

# *Control Tower Concept for* **HILTI**

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**GWmoves**

## *Management Summary*



## **Management summary**

### **Gebrüder Weiss and Hilti**

- Long-term partnership
- GW supporting key elements of the HILTI supply chain

**Three main factors:**

- ***Quality***
- ***Timeliness***
- ***Efficiency***

### **“Control Tower Concept”**

**The next slides describe:**

- Initial situation and idea
- Steps to successfully implement
- Benefits
- First positive results

*Introducing myself*

## *Introducing myself – my orange way*

- Alexander Horak
- 36 years, Austrian national
- Married, 1 daughter
- Based at Gebr. Weiss branch in AT-Maria Lanzendorf
- 18 years at GW:
  - Started in Operation
  - Customer Care Division  
(responsible for Key Accounts)
  - Logistics Solutions  
(Department Head)
  - Key Account Management  
(global Key Account Manager)



## *Hilti & GW at a Glance*

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP



- founded 1941
- family owned
- 21.000 employees
- 4,2 billion swiss francs
- more than 120 countries

well known for:



High quality products worldwide



- founded 1330
- family owned
- 5.250 employees
- 1,15 billion euros
- 162 company owned branches in 29 countries

well known for:



High quality logistics worldwide

## *Initial situation and Idea*

## ***Initial situation and idea***

**Performance on a relatively high level:**

- **98,92% delivery performance**
- **99,68% quality performance**

**„Leaning back is the first step towards standing still“**

## **„SERVICE EXCELLENCE“**

- **our aspiration**
- **fascinate our customers**
- **create added value**



## **Initial situation and Idea**

**“Lift the cooperation to the next level”**

### **Overall objective:**

- Operational & Service Excellence

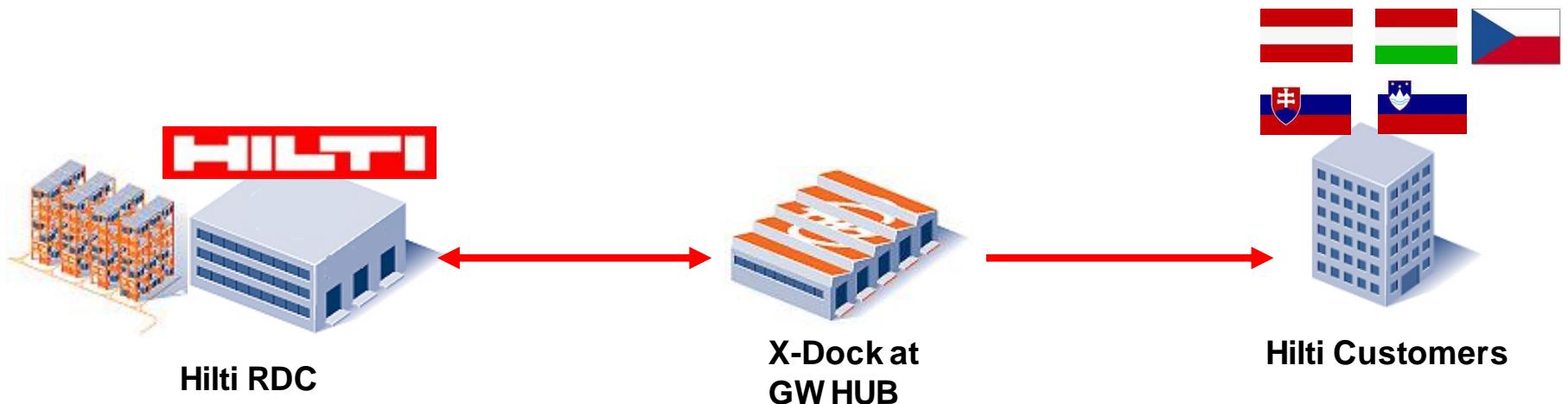
### **Hilti midterm targets:**

- Ensure most transparent and efficient cooperation
- Create reliability towards Hilti customers
- Introduce and follow lean aspects
- Actively identify new service options



