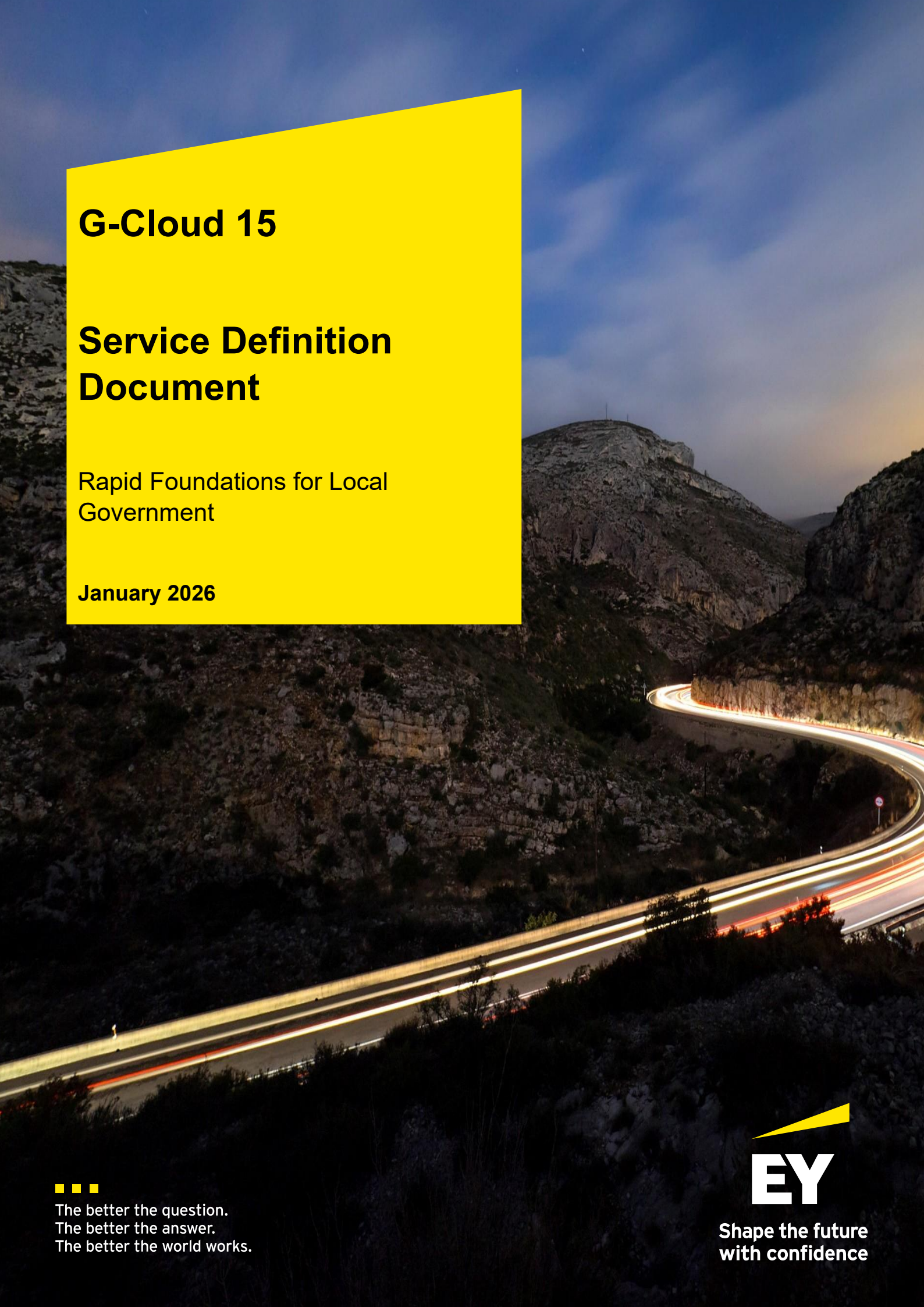




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Service Definition Document

Rapid Foundations for Local Government

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1. Service detail

1.1. Service Description

To allow our local government clients to implement Microsoft Dynamics quickly and cost effectively and maximise value for money, EY has developed 'Rapid Foundations for Local Government'. This combines standard out-of-the-box functionality that has been configured for local government, along with several known customisations that are required – specifically in the fixed asset accounting, integration framework, construction index scheme, direct debit integration, record to report and approval controls.

