
SERCXI OPEN MANDATE

Senior SAP S/4HANA PP/DS Consultant

A scheduling authority, not a planning theorist. This mandate is for the consultant who is comfortable in the scheduling board and can carry embedded PP/DS from blueprint to a shop floor that trusts it.

10+ yrs

PRODUCTION PLANNING DEPTH

5+ yrs

PP/DS SPECIALISATION

APO → S/4

MIGRATION PATH

35 days

MEDIAN SHORTLIST

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THE REMIT

Why this role exists now.

Dutch manufacturers — discrete and process alike — are mid-migration to S/4HANA. The transition from classic PP and standalone APO PP/DS to embedded S/4HANA PP/DS is the part of the programme that most often exposes the gap between a planning concept and a schedule the shop floor will actually run.

Embedded PP/DS is not a rename. Heuristics, planning procedures, product and resource master data, block planning, sequence-dependent setup, the scheduling board and the product planning table all behave differently in an embedded landscape, and the integration surface with MM, SD, QM and MES is where credibility is won or lost.

The client is running an active S/4HANA programme and needs the PP/DS authority planners, production managers and the project team defer to — through configuration, integration testing, cutover and hypercare.

FILE

CORRIDOR

Netherlands (EMEA)

SENIORITY

Senior · 10+ years

DISCIPLINE

Enterprise ERP

LANGUAGES

Dutch & English

WORK MODE

Hybrid — Netherlands

EMPLOYMENT

Full-time · Contract or permanent

LISTED

19 Aug 2026 · valid to 30 Nov 2026

WHAT THE ROLE CARRIES

- Own functional design and documentation of S/4HANA PP/DS solutions from requirements through blueprint sign-off.
- Configure and optimise embedded PP/DS hands-on: heuristics, planning procedures, product and resource master data, work centres and detailed scheduling.
- Work fluently in the scheduling board and product planning table, including block planning and sequence-dependent setup.
- Lead fit-gap and blueprint sessions with Dutch planners, production managers and supply chain leadership.
- Configure cross-module interdependencies with MM BOMs and requirements, SD make-to-order linkage and QM in-process inspection.
- Manage functional specifications for ABAP developments and lead MES and shop-floor data collection integration.
- Drive testing, cutover and hypercare, and guide medior and junior consultants through solution reviews.

THE PROFILE

What we are looking for.

- Ten or more years of hands-on SAP production planning, including at least five in PP/DS (APO, S/4HANA embedded, or both).
- Proven delivery of embedded S/4HANA PP/DS — not only classic APO — including the APO-to-S/4HANA migration path.
- Configuration depth from planning strategies through detailed scheduling to resource optimisation, with genuine comfort in the scheduling board.
- End-to-end manufacturing fluency: demand signal through MRP to detailed scheduling to shop-floor execution.
- Able to read ABAP for functional specifications, and experienced integrating MES and shop-floor data collection.
- Direct experience with Dutch discrete or process manufacturers, and fluency in Dutch and English.

THE TERMS

What the client offers.

- A senior seat on a live S/4HANA manufacturing programme with real configuration ownership.
- Day rate or salary benchmarked to Netherlands market standards for senior SAP PP/DS consultants.
- Contract or permanent engagement — the model is set in the scope conversation, before commitment.
- Direct access to planning, production and supply chain decision-makers.
- Hybrid working from the Netherlands.

THE SHAPE OF THE WORK

SCOPE

Planning strategies, heuristics, detailed scheduling, resource optimisation

LANDSCAPE

S/4HANA embedded PP/DS · discrete and process manufacturing

ENGAGEMENT

Contract or permanent · EUR day rate or salary

REPORTS TO

Lead SAP Architect / programme lead

INDEX READING

The market reading behind the brief.

Current Q3 2026 displacement intensity in the sectors framing this search. Higher intensity means faster leadership turnover and sharper scarcity.

Tech Consulting	Displaced · 9/9
SaaS & Cloud	Displaced · 9/9
Workforce	Exposed · 8/9

Manufacturing programmes are competing for the same narrow pool of embedded PP/DS practitioners. Classic APO experience is plentiful; embedded delivery evidence is not, and that asymmetry is the constraint on the critical path.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The client is not named in this brief. On an engaged mandate the client's hiring intent is commercially sensitive, so the organisation is identified to you under confidence in the first partner conversation — not published to their competitors.

THE APPROACH

How this mandate runs.

01 · Day 0–1

Approach

You reach out — through this page, the partner's direct line, or a confidential booking. No application form, no CV upload to a portal. The first conversation is about fit, not paperwork.

02 · Days 2–7

Partner conversation

Harald Agterhuis, the partner who signed this mandate, speaks with you directly. The conversation establishes whether the role and your delivery record genuinely align before anyone invests further.

03 · Days 8–21

Client introduction

If the fit holds, Harald introduces you to the hiring client under confidence. The client sees a short, serious shortlist — not a pile of CVs. You meet the decision-makers and test the role against what you need.

04 · Days 22–35

Decision

The client decides. If it's a yes, Harald works the offer with you and the client to land it — including counter-offer defence. If it's a no, you get a direct debrief, not silence.

YOUR PARTNER ON THIS MANDATE

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