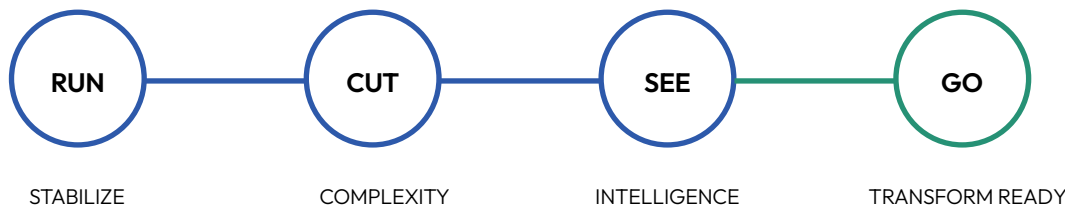




SAP ECC | TRANSFORM IN PLACE

Modernize ECC Before You Move to **S/4HANA**

Modernize SAP ECC now. Protect business continuity. Arrive at transformation better prepared.



Your SAP ECC deadline is not your strategy. Use the time before transformation to make the estate cheaper, cleaner, smarter - and easier to replace.

Why You May Not Be Ready to Transform Yet

The deadline creates urgency. It does not create readiness.

THE CLOCK IS REAL

2027

Mainstream maintenance for SAP Business Suite 7 core applications runs through the end of 2027. Optional extended maintenance is available through 2030 at an additional premium.

What the date tells you:
You need a deliberate plan.

What it does not tell you:
That a full transformation is the right move today.

► **ECC can still be operationally sound.**

It may be deeply embedded in finance, supply chain, manufacturing and service - and difficult to disrupt casually.

► **The business still wants more now.**

Better reporting, faster decisions, stronger automation, AI-assisted insight and cross-functional visibility cannot wait for a multi-year ERP program.

► **Transformation capacity is finite.**

Capital, people, sponsorship and change capacity may be committed elsewhere - while custom code and legacy integrations increase migration scope.



You Have More Than Two Choices

“Migrate now” or “do nothing” are not the only choices.

The right path depends on business value, risk, timing and readiness – not technology lifecycle pressure alone.

PATH 1

Transform now

Right when the business case is clear, the target state is settled, sponsorship is strong and the organization can absorb the change.

PATH 2

Stand still

The dangerous default. Run cost, technical debt, manual reporting and undocumented dependencies continue to accumulate.

PATH 3

Transform in Place

Use a defined modernization period to improve the current estate and actively reduce the cost and risk of the future transformation.

