# **How Customers Are Responding to the Planned End of ECC6 Mainstream Maintenance Deadline**

Our survey of 148 North American professionals shows that enterprises plan to run their current SAP applications to at least 2025 or beyond

SAP's Agenda 📙

versus

#### Customer Focus

2027

End-of-mainstream maintenance for core ECC6 applications

S/4HANA

Migration to an an early-stage product

Cloud

Higher long-term operating costs1



Run proven core SAP applications



Continue to evaluate S/4HANA

**Top 3 Mission-Critical Priorities** 

**Business** 

Productivity



Question the value of SAP support

# **5 Survey Takeaways**

Respondents cite cost optimization, improving business productivity and investing in

digital transformation initiatives as their top priorities. Nearly 80% of SAP licensees

surveyed plan to continue to run their customized, mature SAP systems at least or beyond SAP's planned 2025 end of ECC6 mainstream maintenance date.

A majority of respondents running

53%

We plan to run our current SAP applications at least until 2025, while exploring alternatives

26%

22%

We plan to continue running our current SAP applications beyond 2025

We have begun or are in the process of migrating to another application

Digital Transformation

How will SAP's planned 2025 end-of-support date for **Business Suite 7 impact your** application strategy?

ECC6 are not running the latest Enhancement Pack 8 release.

Optimization

of respondents are not running the latest Enhancement **3** years

since Enhancement

4000

estimated SAP headcount reduction in March 2019, mostly in core, internally deployed businesses

67% of respondents either have no plans to migrate or are undecided about moving to S/4HANA.

Are vou planning to move to SAP S/4HANA in the next 18 months?

No plans to migrate 35% 32% Undecided Already migrated or in the 22% Yes, planning to migrate process 11% of migrating

average cost to migrate to S/4HANA<sup>3</sup> **Top 3 Reasons** for not moving to S/4HANA:

- Lack of resources
- No business iustification
- Maximize current applications

What are your biggest challenges with SAP support today?

Only a 5% of respondents said they felt the fees they paid for SAP support were "well worth the value we receive" in return.

20% Lack of support for customizations **19%** Issues take too long to resolve 15%

Lack of expertise or adequate wledge to

15% No new innovations or

enough functional enhancements for what we are paying

12% We are frequently

directed to apply a support package to obtain a specific fix

10% Lack of responsiveness and ownership

Almost always escalating to a senior engineer

10%

# Which Path Will You Choose?

#### STAY

- · Continue with SAP's roadmap.
- Invest in costly upgrades and migrations.
- · Receive limited ROI.

### TAKE CONTROL

- Transform IT to support business goals.
- · Leverage SAP's software on your terms.
- · Drive growth and competitive advantage.

### On Feb. 4, 2020, SAP had announced mainstream support for SAP Business Suite 7 until 2027.

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