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Have you heard about Odoo and are considering adopting it to structure your organization, centralize your data, and improve your operational efficiency? Perhaps you've already attended a demo, spoken with a partner, or even attempted an initial implementation.

Choosing a powerful solution like Odoo is a key step in any ERP project. However, this decision alone is not enough to ensure a successful implementation.

Success also depends on the choices made upfront, a clear understanding of your business needs, and the quality of the support you receive.

To guide you through your Odoo projects, here are the 10 most common mistakes companies make when getting started with this tool—along with practical ways to avoid them. The goal: to help you approach this transition with greater perspective and adopt best practices from the very beginning that truly make a difference.



Mistake 01

Replicating existing processes as-is

When a company adopts Odoo, there is often a strong temptation to replicate existing processes exactly-but within a new tool. However, these workflows have often been built around legacy systems, historical constraints, or internal habits.

As a result, the ERP is forced to adapt to practices that are no longer efficient or that unnecessarily complicate the implementation.

How to avoid it?

An ERP project is also an opportunity to rethink certain business processes. It is important to analyze what truly works and identify potential improvements before implementation.



How ABAKUS can help you

Odoo projects led by ABAKUS always begin with an in-depth analysis of your internal processes. Our goal is to fully understand your business needs in order to map your processes into Odoo as effectively as possible-aligned with your organization while remaining as close as possible to the standard.



Mistake 02

Launching an ERP project without a global vision

An ERP project inevitably impacts many aspects of a company: organization, data, tools, processes, employees... Adopting Odoo also means taking all these components into account to ensure the system is not used in isolation and to avoid unpleasant surprises.

Taking a global view enables more consistent and optimized decision-making.

How to avoid it?

Before getting started, it is essential to define a clear vision of Odoo's role within your organization, as well as all the aspects of your day-to-day operations that the tool may impact.



How ABAKUS can help you

At ABAKUS, every Odoo project begins with a strategic scoping phase. We work with you to analyze your organization, your objectives, and your processes in order to define a clear roadmap that structures your implementation and avoids improvised decisions.



Mistake 03

Choosing the wrong modules

Odoo offers dozens of modules: CRM, sales, accounting, project management, inventory, manufacturing, HR... This wide range can give the impression that simply activating multiple modules will cover all of a company's needs.

However, without a clear framework, some companies end up with too many modules-poorly used or not aligned with their actual processes. The system then becomes more complex than useful.

How to avoid it?

Before configuring Odoo, it is essential to clearly define your business priorities and identify the modules that are truly necessary to meet your company's current needs.



How ABAKUS can help you

Our experts support you in selecting the modules that are truly relevant to your business. The goal is not to activate as many features as possible, but to build a simple, consistent, and efficient Odoo environment.



Mistake 04

Neglecting the integration of Odoo with your other business tools

Odoo allows you to centralize your tools and benefit from a unified internal organization. However, in practice, Odoo is not always the only system used within a company. Accounting software, business tools, e-commerce platforms, or specialized solutions may still be essential depending on the situation.

These third-party applications require integrations that must be anticipated; otherwise, data and information silos may arise.

How to avoid it?

It is important from the outset to identify which tools Odoo can replace, as well as those that need to be maintained and exchange data with Odoo.



How ABAKUS can help you

Our expert teams are able to develop connectors and integrations with your existing business software. This ensures a consistent environment while maintaining an optimized internal organization.



Mistake 05

Underestimating data migration

Data migration is often seen as a simple technical step: exporting from the old system and importing into the new one. In reality, data is rarely clean, complete, or optimally structured.

Duplicate customers, outdated information, inconsistent histories... Migration is also an opportunity to clean up your data to avoid complicating the use of Odoo.

How to avoid it?

Before any migration, it is essential to clean, structure, and prioritize the data to be integrated into the new environment.



How ABAKUS can help you

Our teams advise and support you in analyzing and structuring your data, ensuring that your database is fully aligned with how Odoo works.



Mistake 06

Over-customizing the system

Odoo is a highly flexible ERP system. This flexibility is both its strength and its limitation: some companies may be tempted to multiply custom developments from the very beginning.

