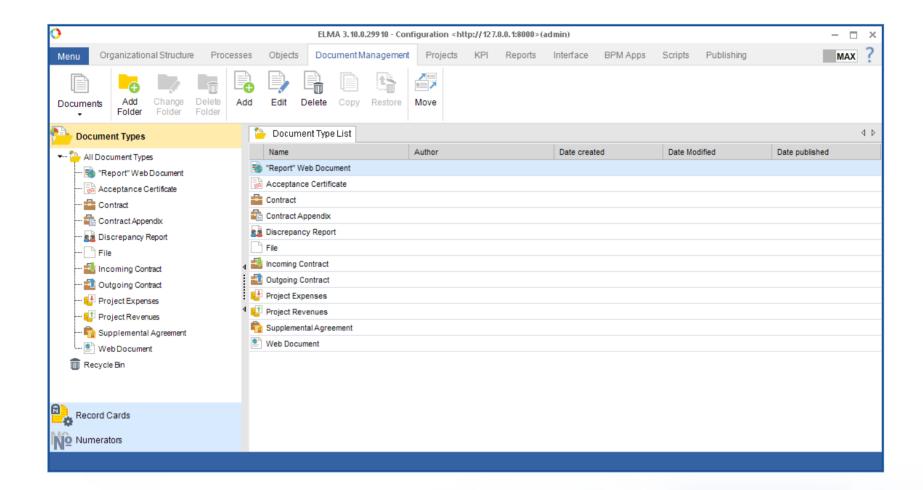




## **Configuring Document Types**

When configuring a document structure, it is important to define and set up your document types. For each document type, you can create an attribute model, a template, personalized view and edit forms, and a set of business processes for routing documents of this type.

This way you can define how the documents of a certain type are created, stored, registered, routed, accessed and deleted.



## **Document Templates**

When you are dealing with a lot of similar documents, it is best to use document templates. With document templates you save time and avoid mistakes that appear when the data is entered manually. ELMA BPM allows you to automatically create documents from templates.

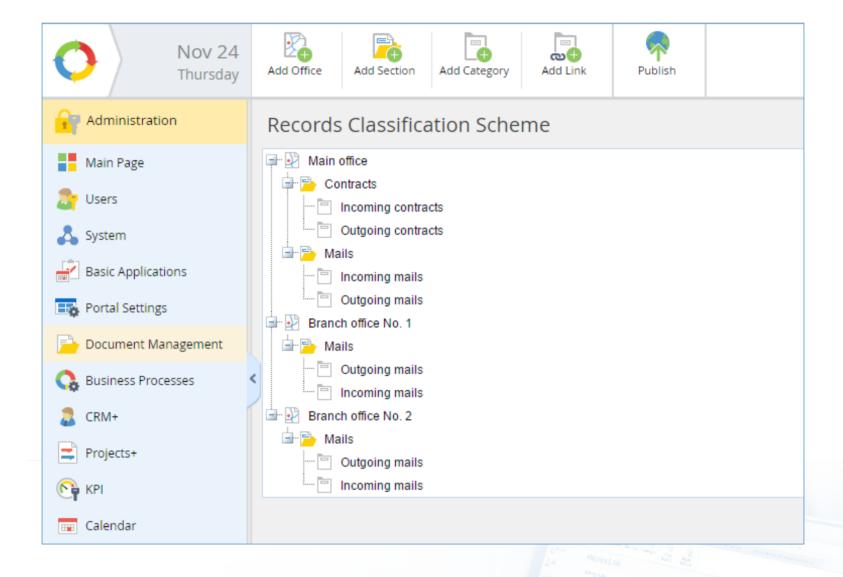
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## **Records Classification Scheme**

Configuration of the Records Classification Scheme includes creating registration offices, sections, categories and document types with document flows specific to your organization. Each category belongs to a certain registration office. Having different registration offices allows for a more convenient access to documents.

If your documents are arranged in a Records Classification Scheme, they are all assigned with specific numbers, which makes search very fast and easy.

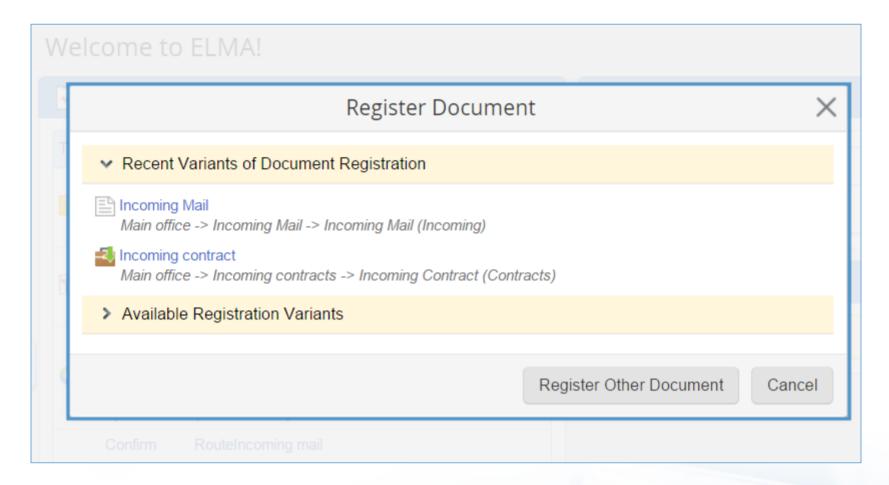


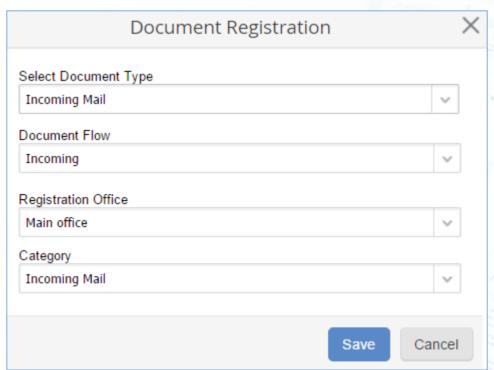


## **Registration and Handling of Documents**

With records managements you can organize how the documents are registered, stored and searched for. You can control how document-related tasks are executed and review any decisions made.

