

## OVERCOMING BARRIERS, CREATING CONNECTIONS: HENSOLDT'S PATH TO THE GLOBAL NETWORK



HENSOLDT is a leading company in the European defense industry with global reach. The company develops sensor solutions for defense and security applications. As a technology leader, HENSOLDT drives the advancement of defense electronics and optronics and continuously expands its portfolio in the areas of data management, robotics, and cybersecurity.



Addhucate supports organizations in analyzing their workflows and customizing software solutions accordingly. The company assists clients in strategically and individually leveraging cloud, collaboration, Microsoft 365, Teams, and other tools. The goal is to enhance efficiency and productivity through long-term solutions. Addhucate emphasizes long-lasting partnerships and ensures that clients implement sustainable changes and benefit from them.

## THE PROJECT

HENSOLDT faced the challenge of modernizing an outdated intranet. The existing intranet, based on SharePoint 2013, was no longer up-to-date and could not meet the requirements of the global company and its international orientation. For the new solution, HENSOLDT sought a more flexible and user-friendly intranet that better suited the needs of its employees. Integration into the existing Microsoft 365 environment was a key criterion to fully leverage the platform's benefits.

The goal was to create a modern, audience-targeted intranet that could be embedded within Microsoft Teams and allow seamless single sign-on authentication through Azure Active Directory. Additionally, connecting all international locations and ensuring multilingual support, mobile device compatibility, and integration with other Microsoft 365 tools such as Viva Engage and Power BI were of great importance.

With Powell Software's solution, HENSOLDT was able to implement a modern intranet that meets all these diverse requirements.

### GOALS

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Integration into Microsoft Teams

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Single Sign-On Authentication

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Mobile Access

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Multilingualism



## CHALLENGE

HENSOLDT faced the challenging task of connecting their global workforce and continuously improving communication infrastructure. It was crucial to provide information in a targeted manner to avoid information overload.

While HENSOLDT's existing intranet, based on SharePoint 2013, was structurally sound, it was no longer contemporary and couldn't meet the requirements of an internationally oriented company. To leverage existing potentials, HENSOLDT opted to introduce Microsoft 365 to realize the Modern Workplace.

The project, named "New Intranet 2022," laid the foundation for a comprehensive Modern Workplace solution with Microsoft 365. Various aspects were essential, including embedding the intranet into Microsoft Teams, enabling single sign-on authentication through Azure Active Directory, providing mobile access for desktop and frontline users, supporting multilingualism due to global orientation, integrating Viva Engage (Yammer), and anonymized data analysis with PowerBI.

The collaboration between HENSOLDT and addhucate during the joint project kick-off played a crucial role in planning and implementing the M365 project to meet the company's requirements.



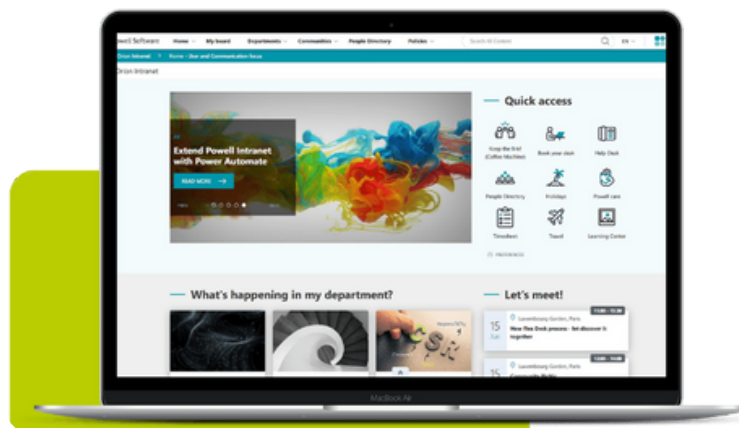
"Large, international intranet projects pose a challenge as they require consideration of various concerns and stakeholders. With addhucate, our project proceeded smoothly because a small, dedicated core team served as the focal point for all issues, allowing for quick understanding and implementation of the many different aspects."

Stefanie Hardell-Illgen  
Head of Corporate  
Marketing and Online  
Communications



## WHY POWELL INTRANET?

HENSOLDT chose Powell Intranet because it offers numerous benefits. With this solution, the company can achieve optimized and global communication and improve information and document transparency. Additionally, it enables optimized digital collaboration and harmonization of workflows through a connected and digital workplace. Powell Intranet meets the requirements for flexibility, user-friendliness, and integration into the Microsoft 365 environment. As a result, HENSOLDT can create an efficient and future-proof work environment.



