



## Speed and efficiency save lives – Red Cross goes mobile in the cloud

Case study: German Red Cross, District Association Böblingen e. V.

### Task

Committee members, community members and working groups as well as employees in the German Red Cross District Association Böblingen e. V. need to be informed in detail and in real-time of forthcoming tasks and to be able to access relevant information quickly and easily. Messages and orders from superior association levels need to be communicated quickly in the district association. In the past information was delivered to the relevant parties partly electronically and partly in paper form. The forwarding and access to this information was time-consuming and costly.

In order to be able to handle the organisational tasks more efficiently, it was decided to look for a tried and tested Software-as-a-Service solution, which would be implementable without an IT project. The solution should enable district association executives and employees, both voluntary and full-time, to be able to share and research information quickly.



“With the use of the Fabasoft Cloud we achieve a significant contribution for sustainable economic activity in our German Red Cross District Association and for an optimum, resource-sparing exchange of information.”

Michael Steindorfner  
President,

German Red Cross, District Association Böblingen e. V

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## Project

The further development of IT was determined as part of a closed meeting. A strong focus was placed on the information flow within the association, the management of resources such as vehicles, meeting rooms, seminar rooms and equipment as well as the coordination of appointments. Those present at the meeting suggested the introduction of a cloud solution and opted for the products from Fabasoft.

The chairmen of the 25 German Red Cross local associations are informed of and agree to the implementation of the Fabasoft Cloud. The executive board members and the full-time managers are equipped with fourth generation iPads. The first invitations to a paper-free board meeting are sent via the cloud. All necessary meeting documents are contained in the corresponding Teamroom.

## Committee work

Alongside the general meeting, the executive board, the managing directors and executive partners of sister companies are the decision-making bodies of the association. The members of the relevant bodies are equipped with iPads.

A Teamroom was set up for each committee in which the invitations, proposed resolutions and other information are saved.

In the preparation phase of a meeting the draft proposals are adjusted in the team room to enable a coordinated and traceable handling of the proposals.

Changes can therefore be made right up to the day of the meeting if needed.

## Quick reference

Statutes, regulations and guidelines such as newsletters and specialist information from superior associations are also part of daily Red Cross work.

All relevant information is available in the Teamroom "Library". Mindbreeze – the integrated user-friendly, full-text search in the Fabasoft Cloud – makes content and specialist data easily available.

## Appointment calendar

The coordination of appointments and information about events is conducted via the team calendar. This removes the time-consuming process of inquiring about possible appointments, both internally and with external participants.

## Resource management

Making allocation plans and vehicle books belongs to the past for the Red Cross District Association Böblingen. The booking of meeting rooms, seminar rooms and company vehicles now takes place via the cloud. The availability of rooms and relevant bookings can now all be managed quickly and easily online.

## The cloud on deployment

The combination of iPad and cloud allows Red Cross District Association Böblingen's voluntary and full-time deployment formation leaders at the scene of deployment to quickly access necessary information such as alarm and call-out orders, contact persons and emergency plans – a clear and potentially life-saving advantage to those being aided by the Red Cross.

## About the company

The Böblingen Red Cross district association and its local associations provide a range of services as part of the largest worldwide help organisation: Civil defense and emergency aid, sanitary and care services, emergency services and integrated rescue coordination center for the Böblingen district, ambulance service, community services such as home catering or home emergency calls as well as the running of eleven nursing homes for the elderly. The German Red Cross centre in Sindelfingen coordinates and supports the work of the 1,500 voluntary and 1,000 full-time employees.

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