However, these customizations can complicate maintenance, updates, and the overall stability of the solution. Moreover, given the wide range of Odoo features, an existing module may already meet your needs.

How to avoid it?

It is recommended to leverage Odoo's standard version as much as possible and reserve custom developments for truly strategic needs.



How ABAKUS can help you

Our experts identify when the standard solution is sufficient and when a specific development brings real business value. Over many years of experience as Odoo partners, we have also developed numerous solutions for other companies that could be beneficial for yours.



Mistake 07

Trying to implement everything at once

In some ERP projects, there is a desire to integrate as many processes and features as possible from the start in order to maximize the value of the tool. However, this approach increases project complexity and can slow down its implementation.

As a result, timelines get extended and teams lose visibility.

How to avoid it?

It is often more effective to deploy Odoo gradually, starting with the most strategic modules—those that make a real difference for your business at a given point in time.



How ABAKUS can help you

ABAKUS favors a gradual and pragmatic implementation approach to quickly generate value for your business. With this step-by-step method, you can start using Odoo rapidly and then roll out additional features based on your actual needs.



Mistake 08

Neglecting change management

An ERP system changes working habits. If your teams are not involved and prepared, they may perceive the tool as an additional constraint rather than an effective lever.

Without proper support, adoption becomes difficult and the use of the system may remain limited.

How to avoid it?

It is essential to involve your teams from the very beginning of the project. Explain your objectives to them and, as much as possible, include them in the decisions being made. Also plan training tailored to different user groups.



How ABAKUS can help you

As part of our implementations, we include dedicated training to ensure your teams are autonomous and comfortable with the tool from the moment it is deployed.



Mistake 09

Considering go-live as the end of the project

The deployment of the tool is often met with a great sense of achievement and satisfaction. However, this is actually when optimization begins.

Your teams will start using the system-his is when it truly becomes part of your day-to-day operations. As real-life usage unfolds, your needs may evolve and require adjustments.

How to avoid it?

In project management, it is essential to plan for a testing phase after the implementation of the tool. A few weeks or months will be necessary to fully adopt the system and review it for potential optimizations.



How ABAKUS can help you

ABAKUS stays by your side after go-live. We provide ongoing support throughout your use of the system: training, maintenance, integration of new activities, and even dedicated support for future upgrade projects. This allows us to continuously review and refine your use of the tool together.



Mistake 10

Starting without proper support

Some companies choose to implement Odoo on their own or with limited support. However, the decisions made at the beginning of the project can have a lasting impact on the performance of the system.

Without the right expertise, it is easy to make mistakes in configuration, structuring, or methodology.

How to avoid it?

By relying on an experienced partner who helps you avoid common pitfalls and secure every stage of the project.



How ABAKUS can help you

As an Odoo partner for over 10 years, ABAKUS supports companies from needs analysis through to go-live, and beyond in the evolution of their solution. You benefit from close support, as our teams are fully committed to the success of your projects.





Why choose ABAKUS for your Odoo projects?

Choosing an Odoo partner is not just about finding a technical integrator. It's about working with a team that understands your organization and can support you over the long term. Beyond our technical expertise, ABAKUS IT-SOLUTIONS stands for strong human values and close client relationships.

1. An experienced team close to you

The Odoo team at ABAKUS is made up of certified experts who are approachable and fully committed to the success of your projects. As Odoo users ourselves, we support you with a practical, hands-on perspective and remain available throughout your project.

2. A pragmatic and structured approach

Every project begins with an analysis of your processes and needs. The goal is to build a simple, consistent implementation aligned with your organization, enabling you to achieve tangible improvements quickly.

3. A global IT partner

ABAKUS IT-SOLUTIONS goes beyond Odoo integration. Our teams also operate in IT infrastructure, cybersecurity, and consulting, allowing us to support your digital transformation as a whole. Your Odoo projects therefore benefit from broader and more consistent expertise.