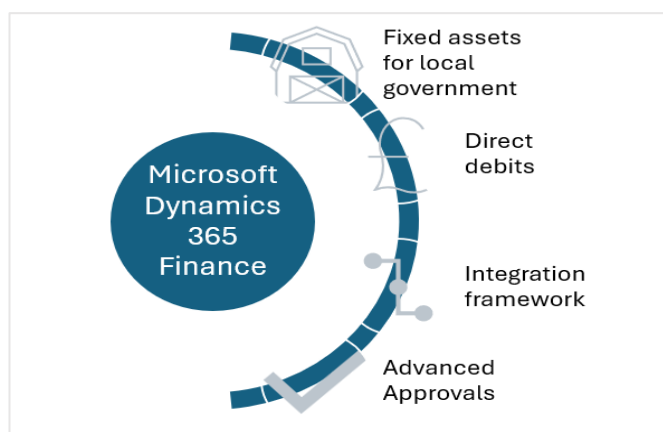


Figure 1: Rapid foundations for local government

EY's specialises in delivering a full spectrum of services that help public sector organisations navigate the complexity of transforming their finance and human resource function with Microsoft D365 Finance & Operations. Our services are structured around three pillars from our Transformation Realised approach: Humans@Center, Technology@Speed, and Innovation@Scale:

Humans@Center: Enhance employee engagement and facilitate the effective adoption of Microsoft D365 Finance by providing a comprehensive set of organisational change and readiness services. This includes Leadership Alignment, Change Management, Communication and Stakeholder Management, Training, and Business Readiness, all of which collectively support a structured and successful finance and human resources transformation enabled by Microsoft D365 Finance.

Technology@Speed: Focuses on rapidly and efficiently designing and deploying Microsoft D365 Finance and Human resource management by providing a comprehensive set of services, including Programme Governance and Assurance, Solution Architecture and Design, Security Strategy and Design, Solution Configuration and Extension, Tax Configuration, Integration Development, Data Migration, Systems Testing, Deployment, and Hypercare (post implementation support), all of which collectively ensures that the solution is robust and scalable to support the finance function.

Innovation@Scale: Challenging typical sector boundaries and being far more nimble to ideate, pilot, and implement radical changes to the existing business model enabled by Microsoft D365 Finance & Operation. Services include; Capability Assessments, Capability and Delivery Road mapping, Business Case Development, Target Operating Model Design, Enterprise Structure Definition, and End-to-End business process definition (Level 1 to Level 5).

To deliver these services we:

- ▶ Connect specialists from our different services lines to establish a multi-disciplinary team with leading-class capabilities
- ▶ Leveraging transformative solutions, industry insights and technology
- ▶ Collaborating with a category-leading ecosystem of alliances to provide technology, capabilities and insights

What are the benefits of our service

- ▶ Local government solution that complies with **CIPFA standards**.
- ▶ Solution that are configured and designed for **local government processes**.
- ▶ **Enhanced organisational readiness and user adoption of Microsoft D365 Finance**, enabled through our structure Humans@Center approach.
- ▶ **Accelerated implementation of Microsoft D365** through a proven delivery approach that prioritises rapid design, configuration, development, testing and deployment
- ▶ **Reduced business risk through a robust, scalable, and future ready solution** supported by our comprehensive programme assurance and technical principles of adopt standard for a clean core.
- ▶ **Insight driven transformation**, powered by EY's local government industry experience, transformative solutions and deep technology knowledge
- ▶ **Strengthened innovation capability**, enabling the organisation rapidly to ideate, test and deploy new operating models and end to end processes that permits the finance and human resource function to deliver value added services to its business partners

