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In the joint community of Artland, they can always keep track of things

Quakenbrück is a town in the administrative district of Osnabrück in Lower Saxony and the administrative seat of the municipal administration of the joint community of Artland. The joint community of Artland comprises a total of four members, the municipalities of Badbergen, Menslage, Nortrup and the town of Quakenbrück.

The former burghmann and Hansa town of Quakenbrück, the first recorded mention of which was in 1235, was used to protect the bishopric of Osnabrück against attack from the north.

«Burgmannen» defended the former bishopric state castle on the Hase with their «burghmann» courts. In the course of the reform of the administrative districts in 1972, the joint community of Artland was established in its present form and today employs approx. 150 staff.

From the initial contact to implementation - in just under 4 months

When the old time and attendance system no longer met the community's requirements, the municipal administration considered introducing a new



700 listed half-timbered buildings make the region a unique cultural treasure that was a UNESCO world heritage site for many years.



Quakenbrück is lit up for Halloween.

system. Without further ado, the system administrator Philipp Hülsmann set off for Hanover and the CeBIT in March 2006. There he met the sales director of ACCENON, Tugba Irhan, and the company's managing director Rainer Wölkerling at the trade fair stand of the terminal manufacturer Kaba.

Philipp Hülsmann already formulated the requirements of a new system very precisely at the trade fair: «With the new system, it should be easier to record times and vacation data and manage them at a later stage. Each employee should be able to check his/her time account himself/herself and create the vacation requests electronically. In addition, the field offices should be integrated via virtual terminals.»

Information was promptly exchanged and a meeting agreed in Quakenbrück. The details were then discussed on site and the requirements of a new system also defined in more specific terms. One thing was clear for Philipp Hülsmann: «The time that has been required up to now to create the statistics must be minimized. It must also be possible to carry out analyses over a longer period of time. Being able to use the existing cabling would be the icing on the cake.»

The decision was taken approx. 4 months after the initial contact in favor of ACCENON as the software offers many simplifications in operation and a substantially greater scope of analyses and statistics. The possibilities of integrating a workflow and the field offices are also important.

«With its prompt and competent service and support, ACCENON differentiates itself positively from other manufacturers,» says Philipp Hülsmann. In the middle of 2006, the first

terminals from Kaba were already installed in the respective entry areas and the employees responsible were given training. Since then, all employees have been recorded via the new system. The vacation requests are filed and processed in paperless form. The creation of the statistics and the analyses over longer periods of time are also possible at the click of a mouse.

Always keeping track of who is there

There was already an electronic time and attendance system in the administration before the introduction of the new system. With the introduction of the ACCENON time and attendance system, the fundamental benefits have proven to be simpler operation, the analyses, the statistics and the vacation workflow. There was also another additional benefit with the new system: Through the attendance display, the headquarters and the HR department always keep track of who is at their desk and who is currently out of the office. The managers also keep track of the daily updated attendance and absence times from a central location.

In the distant future, the expansion of the system to include access control could also be of interest.

«We associate only positive things with the ACCENON: competent, quick and service-oriented. This system has run smoothly ever since it was introduced. We would therefore choose ACCENON and Kaba again at any time,» says system administrator Philipp Hülsmann, giving his own personal summary of the system.