## *Initial situation and Idea*

### **Physical GW solution**



# *Development*

## **Centralize data & process view**

- **centralize all activities to one single entity**
- **planning all lanes**
- **centralized claim management**

*Centralize Data & Process view*

## *Define SLA*

- *review and adjustments e.g.:*

*customer service*

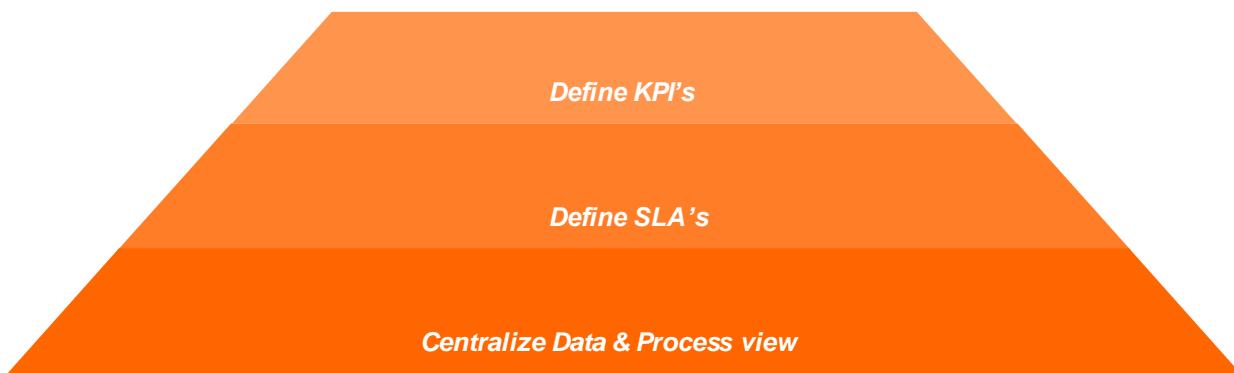
*-Reaction time and pro activity*

*Define SLA's*

*Centralize Data & Process view*