Our service features

- ▶ A local government solution applying **out-of-the box** features combined with local government **specific enhancements** enabled by EY's "Rapid foundation" functionality.
- ▶ **A structured and proven transformation framework**, grounded in EY's Humans@Center, Technology@Speed, and Innovation@Scale principles, ensuring a balanced and outcome driven approach to finance and Human resource management transformation.
- ▶ **Comprehensive organisational change and readiness services**, including leadership alignment, change and stakeholder management, communications, training and business readiness support, to enable effective user adoption of Microsoft D365 Finance & Operations.
- ▶ **End to end solution delivery capabilities**, covering Solution Architecture and Design, Configuration and Extension, Integration Development, Data Migration, Testing, Deployment and Hypercare, ensuring a robust and scalable Microsoft D365 Finance & Operations solution.
- ▶ **Innovation focused delivery**, enabling organisations to ideate, validate and implement new operating models that maximise the value of the Finance and Human resources management function.
- ▶ **A multidisciplinary delivery model**, leveraging EY specialists, industry insights, leading functional practices and alliance partnerships to provide clients with high quality, scalable and technology enabled services to implement Microsoft D365 Finance & Operations.

1.2. Engagement Approach

The EY engagement philosophy is one of open exchange which breeds mutual trust in a solutions partnership which may be expected to last many years into the future. We believe that organisations will find EY a refreshingly different technology partner, and one that acknowledges the fact that the human challenges of any major project typically outweigh the associated technical challenges.

Based upon this principle, an EY engagement is consciously one of close and regular personal interaction and focus is given to the nature, staffing and operational goals of your business over and above technology considerations. This regular, open dialogue means that our consultants can make well-informed recommendations in the specific context of an organisation. It also means that they are able to challenge assumptions and historic ways of working.

Our experienced and professional implementation teams follow an established project management methodology for both Agile or Waterfall approaches and can make recommendations on the most appropriate, based on your preference, requirements and capability. We work in partnership collaboratively with you throughout all stages to ensure user adoption and measurable benefits are achieved.

1.3. Implementation Approach

The EY approach is scalable, flexible and set on managing project constraints and expectations.

Based on client requirements, EY will employ one of two industry standard offerings: Waterfall or Agile.

Waterfall	Agile
▶ Scope and deliverables locked ▶ Time and cost more predictable ▶ Full design / technical documentation ▶ Less resource intensive for client ▶ Fully managed implementation ▶ Managed 'stages' requiring approval ▶ Full plan: start, middle, end	▶ Flexibility on deliverables and end goal ▶ Client Agile maturity and experience required ▶ High levels of collaboration required ▶ Dedicated resource(s) working to a fixed capacity ▶ Single Client product owner required providing direction ▶ Rapid decision making essential ▶ Configuration focus not documentation

Figure 2 – Waterfall vs. Agile Methodology

The Waterfall approach utilises the methods and principles from the internationally recognised standard of PRINCE2 (Projects IN Controlled Environments).