## IMPLEMENTATION

In close collaboration with addhucate, the intranet at HENSOLDT was realized in an agile and iterative manner. A Minimal Viable Product (MVP) was developed, and the addhucate Dual-track project approach was applied. The intranet is accessible to 5,000 desktop users and 1,500 frontline users worldwide, including mobile access via the Teams app. Corporate design was integrated, and a multilingual design was implemented. A security assessment was conducted to meet high-security requirements. Training sessions empowered employees, editors, and administrators for optimal usage. The intranet was seamlessly integrated into Microsoft Teams, and the project progress was documented. The collaboration with addhucate led to the realization of a modern, interconnected intranet that enhanced communication, transparency, and collaboration while harmonizing workflows.



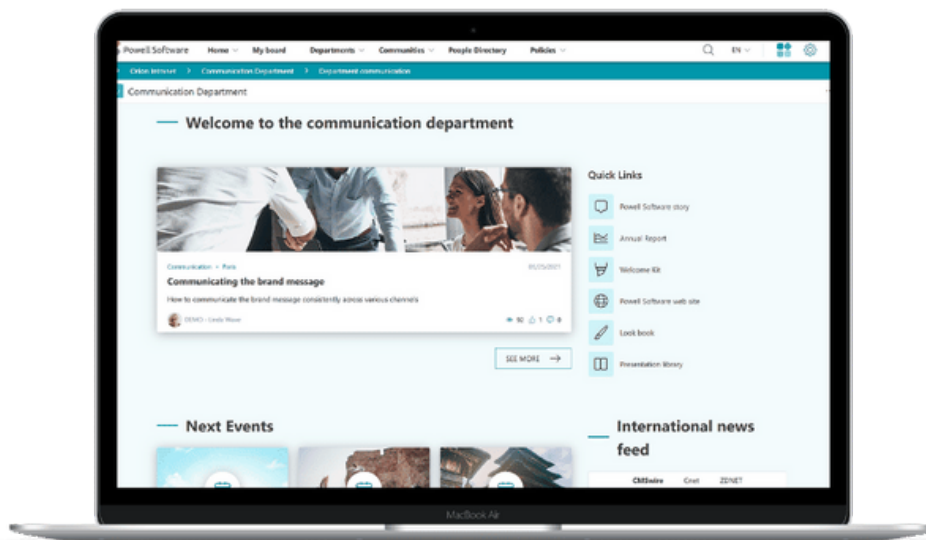
"The collaboration with our external partner, addhucate GmbH & Co. KG, was a remarkable experience, and I must say, you truly impressed me. Right from the start, your expertise and dedication were crucial factors, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing team."

Stephan Bernt  
IT Communication and  
Change Manger



## BENEFITS AND VALUE-ADDED

By executing this project, HENSOLDT was able to establish an optimal foundation for a user-centered Modern Workplace. The focus on Microsoft 365 and the implementation of Powell Intranet enabled seamless integration of various tools and functions, resulting in synergies that have already delivered significant added value for the company. Employees benefit from improved collaboration, increased efficiency, and an intuitive workplace tailored to their needs. Thus, the project has significantly contributed to modernizing the work environment and fully leveraging the potential of the Microsoft 365 platform.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

HENSOLDT has recognized the challenge of connecting all employees and enhancing internal communication. The collaboration with addhucate focuses on further expanding the intranet and providing an effective digital workplace. The successful partnership will continue to improve the Modern Workplace continuously and create optimal working conditions for the employees.

## STRONG PARTNER ADDHUCATE

HENSOLDT chose addhucate as a partner due to the comprehensive benefits and value they provide. Through collaboration, optimal integration of Microsoft 365 and Powell Intranet was achieved to create a user-centered Modern Workplace. addhucate demonstrated expertise, commitment, and adaptability to meet HENSOLDT's specific requirements. The result was a tailored intranet that improved internal communication, information delivery, and digital collaboration.



The collaboration with the HENSOLDT team is proof that one can achieve greatness and build team spirit even solely through remote work.

Thomas Hildebrandt  
Co-Founder und Co-CEO



You want to know how your company can benefit from Powell Intranet?

We look forward to discussing your requirements and assisting you in implementing your own digital workplace project.

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