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Summary

Here is what's new in **Version 2024.Q3**

New features

We're thrilled to introduce the redesigned mobile timesheet for iOS and Android! Daily time entries are now more streamlined and intuitive, bringing you a seamless and efficient way to track your work hours that meets the latest standards.

Need more clarity or additional details from team members while working on a task? Our newly added comment section lets you enhance your tasks by adding comments, and you'll receive notifications when team members reply, keeping collaboration seamless and efficient.

Quality enhancements

Our commitment to quality enhancements continued strongly in the third quarter, bringing a robust set of improvements to myPARM.

Building on our newly introduced resource planning feature, we enriched it with valuable feedback from clients, refining its functionality to better fit your needs. We also checked off a few longstanding requests from our wishlist, including a highly anticipated setting that allows cost carrier information to flow directly from project attributes into the project structure for a more efficient setup.

These and many other enhancements are detailed in the quality enhancements section of our release notes. We're excited to support you in exploring the latest features and hope you find this release as beneficial as we do!

Bugfixes

Even in project management software, things don't always go as planned. We tackled a few challenging issues and found effective solutions, making myPARM even more robust and reliable for the future.

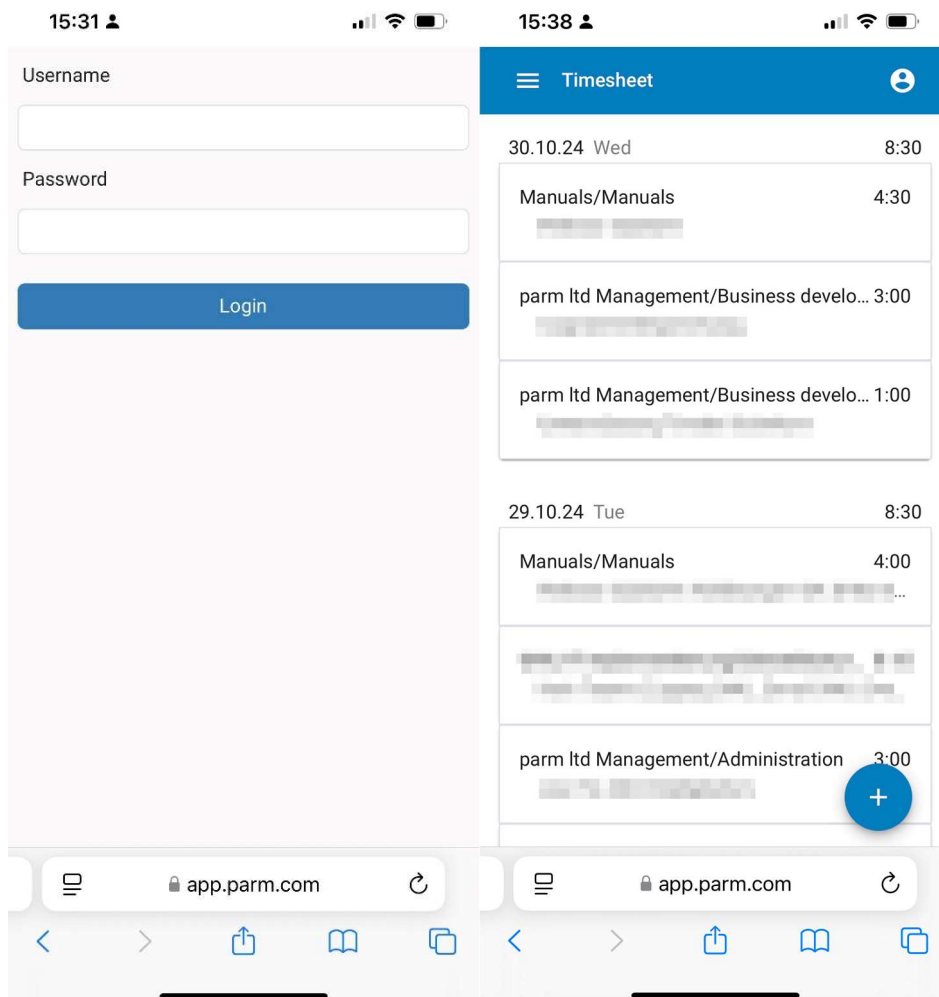
1. New features

Mobile timesheet

We redesigned the mobile timesheet for iOS and Android. Daily timesheet entries are now up to date and meet current standards:

- **Flexible Time Entry:** Log your hours multiple times throughout the day as you complete tasks, keeping your timesheet accurate and up-to-date.
- **Enhanced Mobile Compatibility:** The timesheet now features a time picker, making mobile entries easier and more efficient.
- **Guided Input:** Easily navigate through selecting dates from the calendar, access recently used activities (from the last 30 days), and quickly complete all required fields.
- **Edit & Delete Options:** You can edit or delete entries made on the current day, keeping your time records accurate.
- **Read-Only View for Finalized Entries:** Previous entries that are no longer modifiable are available in a convenient read-only format.

