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Flexibility is essential when a project is not going to plan. And when this is combined with an extraordinary level of local presence, there is only one outcome: Innovative solutions. This is also the case at Sto, which, with respect to its vertical integration, benefits from cooperation with ProLeiT. Thanks to a fully integrated MES that offers greater transparency, control and optimization options.

The success story of Sto began in Stühlingen in 1955. Today, the Group is a leading international manufacturer of products and systems for coating buildings. It is represented in 38 countries with 50 subsidiaries of its own worldwide. In 2020, the Group had more than 5,500 employees and generated €1.4 billion worldwide.

As part of its drive to be sustainable and remain competitive in the long term, Sto invests millions of euros in various sectors of the business each year. Some of this money also flows back into the company's own manufacturing plants, where modernization of the process control technology is a top priority: Besides its manufacturing plant in Donaueschingen, three more plants are to be equipped with a Manufacturing Execution System (MES) from ProLeiT by 2024. This will ensure complete consistency across all levels – specifically in a classic vertical structure from SAP to the control system and back again. The recording of all production data will enable Sto to determine relevant KPIs and continuously optimize operational processes in the future. Further, the company has a quest to become paperless and operate without routing slips.

The project, which commenced in 2018, is definitely on the road to success. The new MES is already in operation at the manufacturing plant in Donaueschingen; another system is due to be commissioned by the turn of the year and two additional manufacturing plants will follow by 2024.



As a result, the innovative MES ensures complete consistency from goods receipt to goods issue across various routes - today, tomorrow and for years to come. Everything can be recorded automatically to guarantee complete data evaluation, inventory management and optimization.



The Stühlingen-based company is particularly enthusiastic about how flexibly ProLeiT responds to customer needs and that comprehensive support is provided beyond the individual project phases. Accordingly, Michael Blum, Head of Automation and Industrial IT at Sto, also draws a positive interim assessment: "Replacing the existing MES, mapping the complex manufacturing processes and adapting the new system to our existing software services posed a great challenge for everyone involved in the project. However, this challenge was tackled by the ProLeiT project team and was successfully overcome with great commitment and the necessary flexibility."

Sto benefits from a partner on an equal footing that reliably drives the project forward and can also assist in the retrofitting of individual functionalities.

ProLeiT: Trade fairs & training dates

As far as Covid-19 developments allow, we will be attending the following national and international trade fairs in 2022. Below you will find a small excerpt of the events in which ProLeiT will participate. A complete trade fair list with all current information and expected dates can be found on our [website](#).

Of course, we will also be offering many interesting [webinars](#) and training courses in 2022. You can find all training dates listed within our [training overview](#). There you can also find out more about the training content and register online.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at training@proleit.com.

Until then, we wish you wonderful holidays and a healthy and successful 2022!

| | Trade fairs | City/Country | From | To |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| | Hannover Messe | Hanover | 04-25-22 | 04-29-22 |
| | Anuga Food Tec | Cologne | 04-26-22 | 04-29-22 |
| | Solids | Dortmund | 06-22-22 | 06-23-22 |
| | Achema | Frankfurt | 08-22-22 | 08-26-22 |
| | Powtech | Nuremberg | 08-30-22 | 09-01-22 |
| | drinktec | Munich | 09-12-22 | 09-16-22 |
| | sps - smart production solutions | Nuremberg | 11-22-22 | 11-24-22 |
| International | Feira Brasileira da Cerveja | Blumenau/Brazil | 03-09-22 | 03-12-22 |
| | Craft Brewers Conference | Minneapolis, MN/USA | 05-02-22 | 05-05-22 |
| | Craft Beer China | Shanghai/China | 05-11-22 | 05-13-22 |
| | Fispal Tecnologia | São Paulo/Brazil | 06-21-22 | 06-24-22 |
| | IBIE - International Baking Industry Exposition | Las Vegas, NV/USA | 09-17-22 | 09-21-22 |
| | Food Tech Summit & Expo | Mexico City/Mexico | 09-28-22 | 09-29-22 |
| | WOTS - World of Technology & Science | Utrecht/The Netherlands | 09-29-22 | 10-02-22 |
| | Agroprodmash | Moscow/Russia | 10-10-22 | 10-14-22 |
| | Pack Expo | Chicago, IL/USA | 10-23-22 | 10-26-22 |
| | Gulfood Manufacturing | Dubai/United Arab Emirates | 11-08-22 | 11-10-22 |