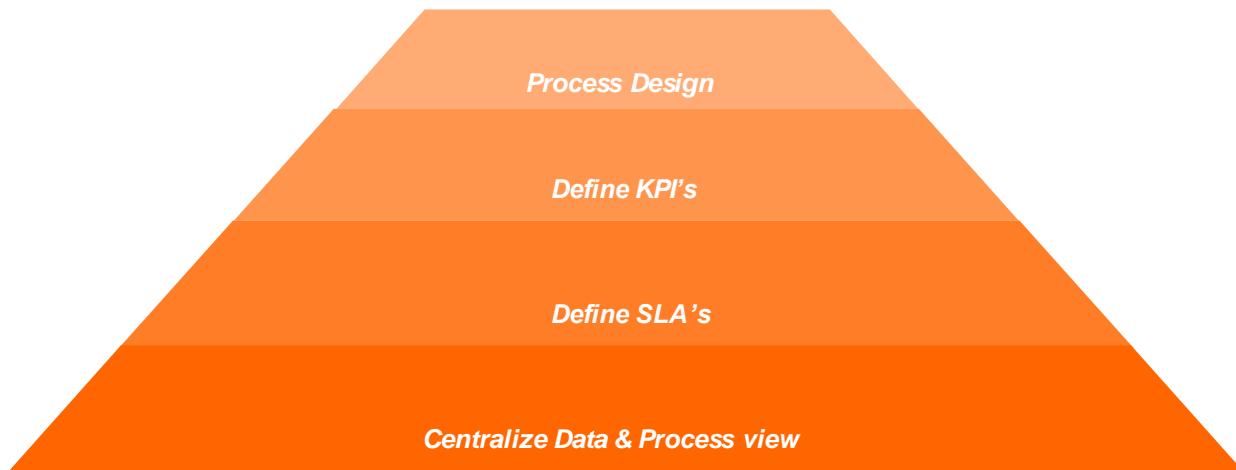
## *Define KPI's*

- *review and adjustments*
- *set limits and targets*



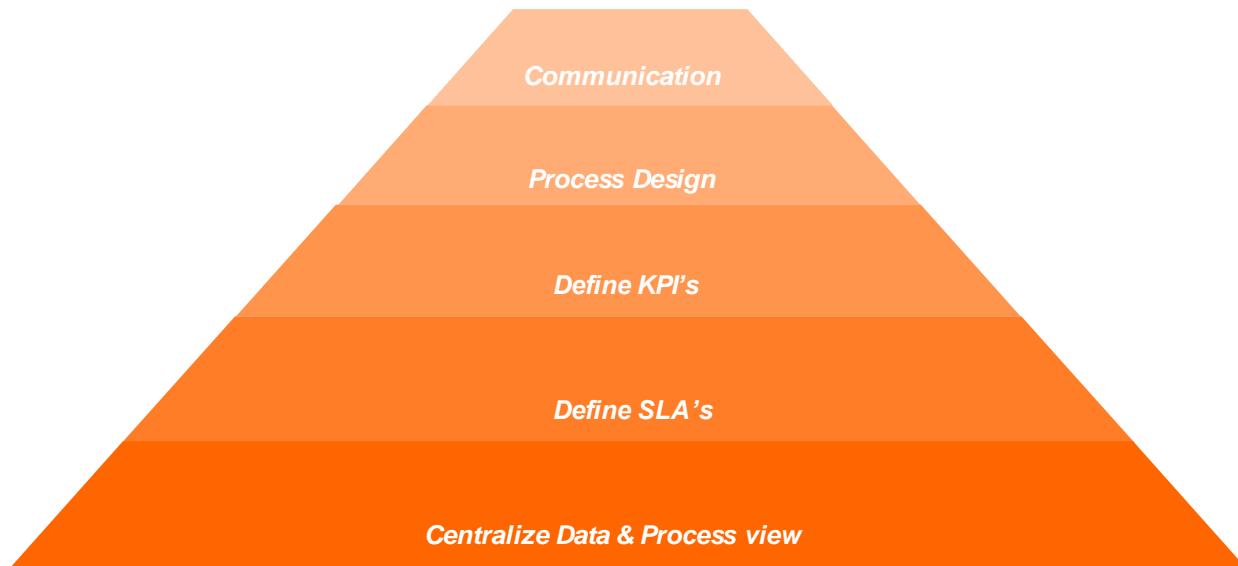
## *Process design*

- **process documentation**
- **visualization**



## **Communication**

- **structured communication**
- **discuss topics at the right time**
- **defined participants**



## Reporting

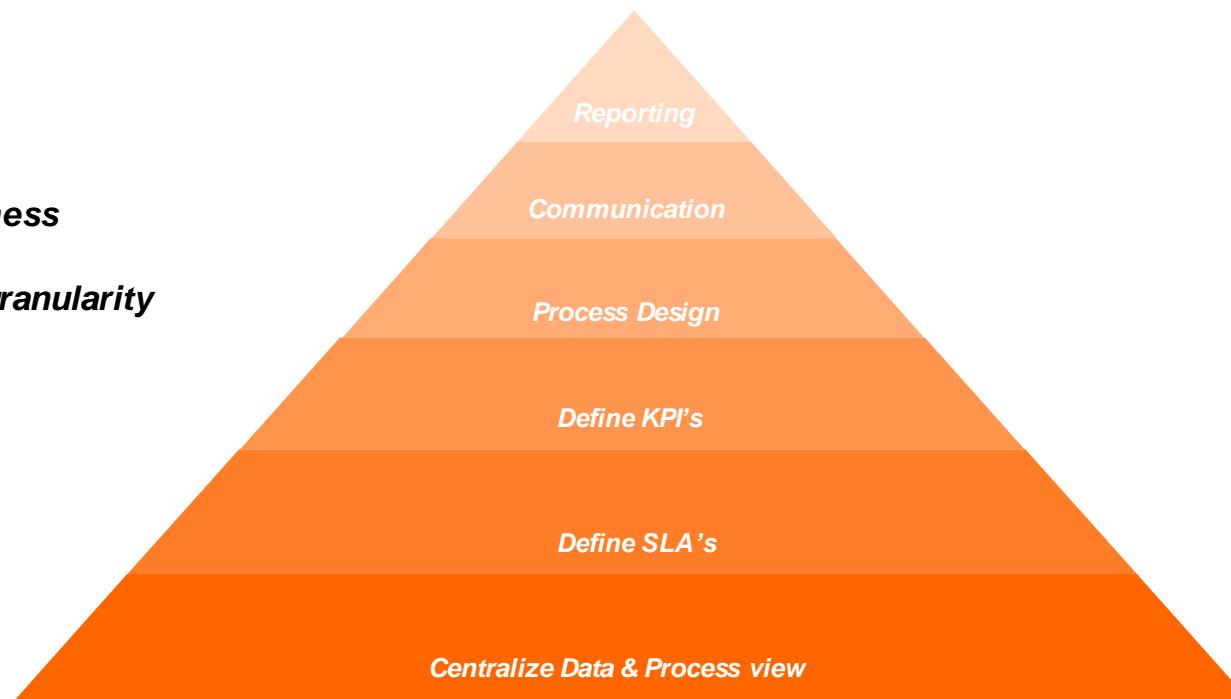
„In God we trust; all others must bring data“