Enhanced personalization is included with automatic culture settings, so timesheet formatting aligns with the settings saved in your user profile, synchronized from the web application. Only current and past entries are displayed, with future entries hidden for better focus.



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The mobile timesheet is also organized for seamless navigation. When you access the timesheet, it defaults to showing entries from the current and last calendar week, neatly grouped by day. At the bottom, a “Load More” button allows you to view older data, ensuring you can easily find recent entries without extra scrolling.

To further enhance productivity, modern mobile features make time entry simpler than ever:

- **Comment with Speech-to-Text:** Quickly add comments by using voice recognition, saving you typing time.
- **Access Anytime, Anywhere:** Record time entries on the go, even during on-site visits.

The mobile timesheet is accessible via a URL, so no separate app download is required. For quicker access, you can save the timesheet URL as a home screen icon on [iOS](#) or [Android](#).

This is just the beginning! We’re already planning more updates, including expense tracking, receipt attachment, and a start/stop time-tracking trigger to further improve your time management experience. Stay tuned for more updates soon.

Logs / task management

More clients are working with our task management in myPARM and therefore we consider first feedback. We enhanced tasks, risk and quality with a new comment section.

Action Prepare documentation	Start date <input type="text"/>
Action description Prepare documentation describing Identity authentication setup.	Due date 03.10.2024
Tags and people <input type="text"/>	Planned monetary effort [CHF] <input type="text"/>
Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Gather information <input type="checkbox"/> Create draft document <input type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Create PDF and publish	Planned time effort [h] <input type="text"/>
Add	Chance of success <input type="text"/>
	Status Planned/TODO
	Author Kowal, Grzegorz, GK
	Date of last update 27.09.2024

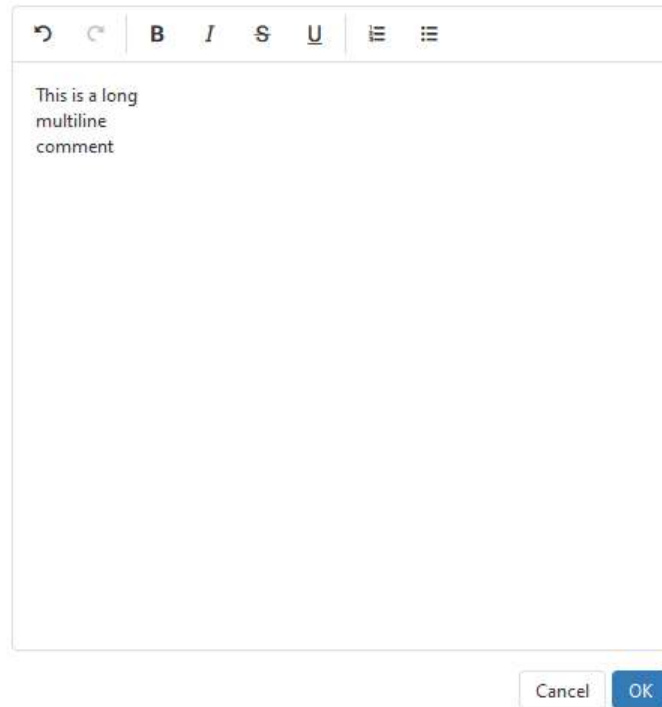
Comments **Add comment**

Kowal, Joanna , mj-all 27 Sep 2024 13:51
We will discuss this with the team and add more options if needed.

Kowal, Grzegorz, GK 27 Sep 2024 13:49
I've added the checklist but some additional points can be added, like different formats?

A new comment section has been added at the bottom of the log popup, similar in format to the Comment log.

If a new comment is entered, it will appear at the top of the section, displaying the author's name and date, followed by the comment content itself.



The “Add Comment” button allows users to add a new comment through a popup window, featuring the editor for text formatting. Available editor functionalities include:

- Undo
- Redo
- Bold
- Italic
- Strikethrough
- Underline
- Ordered list
- Unordered list

After clicking OK in the editor popup, the new comment is added to the conversation within the log. This conversation is accessible to the author, responsible party, and observers.

Comments are saved along with other log data once the OK button in the log popup is pressed.

In this release, comments cannot be edited or deleted after they are saved; users may cancel the log popup if a comment has not yet been saved.

Multiple comments can be added within a single log editing session.

The entire popup content is scrollable (excluding the bottom action buttons: Documents, Cancel and OK) to enable easy navigation of the conversation.

Collaboration notification

When a comment is added, it is treated as a major update, and users are notified based on the established notification rules. Even if multiple comments are added, a single notification is generated, treating the comment as a standard major update.

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Notifications for major updates appear as follows:

- A red badge is shown in the Navigation Menu
- Workspace tasks are highlighted in bold
- The update is included in notification emails

2. Quality enhancement

Home view

We enhanced the open process's view and the budget and resource planning processes are now included to it.