In ELMA, documents are registered on the main page in just one click. When a document is registered, ELMA creates a record card and assigns a registration number to the document. The number is generated automatically according to the registration office and category. A registered document becomes official to your company's document management system.

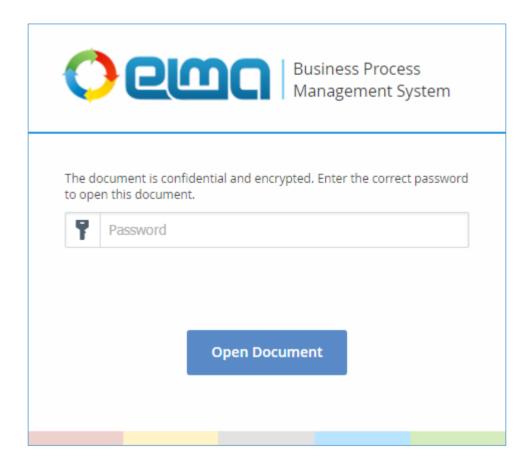


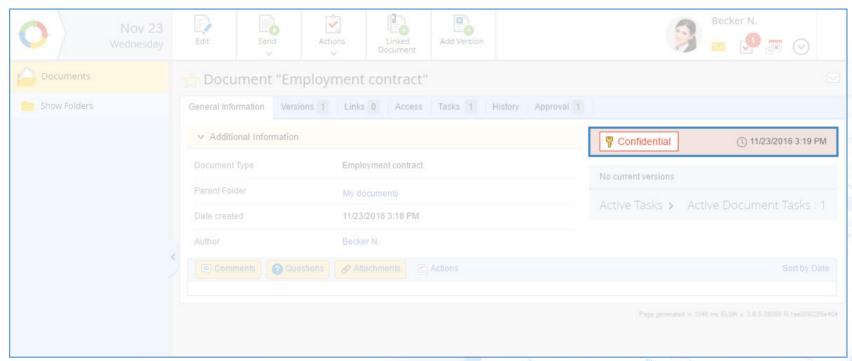




## **Document Encryption**

In ELMA, you can encrypt a document using a password if you want to limit access to the document and guarantee information security. Once a document is encrypted, no one can view or edit it if they do not enter the password.



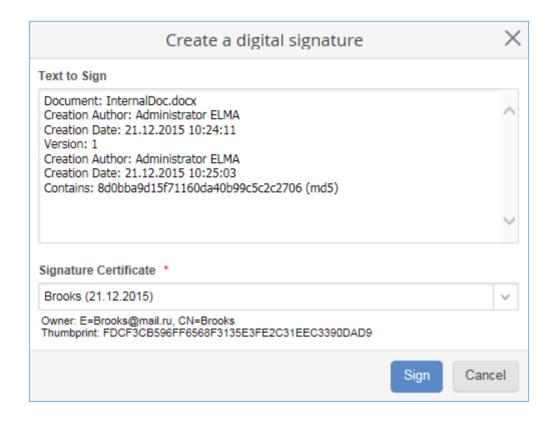


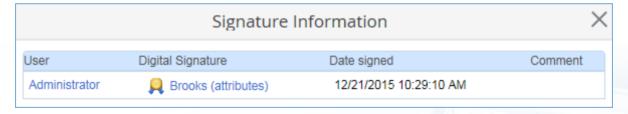


## **Digital Signature**

For better protection of electronic documents, ELMA ECM+ features a digitial signature.

A digital signature authenticates the signer of the document, and is used instead of a handwritten signature in cases recognized by law.





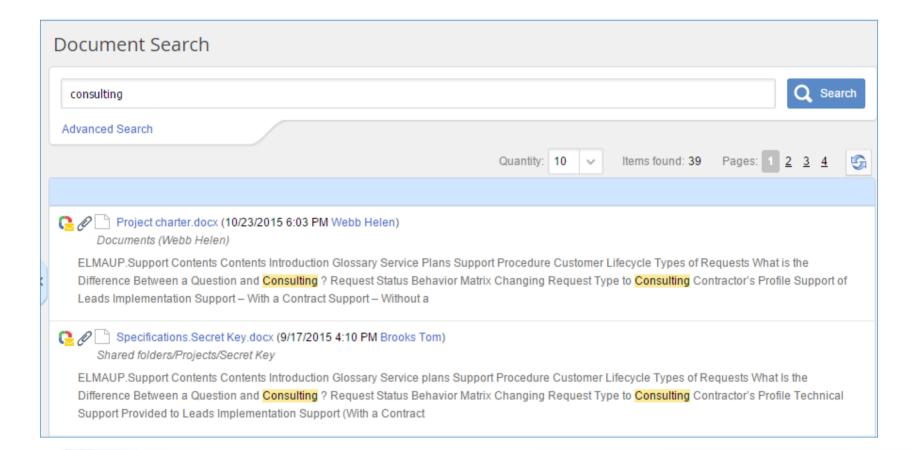


#### **Full Text Search**

ELMA BPM features search by attributes and full text search of uploaded documents.

Full text search is performed not only by the document title but also by document attributes and contents. Also, it takes into account the morphology of the input word, meaning that you can search in ELMA like you would search in Google.

Full text search is provided by indexation providers: Lucene.Net or ElasticSearch.