W. Edwards Deming

**Excellence in - excellence out vs.  
Garbage in – garbage out**

**Mandatory:**

- **Data accuracy**
- **Data completeness**
- **required data granularity**



## Six Sigma approach

- Data presented based on SPC

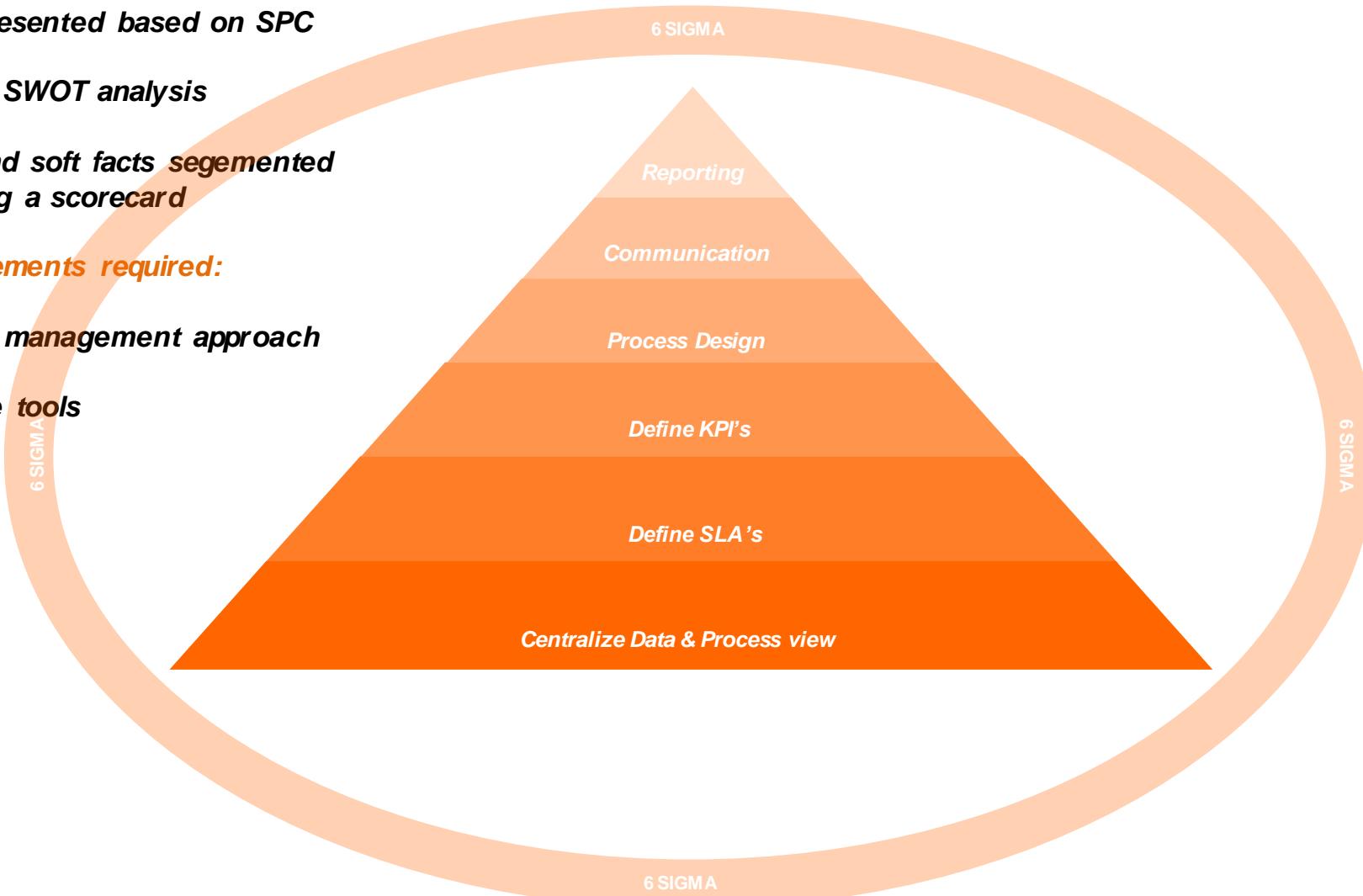
- mutual SWOT analysis

- hard and soft facts segmented by using a scorecard

### Basic elements required:

- Project management approach

- Analyze tools



## *Implementation*

# Implementation

## Communication Structure

Operational Topics

### Weekly Call

Review of control charts and detailed analysis of items rolled up from the operations

- **Control Charts:** Identify whether a process works within its capabilities or outside, focus on biggest deviations, deviation reasons, planned corrections
- **Projects:** Projects in the implementation / test phase
- **Action Tracker**

### MBR

Process performance on different levels and overview of projects and theirs implications

- **Control Charts:** Process variation and improvements
- **Scorecard:** Address red items, high / low lights
- **Projects:** Progress of implemented projects
- **Action Tracker**

### QBR

Mutual developments on tactical and strategic topics

- **SWOT Scoring**
- **Control Charts**
- **Seasonality Topics**
- **Market Update**
- **Special Topics**