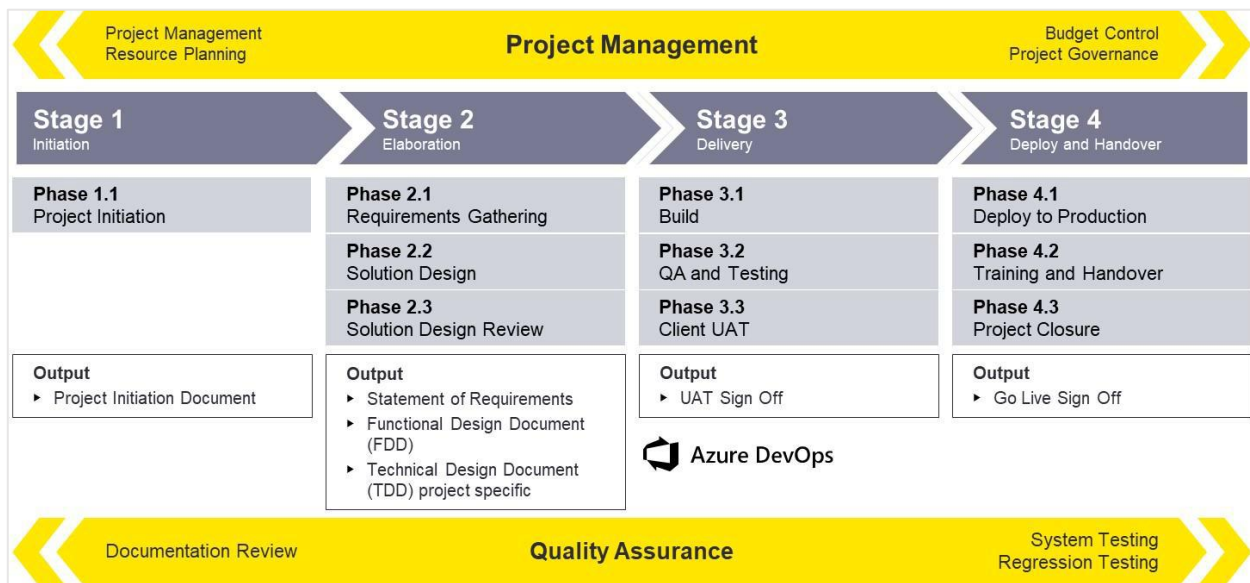


Figure 3 – Waterfall Methodology

The Agile approach is focused around a 'Minimal Viable Product' (MVP) methodology, whereby the client dictates the priority, order and direction of the project via defined Sprints using one team. This is centred on rapid development and iterative cycles maximising configuration over development. It concentrates on working with the product(s) as much as possible over design, documentation, and specification.

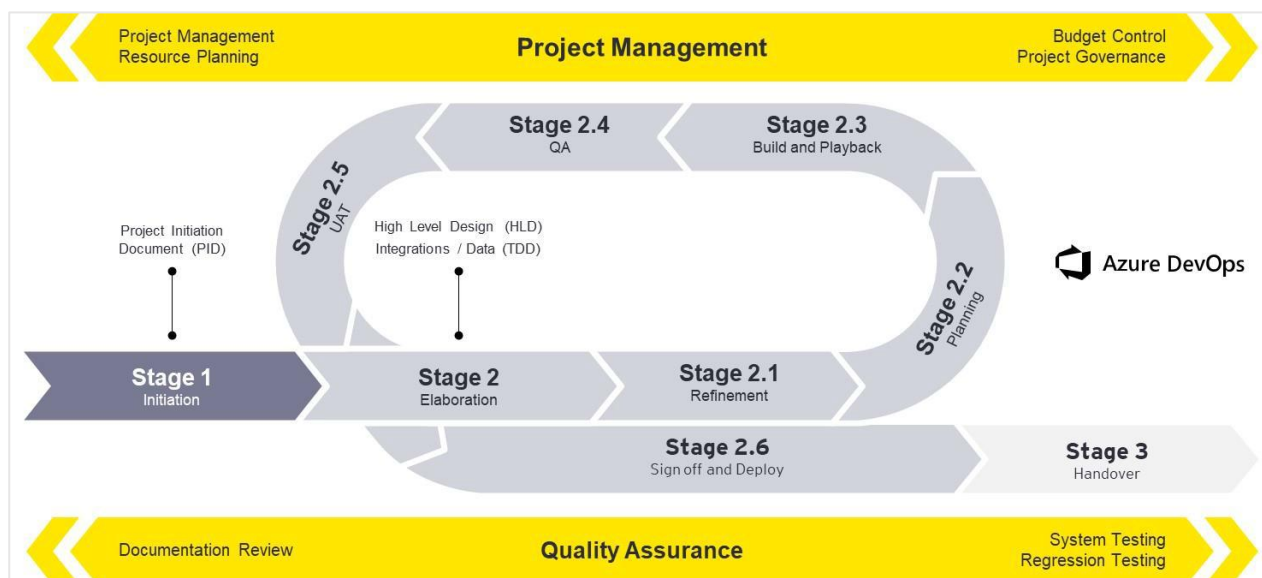


Figure 4 – Agile Methodology

1.4. Client responsibilities

The client is responsible for the following:

- Acquisition of any required Microsoft application subscription licenses (which EY can advise on), to enable the service that EY will be implementing, supporting, or training the client on

- ▶ Provision of any relevant test data required by EY
- ▶ Provision of resources for User Acceptance Testing as advised by EY, and that these staff are not technical staff involved in the development, but end users/subject matter experts who were involved in the user requirements definition phase
- ▶ For any integration services to back-office applications, it is assumed that the client will have the required APIs available on all the deployed CRM instances (i.e. Development, Test, and the Production), and give EY access to any available documentation for those APIs
- ▶ Provision of equivalent instances for the relevant back-office systems and make these available at no cost to EY
- ▶ Availability of staff with detailed technical know-how in the back-office applications to input into any integration services implementation, whether from the client, or from the back-office application vendor, and have support arrangements in place with that vendor for technical support
- ▶ Provision of remote access to any relevant back-office applications as required

1.5. Application Support Services

EY have a dedicated Application managed services team to support Microsoft technologies we deliver, providing seamless transition from delivery to business as usual. Our Application Managed Services empowers organisations to mitigate operational, financial, and reputational risks associated with system issues through our highly responsive issue resolution services and proactive system monitoring for Microsoft solutions.