The screenshot shows the myPArM Home interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Workspace', 'TET', 'Project', 'Invoicing', 'BSC', 'Dashboards', 'Admin', 'Reports', and a user profile. The main content area is titled 'myPArM Home 0.2022.001 Spese Gestione Interne 2022 Spese Interne 2022'. It features a 'Pending actions' table, a 'Projects' table with columns for Project, Project leader, and POC, and a 'Reports' table. A red box highlights the 'Open processes' and 'Waiting for approval' sections, which contain a list of processes with details like 'Process', 'Project name', and 'Last modif...'. To the right, there are four circular gauges: 'Actuals vs Budget' (422K), 'Budget vs Fee' (1.3M), 'Invoiced vs Fee' (10K), and 'WIP' (112K).

The hyperlink on the name of the process will redirect to the last step the process was used for. Going back will show again the "Home view".

Please note that access to these processes is determined by user roles and permissions. Users without the necessary permissions will not see these options. Additionally, the "Waiting for approval" tab will display projects only if approval steps are defined for the company.

Cashflow & resource planning

In the Cashflow & Resource Planning view, we have implemented adjustments to enhance usability. The timeline display—whether by months or weeks, based on your company's planning preferences—now remains fixed at the top of the screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Start planning 10.2024' view. It includes a table with columns for 'Total actual budget', 'Actuals up to Sep 2024', 'Remaining after Sep 2024', and a timeline from 01.2024 to 08.2024, plus 'Total year' and 'Total'. The table is divided into sections: 'Profit/loss', 'Result', 'Planning resources and other costs', and 'Resources'. The 'Resources' section includes columns for 'Estimated effort workpackage', 'Actuals up to Sep 2024', 'Remaining after Sep 2024', and the same timeline. The bottom of the screen has navigation icons for home, back, forward, and close.

This enables clear visibility of the specific periods for which you are planning as you scroll through the details below, ensuring alignment and accuracy in resource allocation and cashflow forecasting.

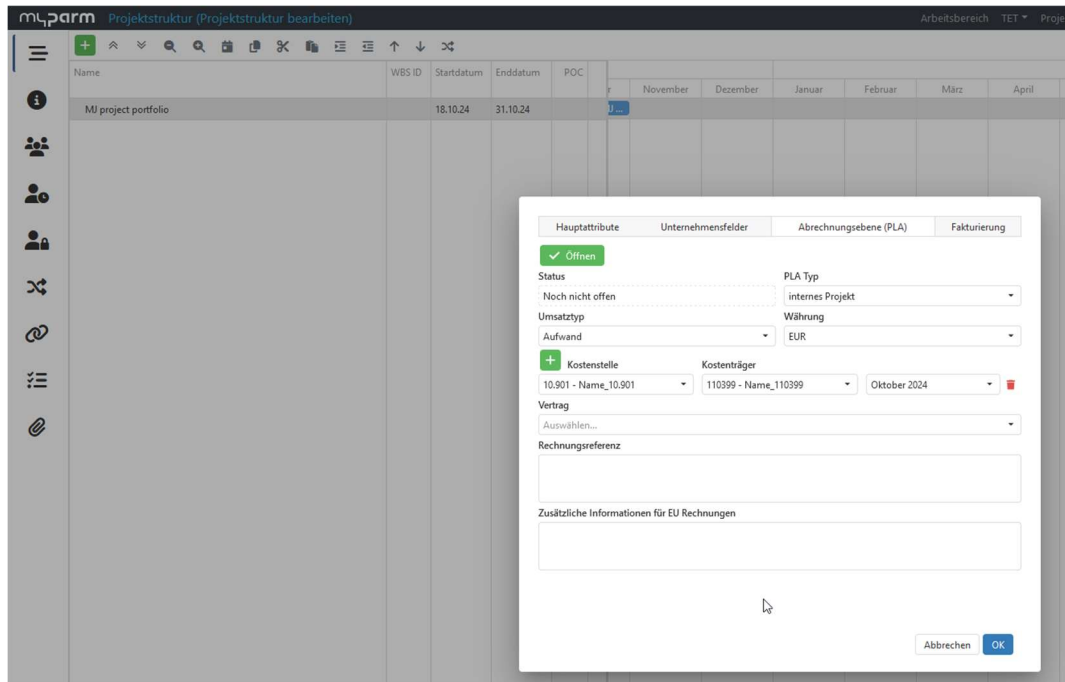
Prefilled cost carriers – From project attributes to project structure

We've introduced a new setting that enables automatic transfer of cost carrier information from project attributes to the project structure. When this setting is activated by Parm, selected cost attributes will be automatically pre-selected for PLAs (= profit loss accounts are linked to project level) within the project structure, simplifying project creation and setup. This allows our customers to focus on building their project structure more efficiently.

You still retain full flexibility to adjust cost carriers at the PLA or sub-project level as needed, allowing customization to best fit your company's structure and planning requirements.