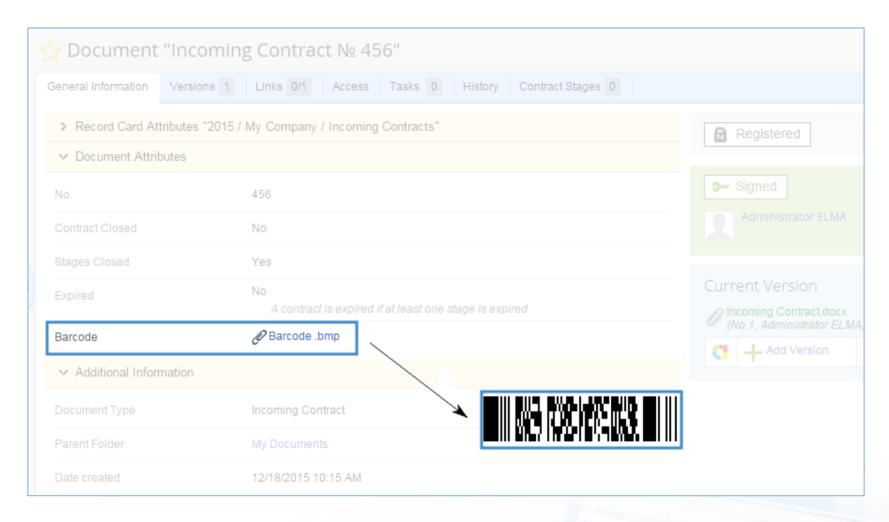




### **Barcodes for Documents**

Bar-coding is a fast way to identify documents. It allows you to perform quick search of documents in ELMA, and automatically print out a barcode when registering a document.

It is very convenient to use barcodes for document generation. When a document is generated from a template, ELMA can automatically add a barcode to a certain page of the document.







#### Contract № 84



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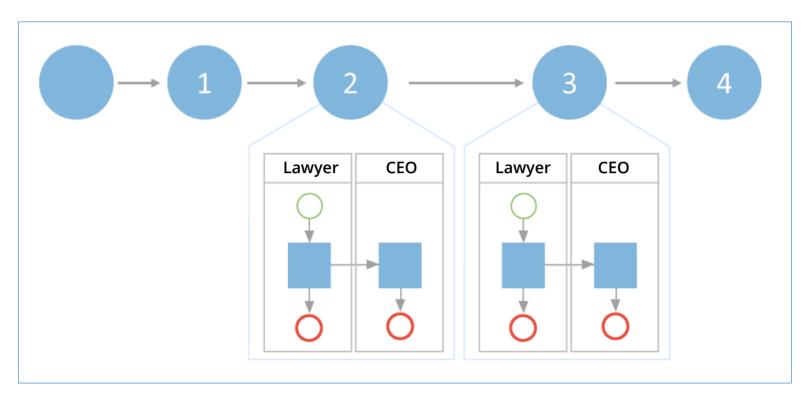
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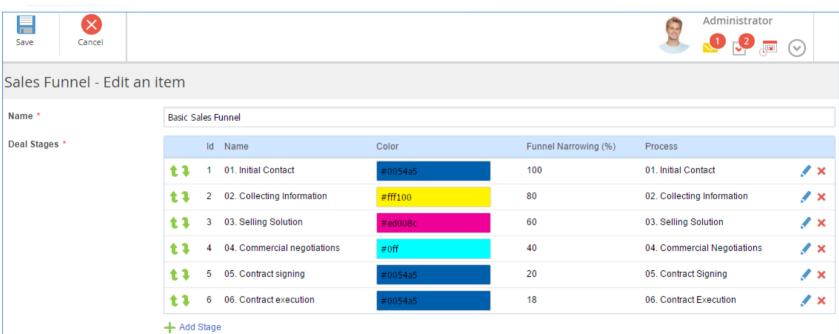


### **CAPABILITIES OF ELMA CRM+**

#### **Active Sales Funnel**

An active sales funnel enables you to use business processes when changing the stages of your deals and to automate routine tasks of sales reps. With an active sales funnel, you always know which stage the deal is at, and you can make sure that all the required information has been added to ELMA before the stage was updated. For example, when a deal progresses to the "Contract Signing" stage, the sales rep must upload the contract to ELMA, only then can the stage be updated.







# **Analysis of Sales Dynamics**

With a reliable sales funnel, you can analyze the dynamics of your deals. Bad dynamics mean that the result will turn out worse than expected. The Deal Dynamics report visually represents the period under review. The green area contains the deals that have progressed. The red area contains the regressed deals or those that have been closed as unsuccessful. You can draw the report both for the whole company of for selected groups of sales representatives.

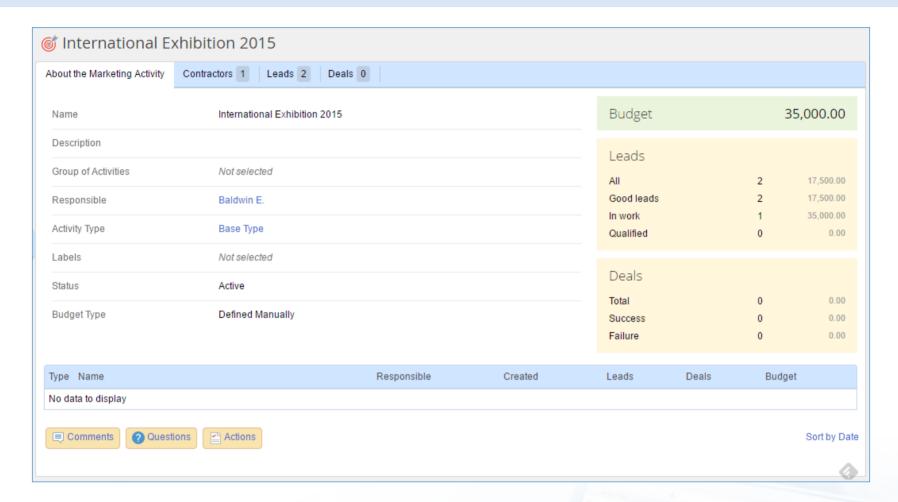
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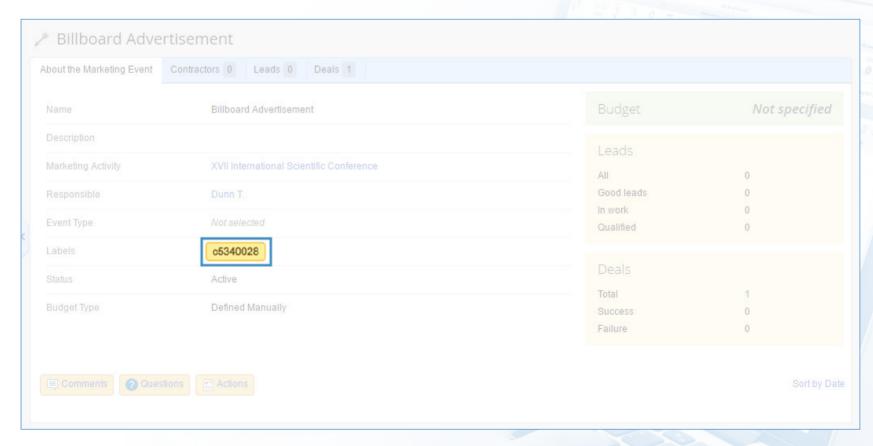