Strategic Topics

## **Implementation**

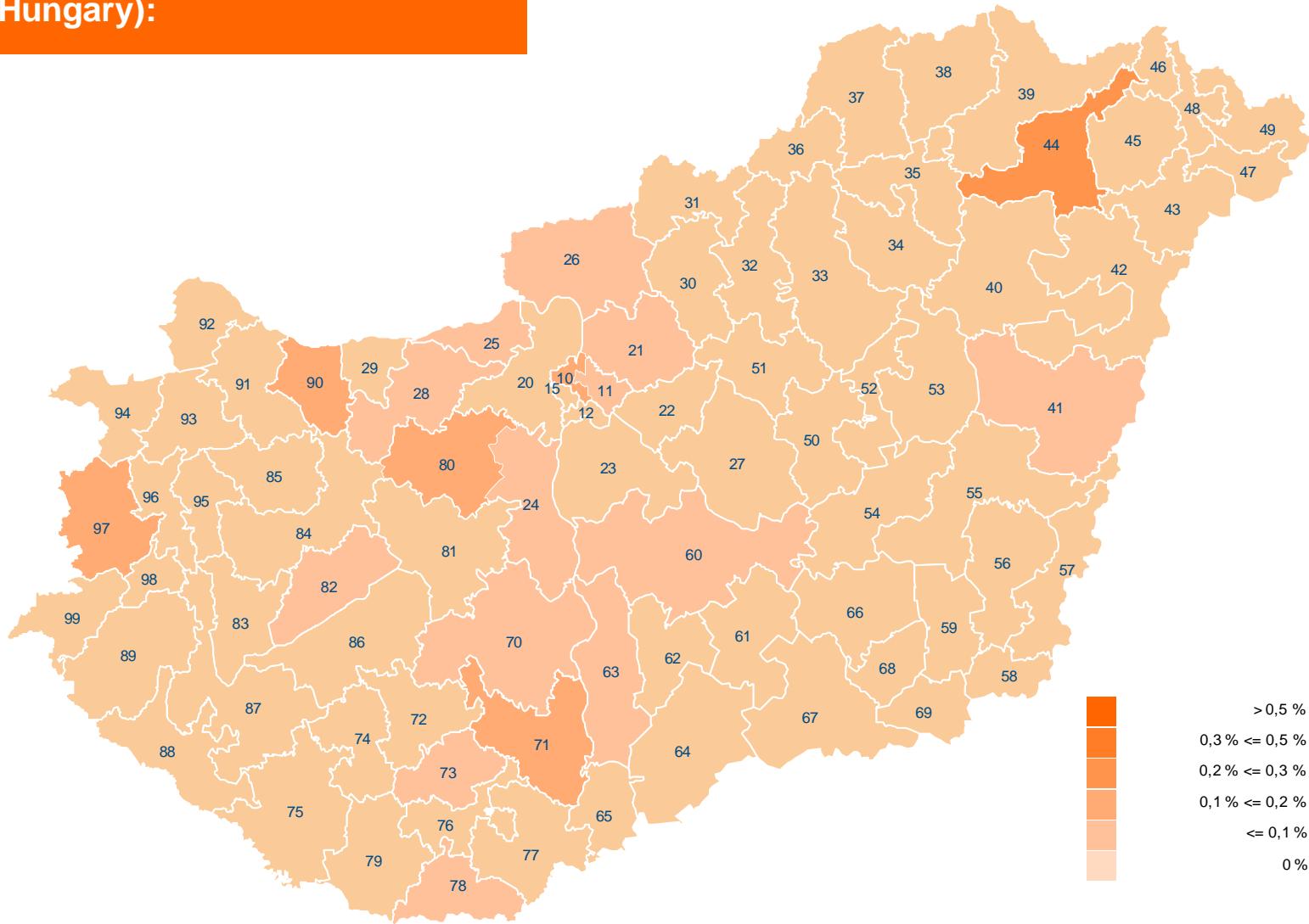
### **Internal data preparation / coordination with Hilti**

- GW internal change of data routing.
- Determine reason codes for various reasons that can occur during the process.
  - **Gross:** The overall performance including failures from Hilti or reasons not related to GW failures (e.g.: force majeure, customer refuse, not at home, etc...)
  - **Net:** The overall performance of GW including failures
- Discussing expectations, layout and main content of the reporting with Hilti



# Implementation

Visualization by using  