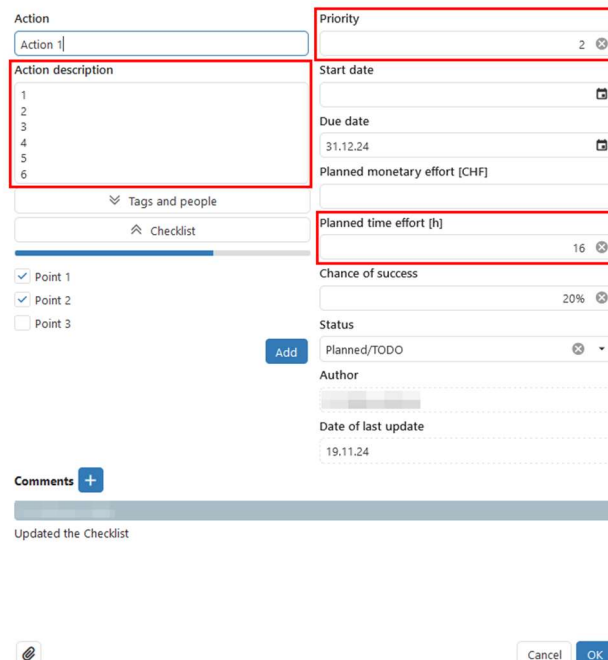
The screenshot shows the 'Projektattribute (Projektattribute)' configuration page in the m4parm system. The form contains the following fields and values:

- Projektattribute:** A section header.
- Aktiv:** A checked checkbox.
- Projektcontainer:** A dropdown menu with the value '004, MJ.Container'.
- Kostenstelle:** A dropdown menu with the value '10.901 - Name_10.901'.
- Kostenträger:** A dropdown menu with the value '110399 - Name_110399'. A mouse cursor is pointing at the dropdown arrow, and a list of options is visible: '110399 - Name_110399', '110399 - Name_110399', and '999999 - Name_999999'.
- Projektname:** A text input field with the value 'MJ project portfolio'.
- Projektkurzbezeichnung:** A text input field, currently empty.



Tasks/Logs

We've enhanced the description field by doubling its size. Previously, the field displayed three lines of text, but it now shows six, allowing for greater visibility. For descriptions longer than six lines, you can still scroll within the text field after seven lines.



The field priorities can be filled in with values from 0 until 9999, making sure our clients can use whatever they need. Priorities can be set by the author of the task, while others will see it as read-only. The field is optional and can be cleared.

In task resource planning, we've refined daily planning to now support hourly planning, providing a more precise approach to managing resources.

Resource planning

The resource planning view now includes each employee's annual available hours, calculated based on their assigned working time calendar and employment level:

Planning resources and other costs				
Total cost planning	120,000	0	120,000	
Resources	Estimated effort workpackage	Actuals up to Sep 2024	Remaining after Sep 2024	
Total [EUR]	120,000	0	120,000	
Total hours [h]	1,000	0	1,000	
ka1, aga, ak_2	<input type="text" value="1,912"/>	1,000	0	1,000

This static value provides a clear overview of resource capacity, especially useful in larger teams or organizations with multiple team members.

If you would like to enable this setting in your environment, please contact any Parm representative for assistance.

Project structure – Column width

The name column for each element is now fully adjustable, allowing you to resize it directly within the view:

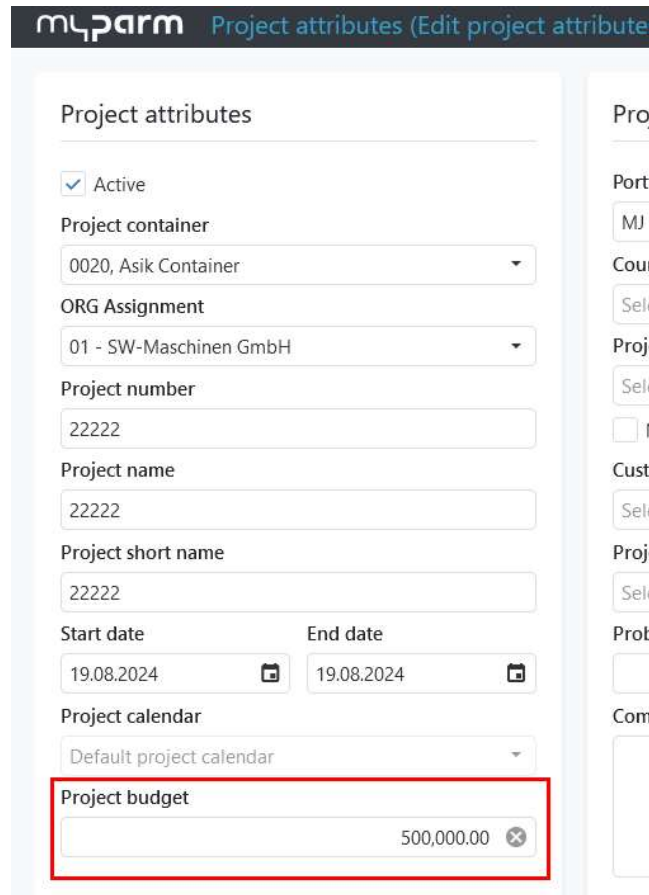
Name	WBS ID	Startdatum	Enddatum	POC	März	April
MJ Project 2024.08.23		23.08.24	31.10.24			
Arbeitspaket 1	1	23.08.24	31.10.24			
Summary2	2	08.10.24	14.10.24			
Summary 2.1	2.1	08.10.24	14.10.24			
Summary2.1.1	2.1.1	08.10.24	14.10.24			
Task2.1.1 tresche dluzza nazwa nie normalnie Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing el	2.1.1.1	08.10.24	14.10.24			