## **Marketing Activities**

The marketing department works on attracting leads. For that, a series of marketing activities is used. These activities are meant to promote the company or its products on the market. To measure the effectiveness of an activity you need to calculate how much money it has brought to the company, but it can be very time-consuming and might require specific resources. In ELMA CRM+, you can automate the evaluation of effectiveness!

Internet advertising is also very important for product marketing. You can use UTM-parameters when measuring a Google campaign against your marketing activity. It is very simple. Add the same UTM parameters to your Google campaign and to ELMA CRM+. ELMA BPM will then recognize the campaign and will measure its effectiveness. This way, later on, you can calculate how much one lead had cost you and see which campaign had turned out to be the most effective.

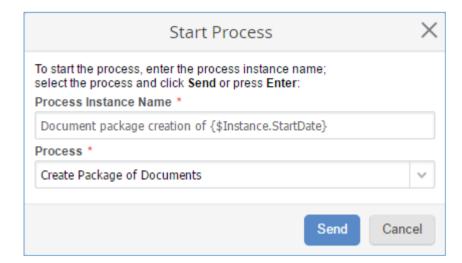


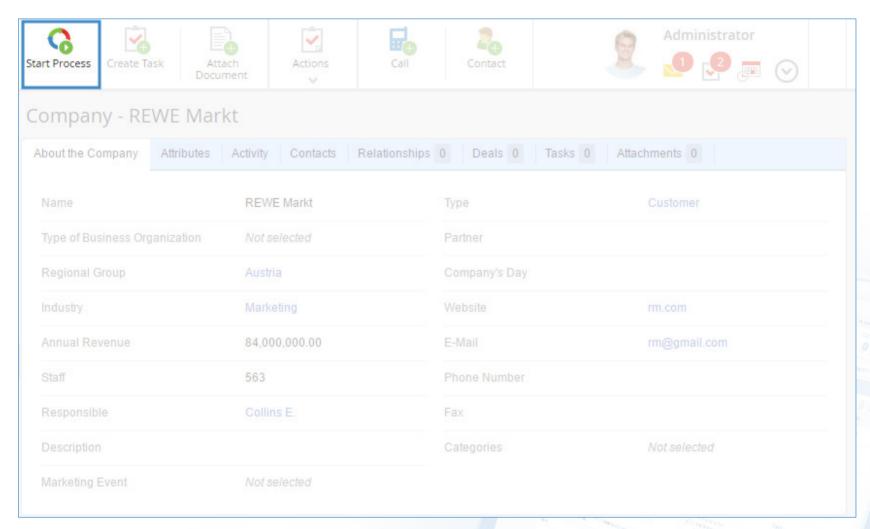




## **Creating End-to-End Business Processes**

ELMA CRM+ is based on the ELMA BPM platform, meaning that you can describe and design end-to-end sales processes. ELMA allows for starting a process from an object's page in CRM (for example, from a contractor's page). Since the process is modeled for a certain CRM object and can be started from its page, it is necessary to link the process to the CRM object when modeling it.



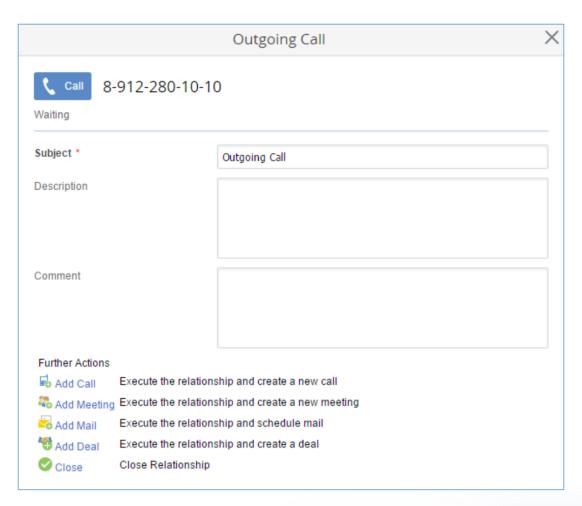


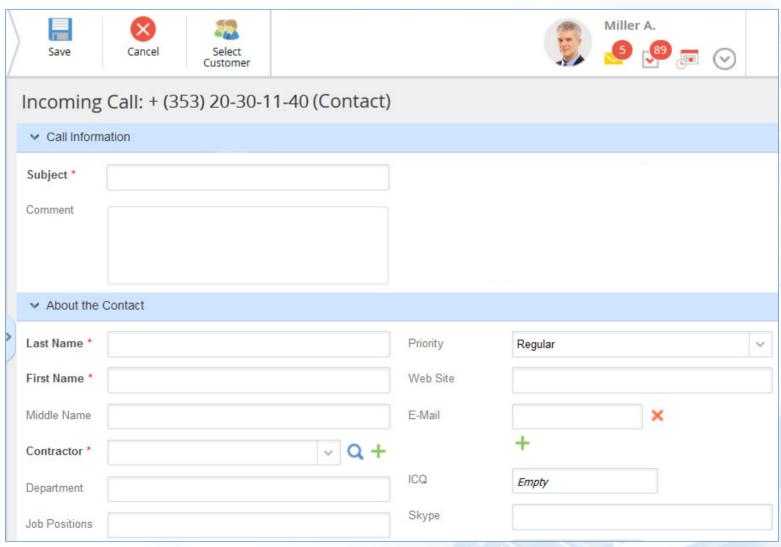


# **Integration with IP Telephony**

Integration with IP telephony means that you can use your computer to make phone calls; ELMA can display all the information about the client, as well as your relationship history with them.

