

# STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT ACCELERATION : EXPEDITE SAP ARIBA DEPLOYMENT IN PARALLEL WITH S/4HANA TRANSFORMATION — REALISING RAPID PROCUREMENT GAINS WHILE ENABLING LONG-TERM S/4HANA SUCCESS

## Strategic Objective

Accelerate procurement transformation by expediting SAP Ariba deployment in parallel with a major S/4HANA initiative. This approach enables early realization of procurement benefits while aligning with long-term ERP strategy.

## What is SAP Ariba?

SAP Ariba is a cloud-based procurement platform designed to streamline and simplify procurement operations. It plays a critical role in enabling efficient, standardized, and scalable procurement processes across organizations.

It offers:

- Intuitive, self-service tools for end users to manage day-to-day procurement tasks
- Integration with backend S/4Hana system for data synchronization and financial processing

A modular approach covering:

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### Supplier Management

- Accelerated supplier onboarding
- Self-service for suppliers
- Synchronisation with ERP

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### Sourcing and Contracts

- Guided sourcing
- Integrated contract management
- Integrated supplier

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### Procurement

- Guided buying
- Catalogues & Spot buy
- Procurement operations

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### Invoice Management

- Invoice processing
- Invoice workflow and approval
- Invoice monitoring



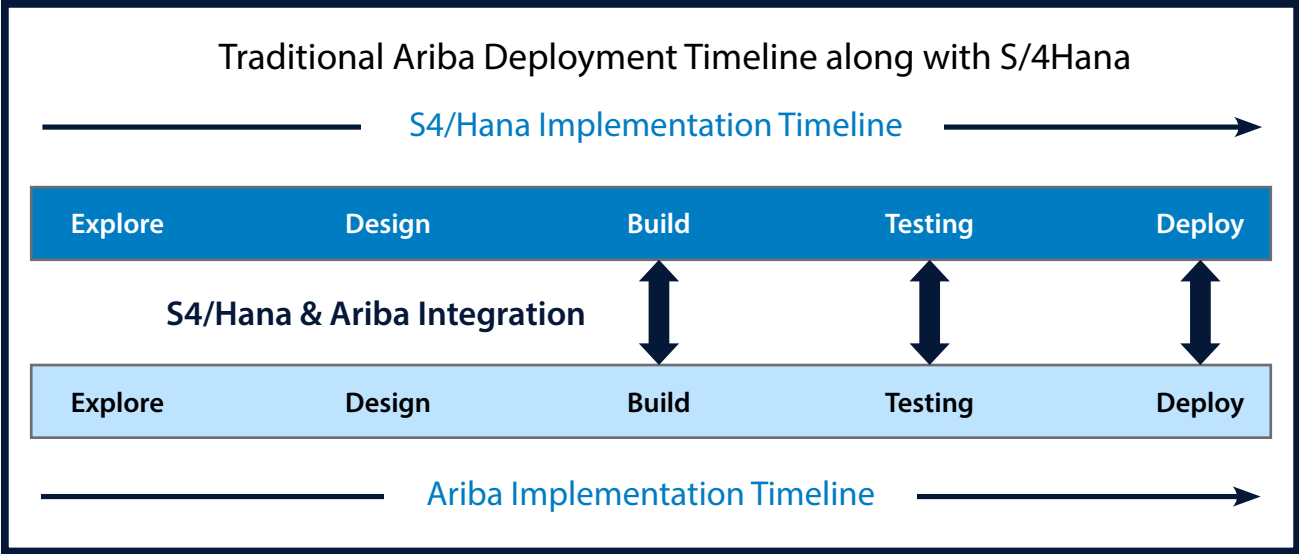


## S/4HANA and SAP Ariba Deployment Timelines

S/4HANA transformations typically span multiple years, beginning with pilot phase and followed by phased rollouts. If SAP Ariba is implemented on the same timeline, its benefits are delayed.

