## Building cost allocation models for shared service centers

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## Profitability Analytics

The point where Revenue Management, Investment Management and Managerial Costing intersect


How much does it cost to grant a loan?

## Shared service centers cost modelling

Small techniques, big impacts

The basic concept: ABC

## Costs

## Resources

Activities

Products / Services

Important terms in relation to cost price modelling





## CALCULATE THE COST ALLOCATIONS, USING THE FOLLOWING INFO

|  | Driver: \# IT requests |
| :---: | :--- |
| IT |  |
| $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0 0}$ | 300 FTE |
|  | 500 Invoices |
|  | 200 IT requests |


|  | Driver: \# Invoices |
| :---: | :--- |
| FINANCE | 100 FTE |
| $\$ 2000$ | 500 Invoices |
| 300 IT requests |  |

FRONT OFFICE
1

2500 FTE<br>10k Invoices<br>600 IT requests

How to get to fully loaded cost? The support departments dilemma (1/4)

## 1. THE DIRECT ALLOCATIONS



How to get to fully loaded cost? The support departments dilemma (2/4)
$\$=$ direct flow from GL to centers | DA = Direct attributable, driver based

## 2. THE RECIPROCAL (LOOP) ALLOCATIONS



How to get to fully loaded cost? The support departments dilemma (3/4)

## 3. THE MULTI-STEP ALLOCATIONS



## 4. THE WATERFALL ALLOCATIONS



How much does it cost to produce a gallon of petrol?

A real-life example

Case: A European bank is centralizing IT hubs

TRADITIONAL SITUATION:
All entities are serviced by their own IT departments


Case: A European bank is centralizing IT hubs

TRANSFORMATION FROM
TO IT (SERVICE) HUBS HAS
HUGE BENEFITS:
Use latest technology
Uniform use of technology
Economies of scale
Attract talent


## Issue of double VAT in the European financial sector explained



## WHERE DO WE SEE BIG NEGATIVE IMPACT?



Financial Services Industry


In Europe


With x border service centers

## WHAT IS THE IMPACT?

- In the example: $+\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ expenses
- On a EUR 50m flow: + EUR 10m
- Impact calculations should be lowered with \% non-VAT bearing costs like wages


## CAN THE DOUBLE VAT BE MITIGATED?

- Yes, it is not the intention of the legislator to create a situation of double taxation
- Therefore, multiple European countries have a 'reverse charge procedure' (in Dutch: 'verleggingsregeling')
- The essence of the procedure is that if a Financial Services company can prove that the expenses it is incurring are for (IT) services to be charged to other countries, the initial VAT on these expenses can be recovered. This way, the VAT is only paid in the countries where these services are utilized


How much does it cost to maintain an oil rig?

## Thank you!

How much does it cost to maintain an oil rig?

## Appendix: Calculation examples



## The direct allocations $1 / 4$



## The direct allocations 2/4



## The direct allocations 3/4



## The direct allocations 4/4

Driver: \# IT requests

- 650 from Front offices
- 1000 from Support

Total: 1650 IT requests

## Driver:\# Invoices

- 13k from Front offices
- 2k from Support

Total: 15k Invoices

## Driver: \# FTE

HR

- 6500 from Front offices
\$3000 • 600 from Support
Total: 7100 FTE

| FRONT <br> OFFICE 1 | 2500 FTE <br> $10 k$ Invoices <br> 600 IT requests | FRONT <br> OFFICE 2 | 4000 FTE <br> $3 k$ Invoices <br> 50 IT requests |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| \$923 (IT) |  | $\$ 77$ (IT) |  |
| \$1538 <br> (Finance) | Total: \$3615 | \$462 <br> (Finance) | Total: \$2385 |
| \$1154 <br> (HR) |  | \$1846 <br> (HR) |  |



The step-down allocations 1/11


Set up layers in a way that allows Layer 1 to allocate to layer 2 (support to support) Then layer 2 to layer 3 (support redistributed to front office)

The step-down allocations 2/11


Allocate each support to other support including itself

The step-down allocations 3/11


Allocate each support to other support including itself

The step-down allocations 4/11


Allocate each support to other support including itself

The step-down allocations 5/11

| Layer 1 | IT <br> $\$ 1000$ | FINANCE <br> $\$ 2000$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

FRONT OFFICE 1
FRONT OFFICE 2

Result is Layer 1 = Layer 2 but the support split is different. e.g. IT in the GL was 1000 after absorbing other support it is 2200

The step-down allocations 6/11


Allocate the layer 2 (redistributed support) to the Front office as per usual practice.

The step-down allocations 7/11


The step-down allocations 8/11


The step-down allocations 9/11



2500 FTE
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600 IT requests


The step-down allocations 10/11


The step-down allocations 11/11