ELMA CRM+ allows for integration with the Asterisk IP telephony.





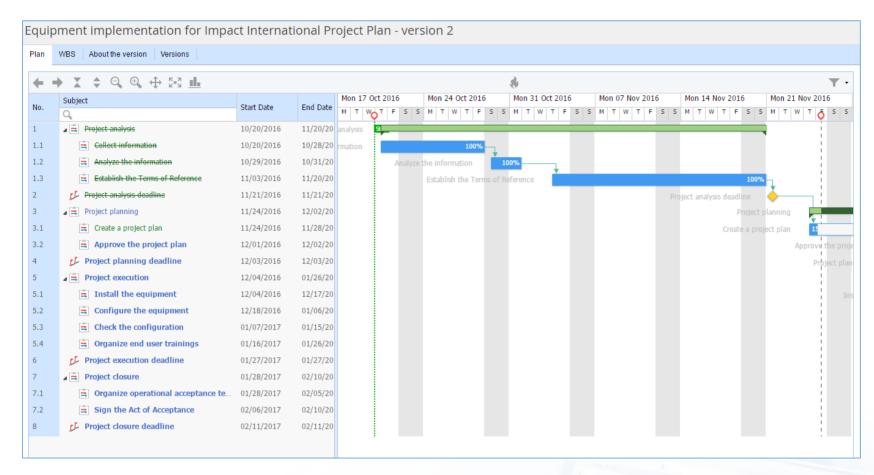


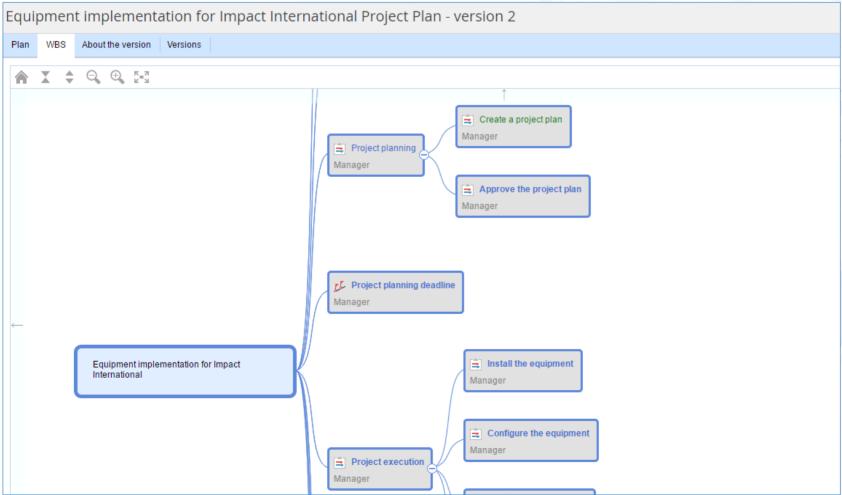
## **PROJECTS+**

### **Project Plan**

In ELMA, you can create a project plan and manage the schedule and the work scope. ELMA Projects+ is compatible with MS Project plans.

A project plan can be displayed as a Gantt chart or as a Mindmap. For some projects, the latter is much more convenient. Also, in the Mindmap mode, users can edit the project plan. This is rather useful for creating the Work Breakdown Structure or for managing internal projects, when time limits are less important than defining the structure and the work scope.



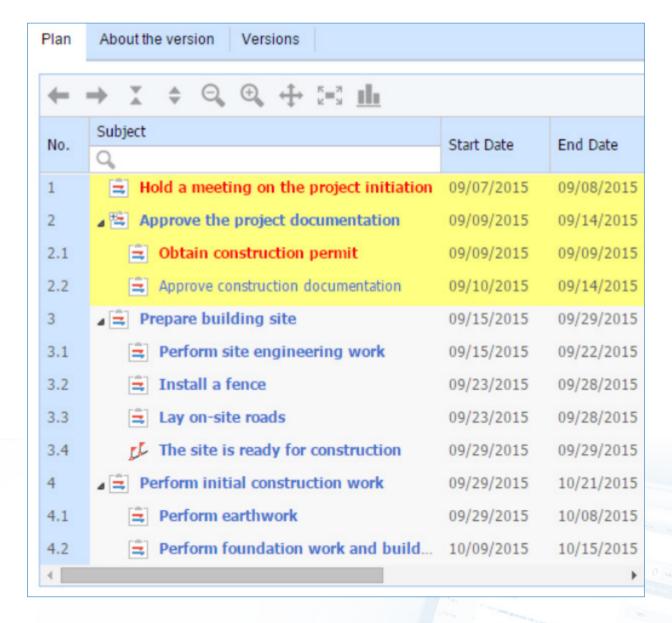


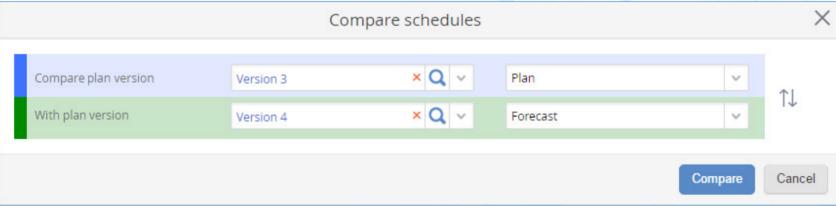
### **Project Plan Monitoring**

ELMA Projects+ assigns tasks according to the project plan. You can always see the current state of the project and check how the tasks are executed. For that, ELMA BPM features task statuses. A diagram shows which tasks are completed, overdue or in progress.