**SAP Ariba is a cloud-based solution with a much shorter deployment cycle.** This creates a strategic opportunity:

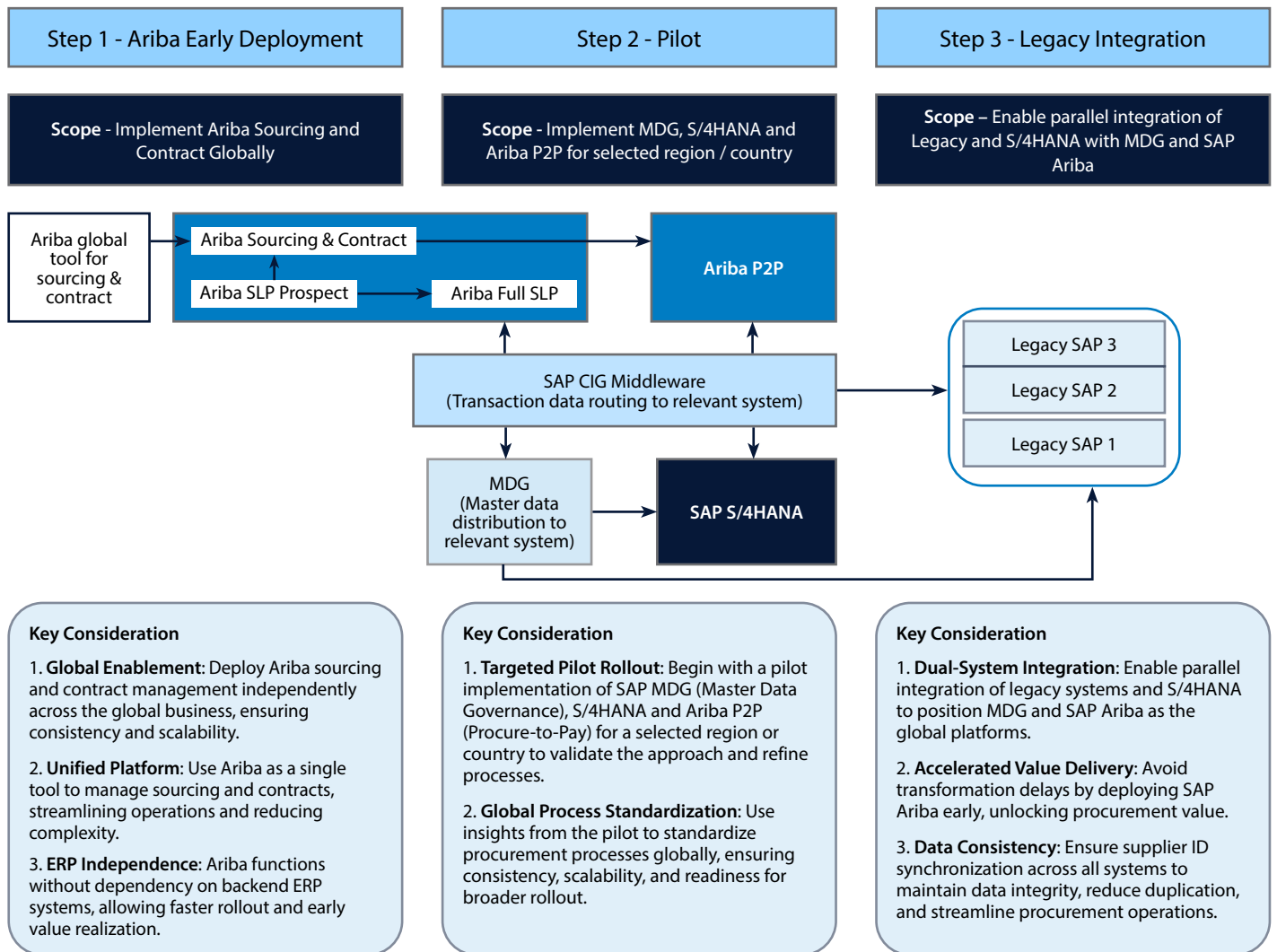
*"Deploy Ariba early to unlock procurement value now—rather than waiting years for ERP to catch up"*



Expedite an implementation of SAP Ariba alongside S/4HANA is essential to accelerate procurement modernization, unlock early value, and ensure seamless alignment with the future ERP landscape.

