

# **Harmonization of Benefits**

## Germany: Identify need for action related to M&A

Employee benefits schemes are under constant change caused by evolving market trends or due to in-organic or organic company modifications like M&A activities. Profion provides therefore a benefits risk consulting proposition to enable the harmonization and modernization of single and multiple employee benefits setups.

## 5 questions to identify need for action in your company environment:

- How did you secure that all relevant information on all benefits granted from all parties involved have been considered?
- With a focus on Pension (DB or DC) within German legislation, do you have confirmation on the detailed plan setup?
- In the case of an existing Defined Benefit liability, can you assure that the liability is fully financed at any point of time?
- In case of Defined Benefits for Death and Disability Pension, have you specified the related liability in your balance sheet or in case of an incurring claim?
- Do you have assurance that the current financing model of benefit liabilities is state of the art related to expected changes in your business environment (i.e. M&A activities)?

## In case of uncertainty: Apply Profion's Benefit Risk Consulting Process

Evaluate - Modernize - Harmonize

### **Due Diligence**

Evaluation of existing benefit liabilities of employers and impacts towards future company goals

#### **Market Benchmark**

Best practice market infomation to enable setup or shift to competitive employee benefit plan proposition

# Review & Recommendation Handling of present liabilities according the risk appetite of the client

Best Practice & Harmonization
Integration of existing plans into a new benefit proposition

### **Implementation**

Implementation support as well as ongoing maintenance



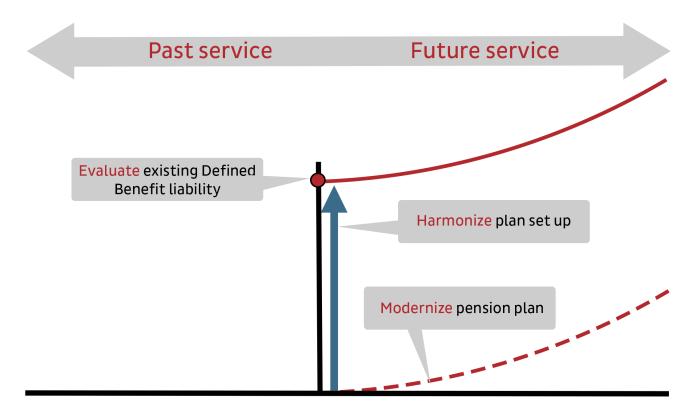
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### **Deep Dive on Defined Benefit Pension liabilities**

Germany is a prime market for M&A activities aimed at foreign investors' inorganic growth in Europe. One of the main challenges is to manage existing employee benefit liabilities. Still a significant portion involves historical pension plans resp. Defined Benefit Plans financed through book reserves by the employer.

## How to apply Profion's Benefit Risk Consulting Process

- 1 Evaluate existing Defined Benefit liabilities in the balance sheet (Past service)
- Modernize benefit plan setup towards Defined Contribution (Future service) according to market benchmark and definition of a best practice
- Harmonize and implement multiple past service liabilities in one future service employee benefits plan setup



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