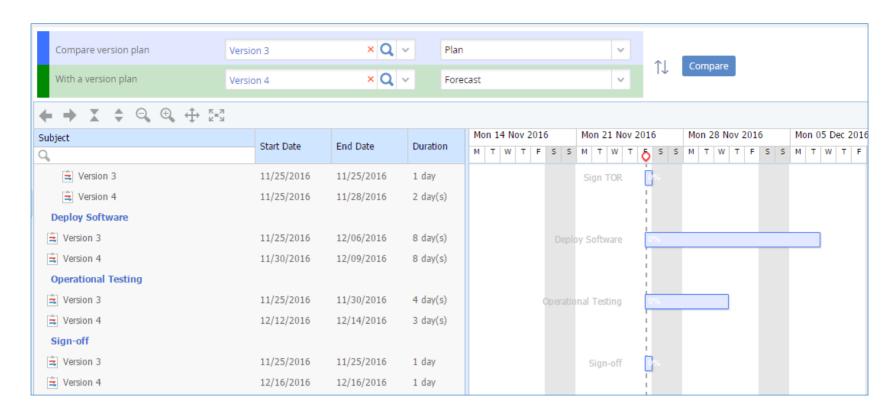
There are other useful features in ELMA Projects+. For example, you can compare two versions of a project plan and see how they are different, especially as far as the completion schedule is concerned. ELMA compares the predicted start and end dates as well as tasks executors and other standard attributes.

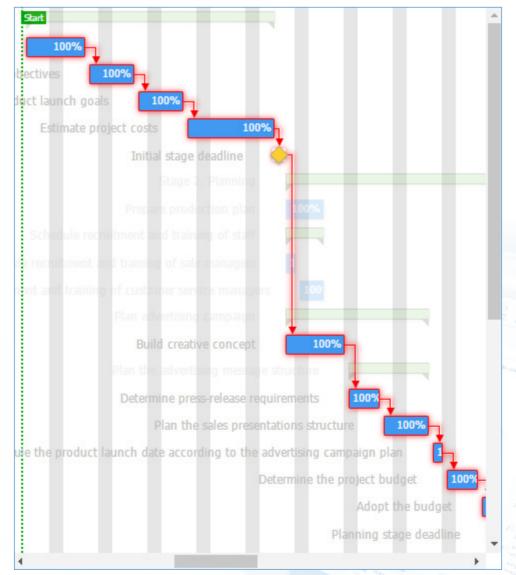
Another useful feature is seeing the critical path of your project in just one click.









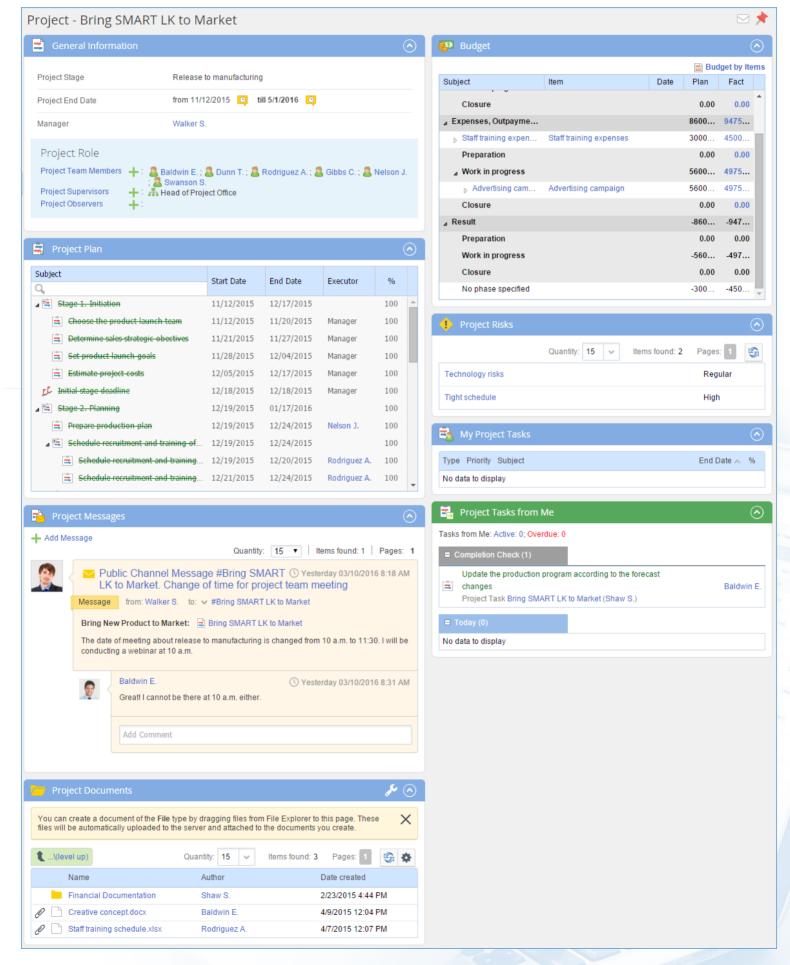


## **Shared Information Space**

For project managers, ELMA Projects+ offers a very convenient working space that contains all the features necessary for project management:

- General information about the project
- · Project plan and project tasks
- · Comments and discussions
- Project budget
- Documentation
- Project risks

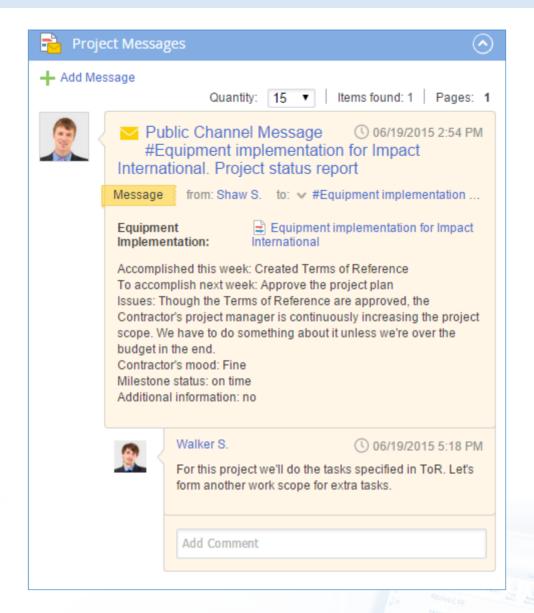
All this information is displayed on the project page in portlets, which can be laid out as you wish. If you want to see more details, just click on a portlet's name to open full information





#### Communication

In ELMA, communication is easy. We pay a lot of attention to information security and fast information exchange. Users can discuss projects and talk in messaging channels. Also, they can add documents and files to their messages. All the project-related messages are displayed in a special portlet on the project page. This way, all the communication concerning the project is held in one place.