Previously, columns needed individual adjustments before resizing the name column, but this is no longer necessary.

Additionally, if the full name isn't visible and the column hasn't been resized, a tooltip will appear, displaying the complete name for easier reference.

Project budget

In the project attributes, starting from the "Create idea" process step, the project budget can now be entered in a top-down approach. This initial budget entry allows for easy comparison with sub-project planning figures, supporting a streamlined budgeting workflow.



The screenshot shows the 'Project attributes' form with the following fields and values:

- Active
- Project container: 0020, Asik Container
- ORG Assignment: 01 - SW-Maschinen GmbH
- Project number: 22222
- Project name: 22222
- Project short name: 22222
- Start date: 19.08.2024
- End date: 19.08.2024
- Project calendar: Default project calendar
- Project budget: 500,000.00

The budget field accepts values between 0 and 9,999,999,999,999.99, providing flexibility for projects of any scale.

HR – Language setting

We introduce the language setting now to the HR section, accessible to Admin users.

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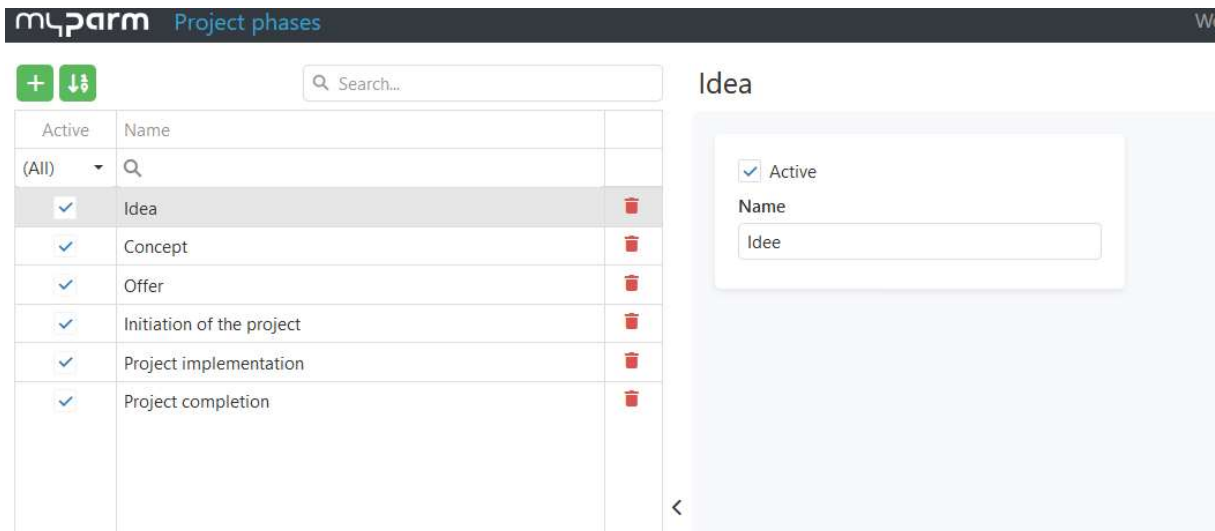
Main	Rates
<p>Number</p> <input type="text" value="2260"/> <p>Login</p> <input type="text" value="kn260"/> <p>Password</p> <input type="password" value="•••••"/> <p>Confirm password</p> <input type="password" value="•••••"/> <p>Language</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <input type="text" value="German"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English (British) Finnish French <li style="background-color: #f0f0f0;">German Italian Polish </div> <p>Skills</p> <input type="text" value="Select..."/>	

For already existing users we use the already existing settings from each user. New users will have the default system language assigned, ensuring they start directly in their preferred language without needing to search through settings. Admins can select from active languages via a dropdown menu, making it easy for new users to begin in the language they use most comfortably.

