

Strategy, Planning and Budgeting (SPB) Readiness Calculator Results

## Technology

#### **Technology BASIC Level Description**

Although many modern marketing technologies exist, few technologies provide modern strategy development, planning and budgeting functionality. Those that do tend to be siloed and poorly integrated. Where technologies fall short, participants often augment with spreadsheets and PowerPoints. Fortunately, leading MarTech providers' recent advancements enable simplified user experiences, comprehensive goal setting, scenario planning and budget management without confusion or disconnect.

Based on your responses in the SPB Calculator, your organization has a Basic level of readiness. This level may be described using the characteristics below.

## Does this sound like you?

**SPB** contribution **Template based SPB** contributor **SPB** information is Links between goals, activities are defined but spreadsheets and interactions are generic, reentered in multiple strategies, plans and PowerPoints are used for loosely managed and and often a matter of systems and may be budgets do not exist or goal setting, scenario different in those systems. must be entered manually. tracked. editing shared documents. planning and budgeting, but integration between these tools is manual. **Compliance to SPB policy** Specialty systems (e.g. Approval activities must be **Organization and team** SPB workflow is defined is rarely considered and budgeting) must be set and invoked by SPB difficult to evaluate. invoked independently of but is not formally participants and are often SPB workflow and often represented in work document level and requires searching once different for each activity. management systems. invoked.

Ad Hoc

Basic

Managed

**Optimized** 

Approximately 43% of marketers surveyed still do not use any kind of modern MarTech to manage key marketing activities, hindering the marketing team's ability to meet objectives.

- Gartner, August 2020

Consider the following activities to achieve a MANAGED maturity level:

#### **BUSINESS RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Manage activities performed by strategy, planning and budgeting participants in an automated project or work management system.
- Adopt specialty tools for the creation of goals, scenarios, plans and budgets.
- Integrate backend data flow between specialty systems and work management systems to limit data reentry.
- Expand strategy, planning and budgeting work management to include the orchestration of activities for both internal and external participants.
- Standardize approval workflow and include it in standard strategy, planning and budgeting workflow.
- Begin tracking versions of goals, strategies, scenarios and budgets in source systems and data repositories.
- Integrate risk and compliance into the strategy, planning and budgeting process.

# TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Pre-define unique strategy, planning and budgeting workflow in Workfront.
- Sequence and orchestrate strategy, planning and budgeting contributor activities in Workfront.
- Integrate and synchronize strategy, planning and budgeting information with Workfront Fusion, Workato or CapabilitySource Connect.
- Link and distribute financial information with Workfront Fusion, Workato or CapabilitySource Connect.