As an extension of your team, our dedicated application support professionals collaborate closely with you to ensure that your business is always operating at peak efficiency and is consistently supported.

EY adheres to the rigorous standards of the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), integrating ITIL best practices within our Microsoft Dynamics 365-based IT Service Management (ITSM) tool. We offer comprehensive support across the following critical areas:

- ▶ Incident and Problem Management
- ▶ Service Requests
- ▶ Change Management
- ▶ Release Management

Our processes are grounded in industry standards and continually refined over many years to ensure simplicity, clarity, and systematic execution. We are committed to transparency, sharing our approach in detail with our clients to enable effective collaboration and to ensure that we achieve mutually agreed objectives.

Moreover, our application support team assists organisations in understanding, evaluating, and implementing the latest Microsoft features, thereby maximising your technology investment and enhancing user experiences across your enterprise.

1.6. Support Features

EY helps organisations reduce the operational, financial and reputational risks of any system issues, by providing highly responsive issue resolution and proactive system monitoring for Microsoft solutions. Acting as an extension of your team, we are there to make sure your business is always supported, whether you're looking to take advantage of a new feature, or if things aren't working as they were the night before. Our EY application support teams help organisations understand, assess and implement the latest features from Microsoft to increase the value of your investment and drive better experiences for your users.

Our support offerings at a glance:

- ▶ Built using Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) best practice
- ▶ Fast and responsive incident resolution
- ▶ Response and resolution SLAs
- ▶ Problem management for ongoing issues
- ▶ Service request delivery
- ▶ Established co-development framework
- ▶ Service Delivery Manager to ensure service quality
- ▶ Packages tailored to your specific needs
- ▶ Quick access to Microsoft expertise and knowledge
- ▶ Continuous system insight and improvements
- ▶ Option to add additional service uplifts, such as 24/7 coverage
- ▶ On-shore-based support, with options to increase the scale and flexibility of support with off-shore or blended delivery

We have adopted a flexible approach to our support packages so that we can deliver a service tailored to suit you. We offer a range of off-the-shelf packages and bespoke support options to meet your needs. Detailed overviews of each support package and additional service uplifts are available on request.

1.7. Pricing

This service is priced in accordance with the SFIA rate card provided and can be modelled using a range of commercial approaches e.g. time & materials, fixed price, etc. EY is also able to provide off-shore and near-shore pricing at reduced rates. 'Ordering and Invoicing' and 'Termination' are to be undertaken in accordance with G-Cloud 15 contract terms unless varied by mutual agreement and detailed within a call-off contract.

2. EY Microsoft Alliance

The EY organization leverages Microsoft technology to create transformative solutions across its service lines, including Assurance, Tax, Consulting and Strategy and Transactions. These solutions empower clients to achieve significant transformational outcomes, enhancing their agility, fostering innovation and equipping them to effectively respond to disruptions.

- ▶ Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities that drive business-led transformation with humans at center
- ▶ Repeatable enterprise solutions that help enable key business functions
- ▶ Sector-led solutions that address industry challenges

The EY-Microsoft Alliance designs and helps deliver transformative cloud solutions powered by business ingenuity that helps create long-term value. The EY organization and Microsoft bring a compelling formula to spark the potential of the cloud and unlock the power of data. We solve clients' most challenging issues by blending trusted industry knowledge with innovative cloud technology. This strategic relationship draws on decades of success developing visionary solutions that provide lasting value. Together, we empower organizations to create exceptional experiences that help the world work better and achieve more.

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- ▶ 2025 – Global – Dynamics 365 Service
- ▶ 2025 – Intelligent Automation – Finalist
- ▶ 2025 – Dynamics 365 Finance – Finalist

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