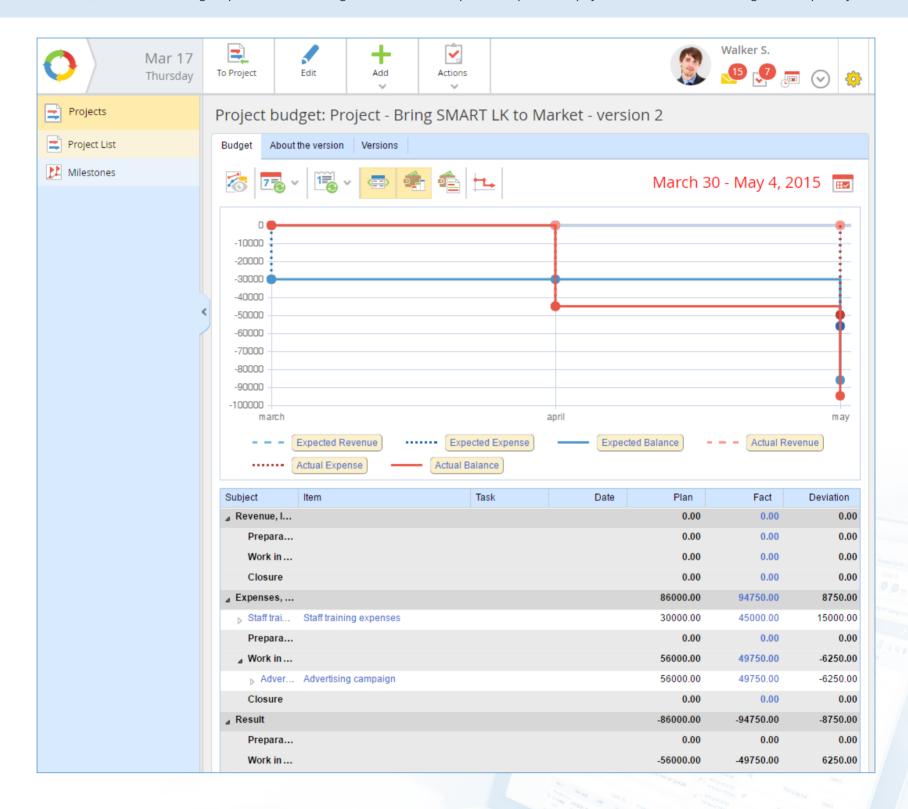
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**Project Budget Control** 

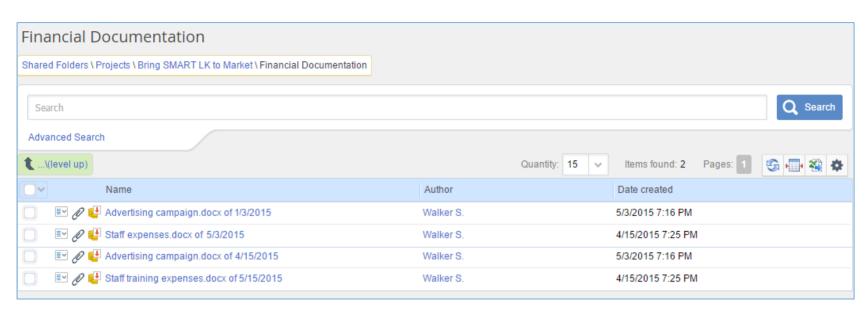
In ELMA Projects+, you can manage the project budget and account all the payments and revenues. For each project, you can create a set of items, enter estimated revenues and expenses, and calculate actual revenues and expenses according to actual documents.

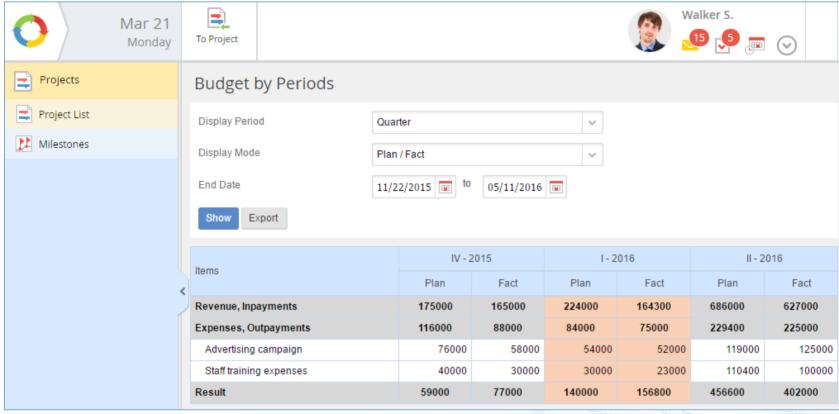
Actual expenses and revenues are documented in ELMA and can be sent for approval, acquaintance, or routed according to the workflow. This makes the project budget very transparent; you can always check the account activity and see who is responsible for this or that item.

In addition, users can create budget reports to check the budget items over a certain period. A report can display estimated and actual values together or separately.







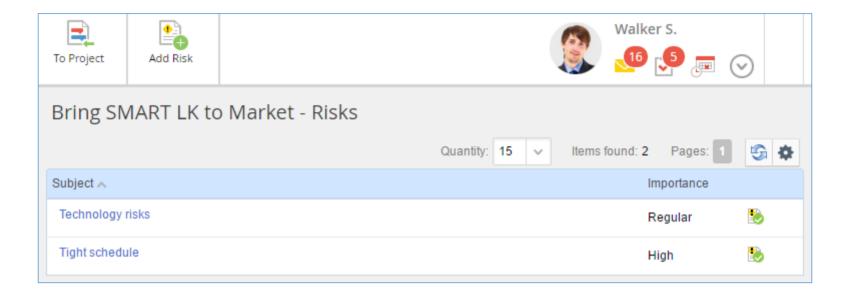




## **Risk Management**

When managing a project, it is extremely important to foresee all the possible problems and issues that could influence the outcome. In ELMA Project+, we incorporated a risk management feature specifically for that purpose.