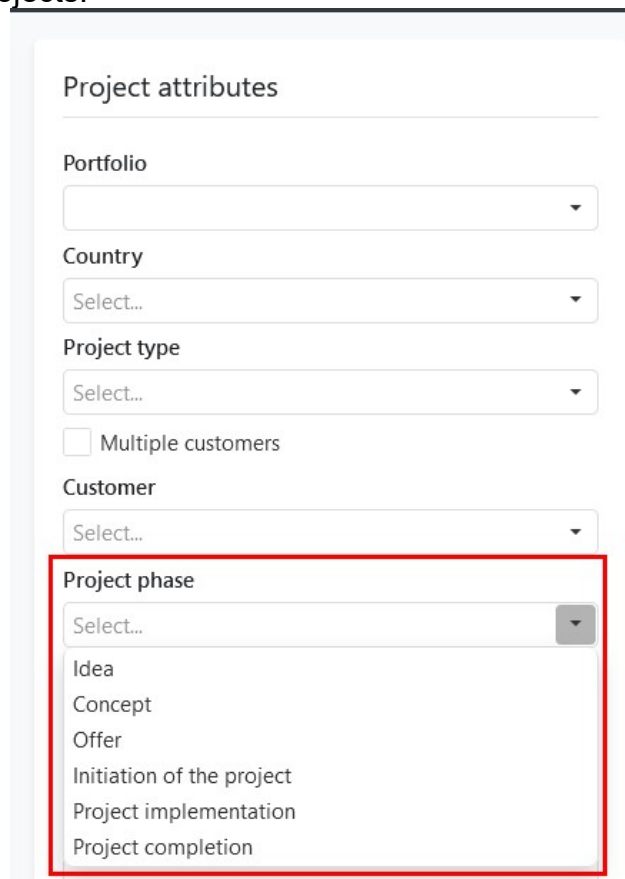
Admin – Project phases

We made it possible to adjust the project phases based on your company's preferences.

Within the Admin section → Tables, you are now able to add, adjust or delete the project phases:



Based on the active list, the project phase attributes will appear in the project attributes when you initiate projects.



Project control – Download invoice PDF

In project control, a new PDF button is now available in front of the attachments button. When clicked, the button downloads the invoice in PDF format:

- For single customer invoices, the file is downloaded as a PDF.
- For multi-customer invoices, a zip file containing individual PDFs is downloaded.

Resources	Estimated effort workpackage	Actuals up to 40.2024	Remaining after 40.2024	40.2024	41.2024	42.2024	43.2024	44.2024	45.2024	46.2024	47.2024	Total year	Total
Total [CHF]	123,460	0	123,460	0	5,535	3,104	3,104	3,104	3,104	3,104	3,104	39,679	123,487
Total hours [h]	510.0	0.0	510.0	0.0	23.6	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	164.4	510.0
Ity; Alex, AI	120.0	0.0	120.0	0.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	39.0	120.0
Ity; Alex, AI2	120.0	0.0	120.0	0.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	39.0	120.0
LastName_10, Name_10,...	130.0	0.0	130.0	0.0	4.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	40.9	130.0
LastName_100, Name_1,...	140.0	0.0	140.0	0.0	7.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	45.5	140.0

In case you need to activate this setting, just reach out to Parm to support you in your resource planning.

Resource/CF/Budget planning – Start/end dates of PLAs

Start and end dates are now displayed directly after the name of each PLA, both in Resource Planning and Cash Flow Planning views. This addition simplifies planning by clearly showing the designated project period, ensuring that scheduling aligns with the initial project structure setup.

Asik KB-6128.MJ Project 2024.08.23.Arbeitspaket 1[EUR]: Arbeitspaket 1 MJ Project 2024.08.23 **(23.08.24 - 31.10.24)**

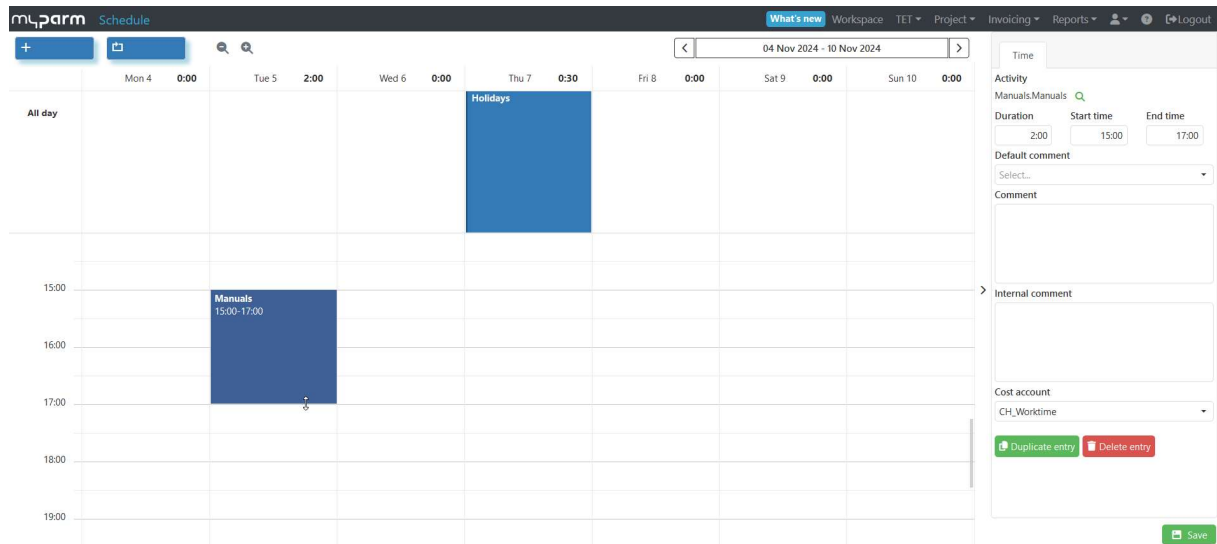
Start planning 10.2024
Actuals till 09.2024