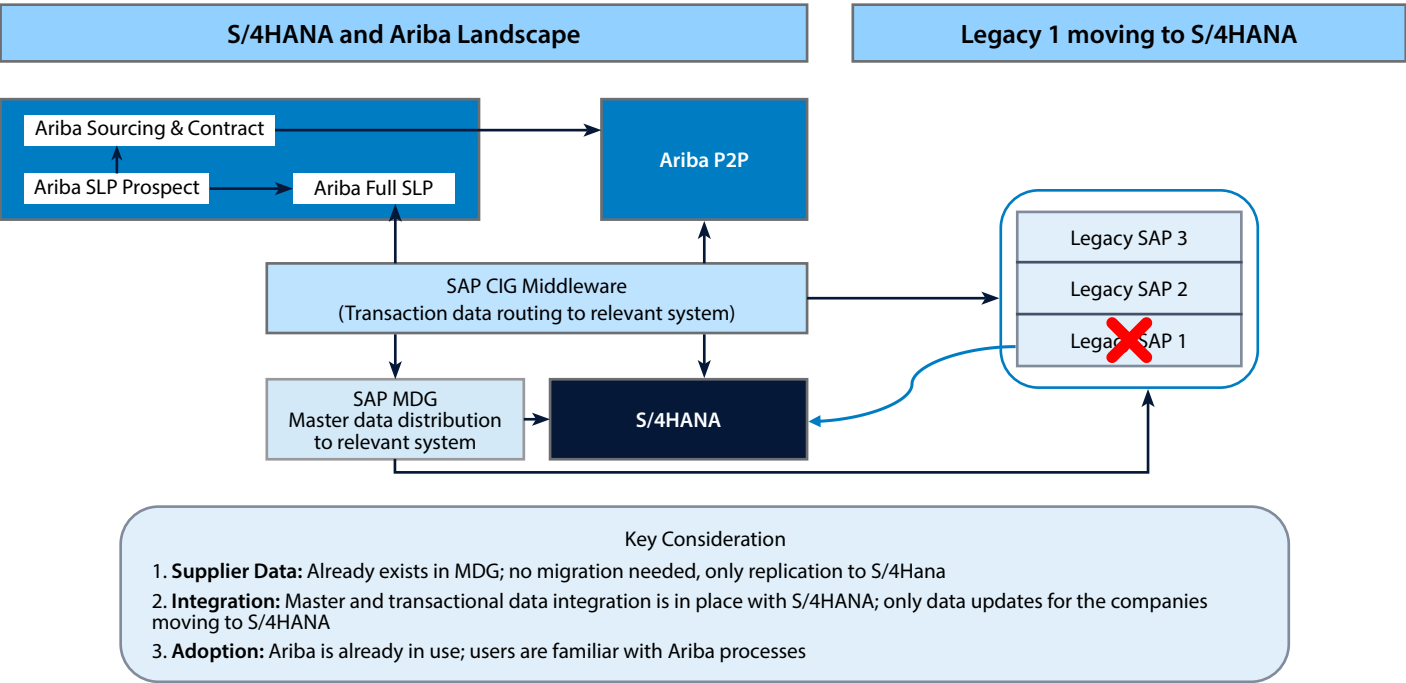


## Approach to Expedite SAP Ariba Deployment





# S/4HANA Roll Out



## Key Takeaways for Business Leaders

To stay competitive during digital transformation, organizations must adopt a dual-track approach—deploying SAP Ariba early to drive procurement value, while building toward a unified S/4HANA core.

### Deployment Strategy:



▶ The strategy involves early deployment of Ariba sourcing and contract management globally, independent of ERP systems.



▶ A pilot phase includes S/4HANA, MDG and Ariba P2P processes in selected regions / country.



▶ Parallel integration with legacy systems is established before full ERP rollout.



▶ Prioritize dual-system integration where legacy systems are SAP, significantly reducing implementation complexity and accelerating deployment timelines.

### Business Benefits



● Accelerated procurement value realization



● Standardized global procurement processes



● Reduced dependency on ERP transformation timelines



● Improved supplier engagement and user adoption



● Strategic alignment of procurement and ERP modernization.







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