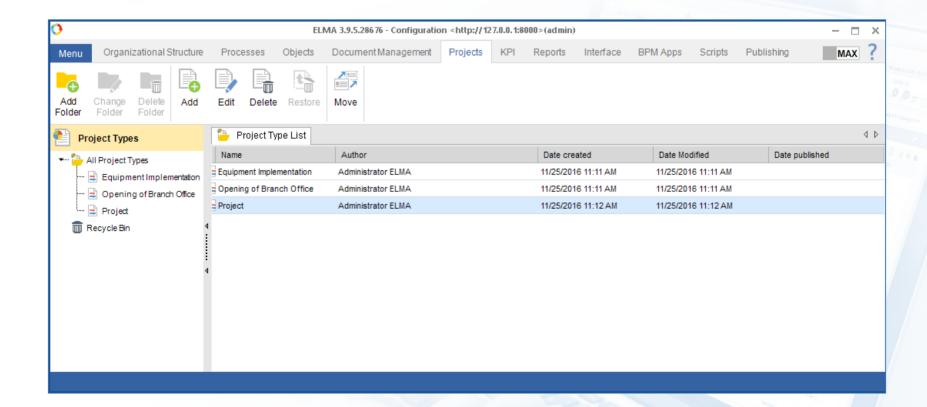
Project risks are listed on the project page so that they are always visible to the manager. When created, each risk is rated in order to specify its importance and



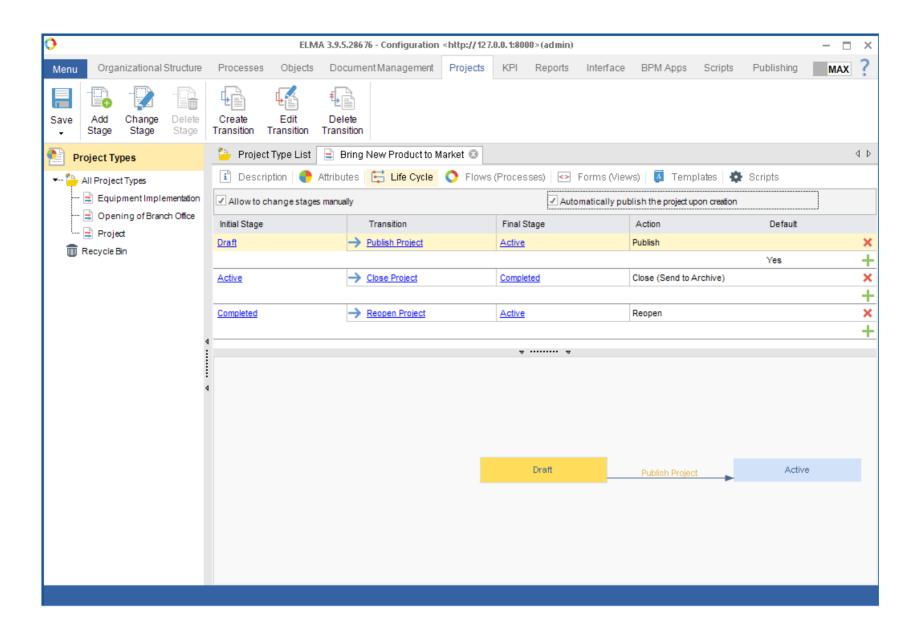
### **Modeling Project Types**

Project conveyor is a special approach for quick delivery of standard projects by means of optimizing the most common procedures. Modeling project types is an integral part of setting up the project conveyor. First, you need to define the most common project types in your organization. Then, for each type, you specify a lifecycle, regulations, stages, typical risks, and model the object display forms.

This technology ensures that the repeated stages of standard projects are executed with precision, thus allowing for higher performance and lower expenses.

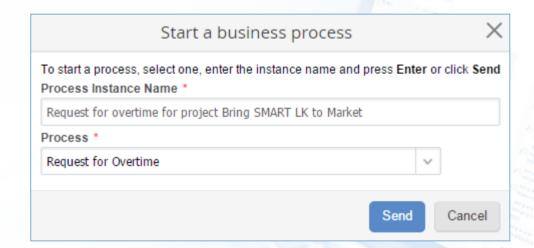




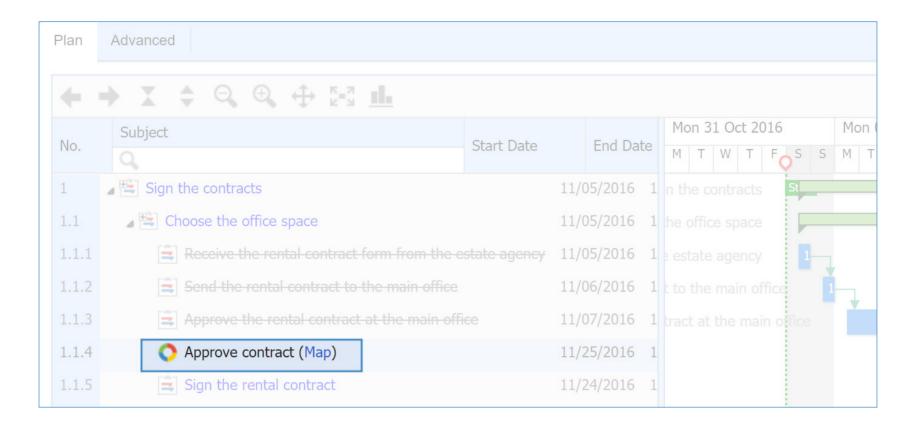


## Starting a Process from a Project Page

In ELMA Projects+, the standard process procedures are executed as business processes. The processes are started when needed, for example, when you have to buy additional materials or request additional hours. You can start these processes directly from the project page. Also, they can be started when a project stage is updated, or when a corresponding task is assigned.







### **Limited Access to Business Information**

ELMA Projects+ has flexible access permissions settings for information resources. You can give access to the general project information, documents and project budget only to those employees who need this information for their work.