	Total actual budget	Actuals up to Sep 2024	Remaining after Sep 2024	01.2024	02.2024	03.2024	04.2024	05.2024	06.2024	07.2024
3rd party		0	0							
Expenses / Material		0	0							
Cost budget total		0	0							
Own labour		0	0							
3rd party		0	0							
Expenses / Material		0	0							

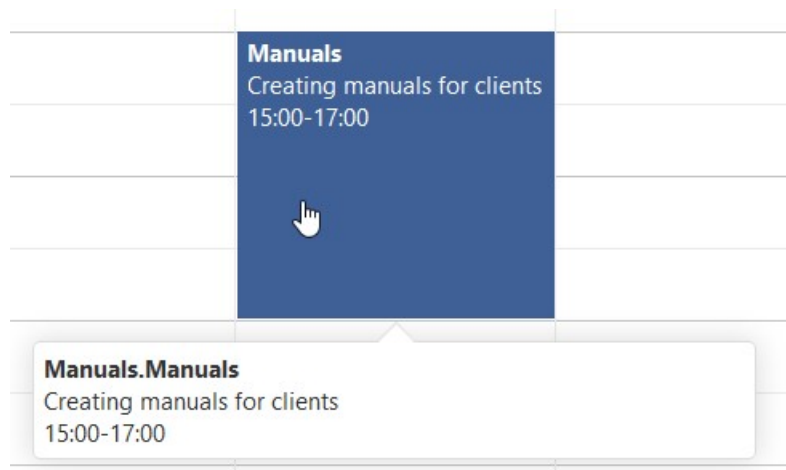
TET – Schedule

If you prefer entering your time with drag-and-drop functionality in a calendar view, we have great news! Our updated Schedule View now allows you to use the plus button or select from recently used activities and simply drag them directly into the calendar. A pop-up window then opens, displaying project activities for quick selection, making time entry even more intuitive.

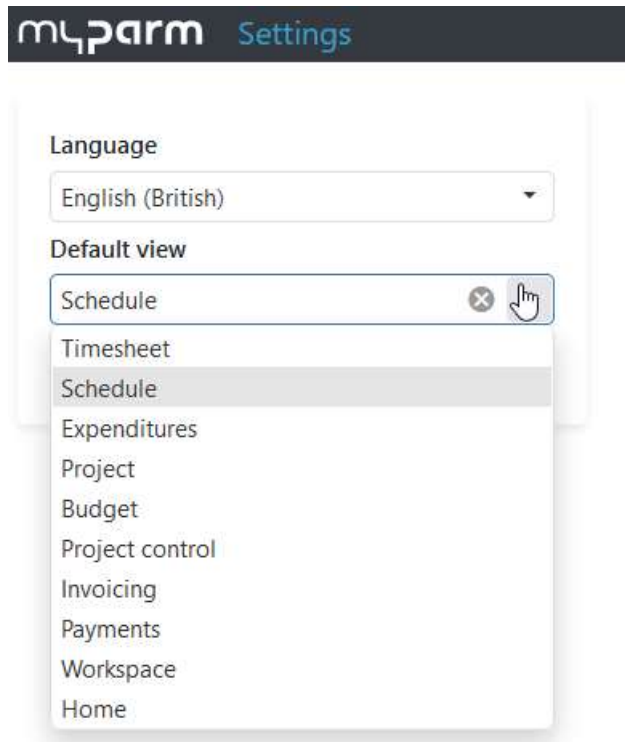
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To improve clarity, we've streamlined activity titles to show only the most relevant information, while a tooltip reveals additional details, including the associated project and any comments added:



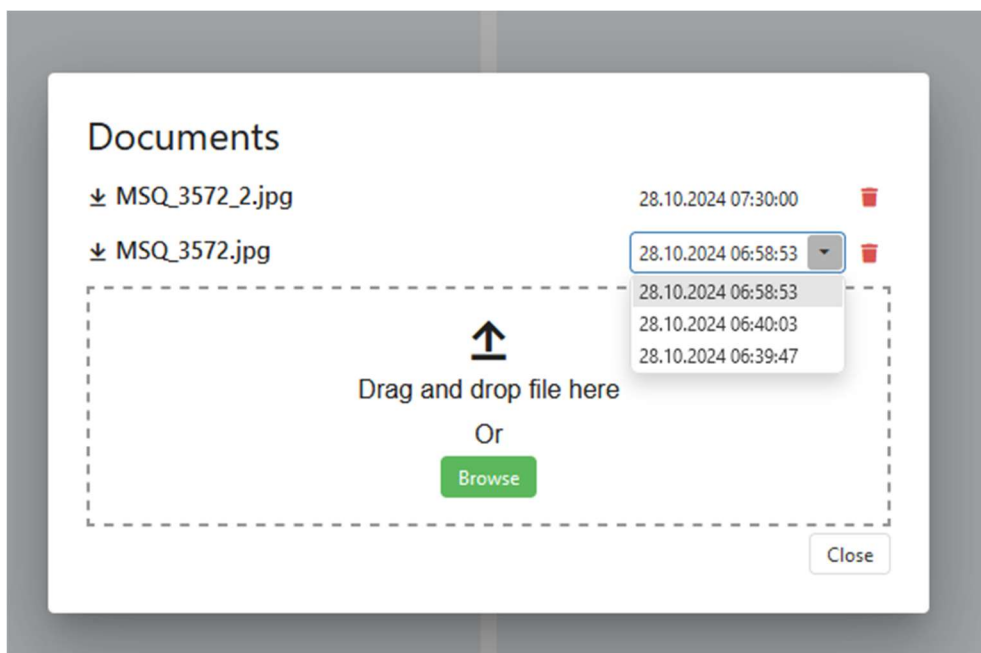
This schedule view can be set as the default for all users upon login or can be selected manually in each user's profile settings, allowing for a customized experience:



In case you need a different granularity to setting of times, feel free to reach out!

Document versioning

We changed the way we show versioned documents in myPARM. Before we had a list of different versioned documents where you could select from. Now we show the exact date the document was attached. The current version is shown automatically and you can select older versions by choosing from the drop down menu.



Portfolio – Creating an idea

If the process for idea creation is active, ideas can be created within the portfolio. In addition to the ability to add already existing projects to the portfolio and create projects directly in the portfolio, it is now also possible to generate ideas using the light bulb icon:

Projekt-Ideen

The screenshot displays the 'Projekt-Ideen' (Project Ideas) interface. It is divided into several sections:

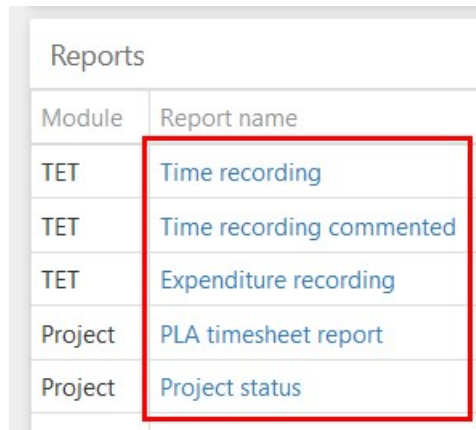
- Form Fields:** Includes a 'Draft' checkbox, 'Type' dropdown, 'Portfolio' dropdown, 'Name' text input (with 'Projekt-Ideen' as a placeholder), 'Description' text area, 'Cost budget' text input, and 'Hours budget' text input.
- Score maps:** A section with a warning icon and a 'Select...' dropdown.
- Team management:** A section with an empty text input field.
- Inherited team:** A section with a dashed-line text input field.
- Cost & hours budget:** A table with columns for 'Year', 'Cost', and 'Hours [h]'. It includes a search bar and a '+' icon.
- Projects:** A table with columns for 'Project', 'Type', and 'Status'. It includes a search bar and icons for '+', a light bulb (representing 'Create & assign idea'), and a pencil.

A tooltip labeled 'Create & assign idea' is shown over the light bulb icon in the 'Projects' table.

3. Bugfixes

Home view – Report title translation

We're pleased to share that report titles in the new home view are now fully translated into all supported languages, enhancing accessibility for non-English users. Previously, report titles appeared only in English, but now they are available in each user's selected language, making navigation smoother for everyone.



Reports	
Module	Report name
TET	Time recording
TET	Time recording commented
TET	Expenditure recording
Project	PLA timesheet report
Project	Project status

User setting – Licence overview as landing page

Users with the role of maintaining licenses previously saw the license management view as their landing page, regardless of their personal settings. This issue is now resolved, and these users can once again select their preferred landing page in their settings.

Template – Delete template

Templates containing tasks with defined observers could previously not be deleted, even if the template was unused. This issue has now been resolved, and templates can be deleted as expected.

Saving projects

Saving projects with multiple elements previously resulted in extended saving times, impacting user experience. We have optimized performance, significantly reducing saving time for a smoother workflow.

Tab in editable cells

We've resolved an issue where using the tab key caused a crash, even though this functionality is supported. Now, pressing the tab key will correctly navigate you to the next cell for editing, ensuring a smoother workflow.