country maps (e.g.:  
Hungary):





# **Implementation**

## **Following the Six Sigma approach**

- Action tracker
- Open topics section:

Item #	Issue / action item description	Impacted area	Status updates / closure statements	Impact (high / medium / low)	Urgency (high / medium / low)	Entered by	Issue owner	Opened Date	Due Date	Status	Rolled up into next level action tracker
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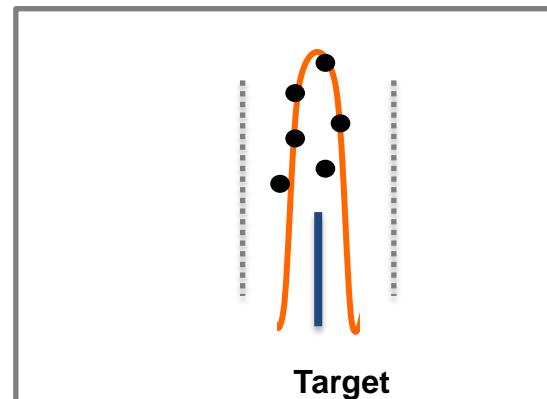
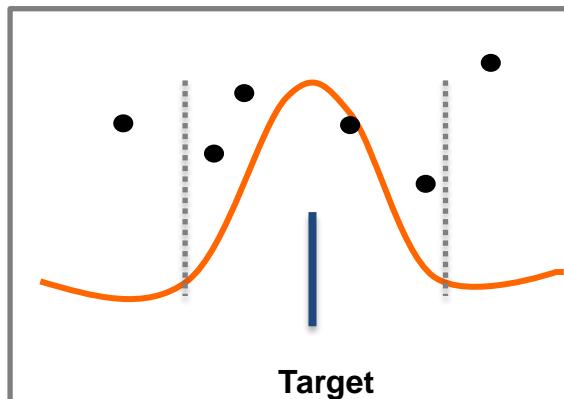
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## Statistical process control