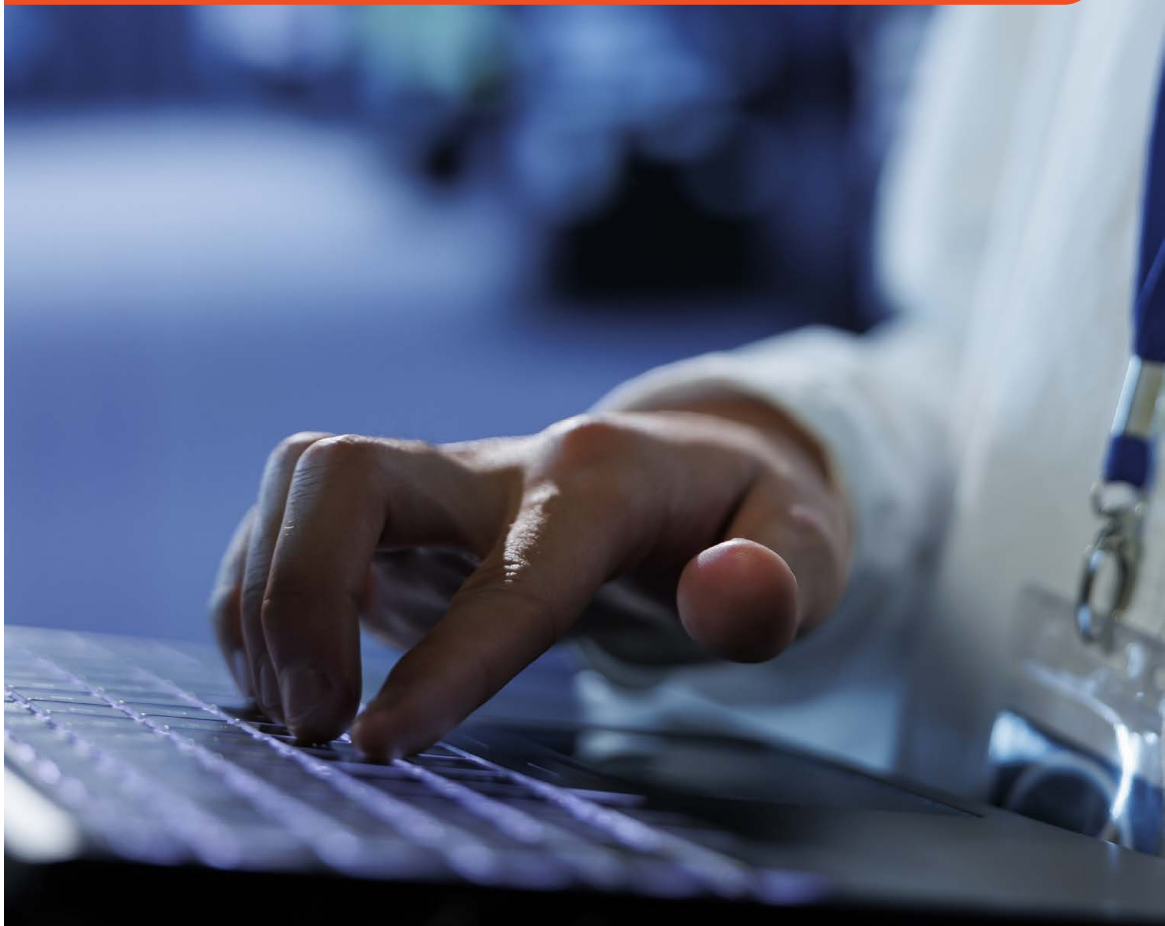


ARE YOU CONSIDERING AN ODOO PROJECT FOR YOUR COMPANY? CHOOSE THE RIGHT SUPPORT

Whether you are at the early stages of your thinking, currently implementing, or facing challenges in an existing project, our experts can help you structure your approach and avoid these common mistakes.



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TEAM AT ABAKUS IT-SOLUTIONS TO DIS-
CUSS YOUR ERP PROJECT.**



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At ABAKUS, we believe that all businesses deserve IT comfort. We help you achieve it through a diversity of services.

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Complete supervision of your infrastructure, from cloud to support, including network, backup, and maintenance.

Odoo Implementation

Design and deployment of custom Odoo solutions, including Python/API development and business optimization.

Cybersecurity

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