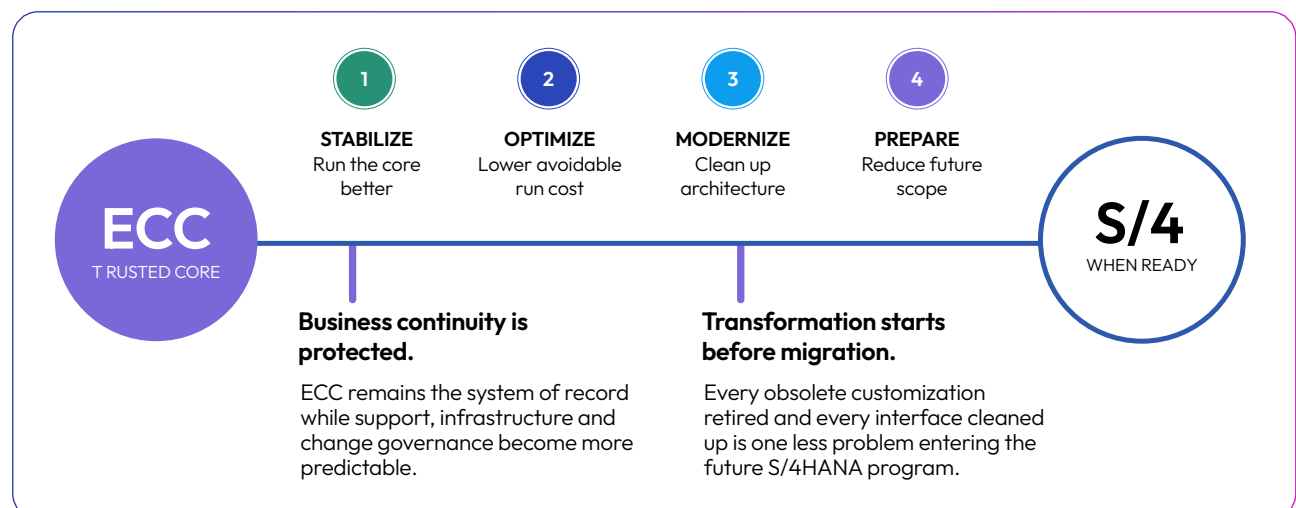
RECOMMENDED WHEN ECC IS STABLE BUT THE BUSINESS IS NOT READY TO TRANSFORM

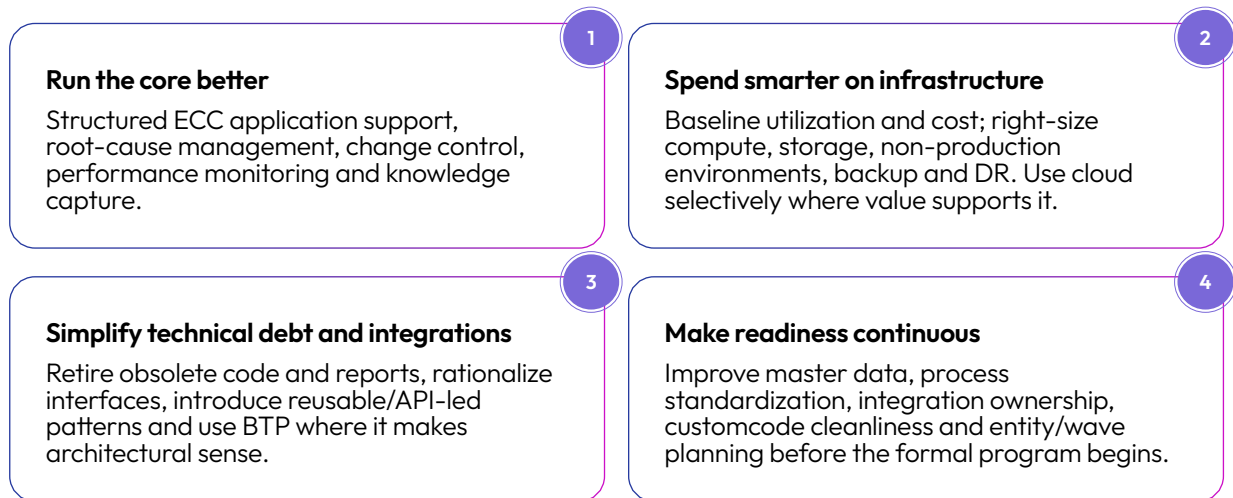
A better question: What should we improve before we ask the business to absorb a full ERP transformation?

MODERNIZE ECC WHILE PREPARING FOR S/4HANA

Transform in Place: Improve ECC Now. Prepare for S/4HANA.

This is not “stay on ECC forever.” It is a managed modernization phase with a destination: stabilize what works, remove avoidable cost and complexity, add modern intelligence, and continuously improve readiness for the eventual move.





THE PAY OFF

Create value now – and carry less risk forward.

The strongest case for Transform in Place is that the same work can improve today's business while reducing the amount of uncertainty, cost and remediation that a future transformation inherits.

VALUE NOW

Make ECC cheaper, calmer and more useful.

- ◆ **Control run cost**
Right-size infrastructure, reduce avoidable operational effort and create a more predictable managed-services model.
- ◆ **Improve reliability**
Reduce recurring incidents, strengthen release discipline and improve batch, interface and operational ownership.
- ◆ **See the business more clearly**
Give leaders better visibility into margin, working capital, inventory, procurement, production, service and other outcomes.
- ◆ **Use intelligence before migration**
Bring modern analytics and AI-assisted decision support to ECC and surrounding systems without replacing the ERP first.

LESS RISK LATER

Make the eventual transformation smaller before it starts.

- ◆ **Cleaner scope**
Obsolete custom code, reports and interfaces are removed before they become expensive migration work.
- ◆ **Better foundations**
Data quality, integration visibility and process ownership improve before design workshops begin.
- ◆ **Fewer unknowns**
Dependencies are documented and the architecture is better understood before the organization commits to a target state.
- ◆ **A stronger business case**
The future program is driven by value, readiness and business priorities – not simply an approaching support deadline.

ADD AI AND INTELLIGENCE WITHOUT REPLACING ECC

You Don't Have to Wait for S/4HANA to Use AI and Analytics.

With Altiares, ECC can remain the trusted transaction system while a modern decision layer brings together SAP and non-SAP data, surfaces anomalies and recommendations, and supports natural-language interaction. Leadership does not have to wait for S/4HANA to get better answers.

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| <p>► Finance:
Where is margin or working capital under pressure – and why?</p> | <p>► Supply chain:
Which inventory or supplier issues threaten service?</p> |
| <p>► Manufacturing:
Where are production, yield or quality patterns moving off plan?</p> | <p>► Procurement:
Which vendors or categories need intervention?</p> |

WHEN TO MOVE TO S/4HANA

Modernize at your pace. But modernize with a destination.

Transform in Place works only if it makes the eventual ERP decision clearer over time. The program should have measurable progress, explicit decision gates and the willingness to accelerate when the business case changes.



HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE READY?

Move When the Business Case for S/4HANA Is Clear.

- Is remaining on ECC now costing more than transforming?
- Is the target platform clear and supported by the business?
- Can the organization absorb the operational and organizational change?
- Are the data, process, customization and integration risks understood well enough to execute?

RECOMMENDED STARTING POINT

ECC Modernization Baseline

A focused assessment of run cost, infrastructure, technical debt, integration complexity, intelligence gaps and transformation readiness – ending in a prioritized roadmap and clear decision gates.

START WITH THE HIGHEST-VALUE PROBLEM

Stabilize. Optimize. Modernize at your pace.

Start modularly. Application support only. Infrastructure optimization only. ECC +Altiares. Technical-debt and integration remediation. Or the full Transform in Place program. The customer does not need to buy the entire journey to begin improving it.



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