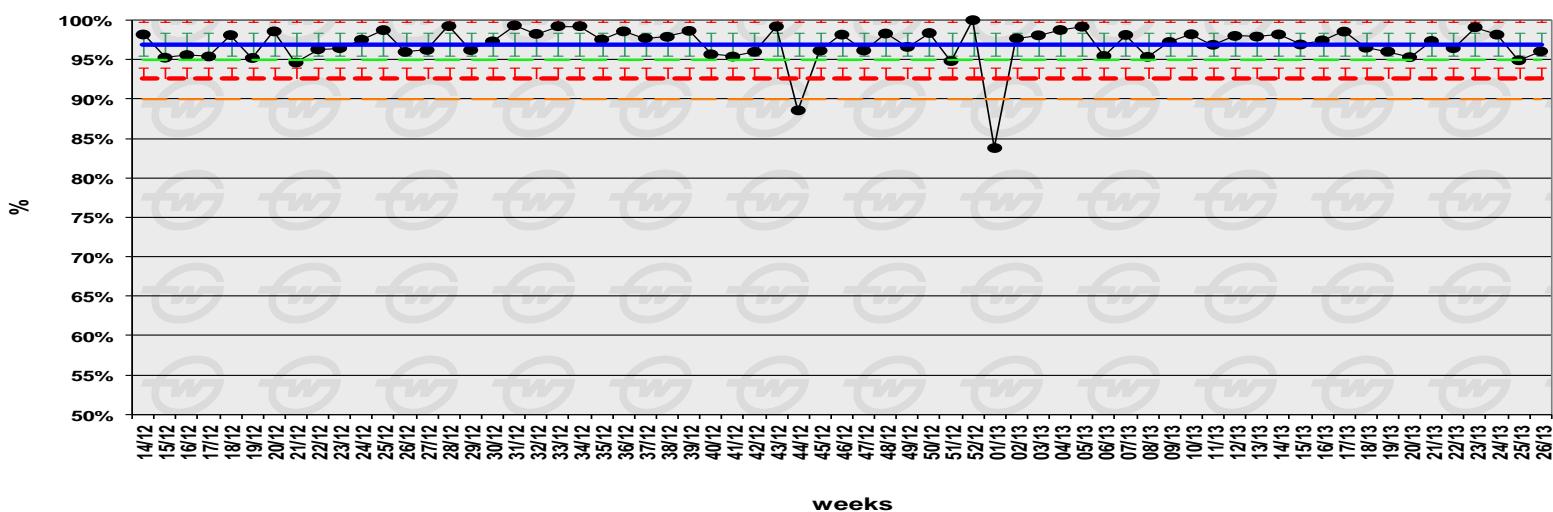
„Quality means: on target with minimum variance“

Walter Shewhart

Defects & Variations vs. Customer Need



Net OTD



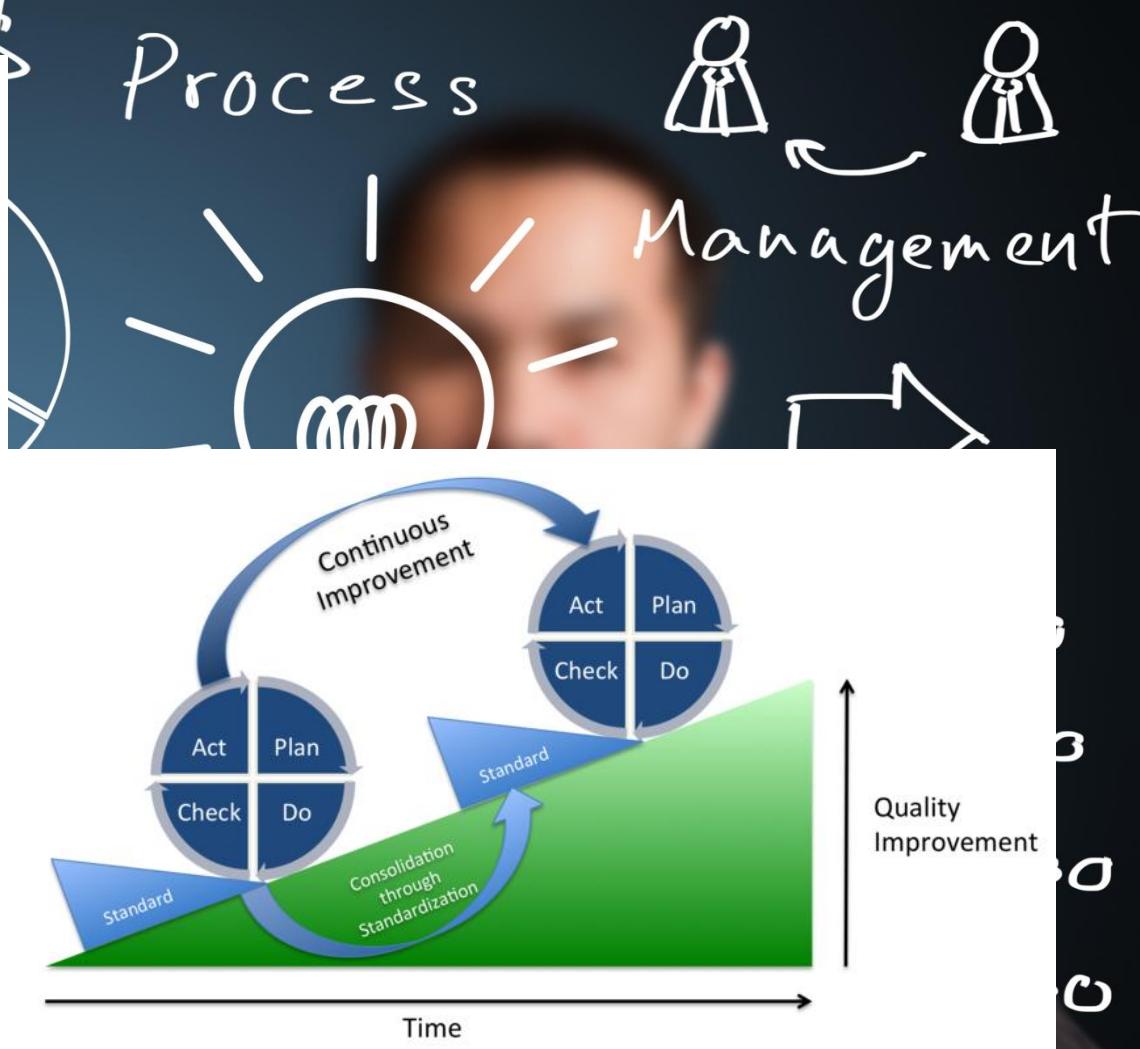
## Implementation

### Structured process improvement

- Addressing the reds
- PII approach
- Techniques
- Segment findings & actions
- Ensure sustainability

Implemented actions are:

- to the point
- to deliver the required overall results
- sustainable



Development



Solution

strategy



*Success*

# **Success**

## **The benefits of implementing a professional Control Tower**

- getting the right data to improve processes
- more transparency for the partners
- stable processes
- structured and efficient communication
- time for discussing strategic topics



# Success

## Goals achieved with the implementation

- topics closed in time +30%
- Process improvements tripled
- Identification top 3 reasons for delivery delays
- Two new services developed



When we discussed our future possible setup for Austria and surrounding countries Gebrüder Weiss came with the idea of managing our business with an **Control Tower** approach.

Nearly one year later I can confirm that we have established it like proposed by GW.

**Significant service improvements** and at the same time **less effort for all stakeholders** are **key achievements**.

So happy to hear that the concept is now also recognized by this important award!

Congratulations to Gebrüder Weiss!

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Head Logistics Central Europe



*Experience for yourself how*

**GW moves**