

Q&A for businesses

To give you a first impression of how we work, we have listed the most important questions for you:

When does a business benefit from assigning an HR interim manager?

An assignment makes sense if a business has to fill a vacant position – for example, due to dismissals, events of illness, or parental leave – for an undetermined period of time.

An experienced HR interim manager bridges this vacancy as a specialist or generalist, equipped with the necessary professional expertise and required practical experience, without a lengthy adjustment period. Also, for cases like project tasks, restructuring, reorganization, problem solving or additional work load, an HR interim manager is the ideal candidate. With his/her skills, he/she is complementary to your business. And, in contrast to a management consultant, an HR interim manager also takes care of the implementation.

What advantages does the assignment of an HR interim manager offer to your business?

Depending on the individual situation, there are several advantages:

- High flexibility through prompt availability, flexible adaptation to varying assignment duration, and transparent, predictable costs.
- **High productivity** of the HR interim manager from the first operating day on, due to immediate starting of activities without a lengthy adjustment period.
- **High individuality** through careful selection of candidates who will meet the exact demands of your business.
- **Insourcing** of missing **expertise and experience** through the HR interim manager's sector and process know-how, as well as his/her professional and management experience.
- HR interim managers are success and results-oriented. They are not striving for a career within the company and are perceived as neutral partners among colleagues.

Doesn't it take too long for an HR interim manager to become productive for my business?

HR-Consultants offer access to more than 1.100 freelancing, excellently qualified Human Resource managers and specialists with proven qualifications and experience. HR interim managers are success and results-oriented. Due to many years of professional experience in various companies, they have shown that they can comprehend the essential aspects of a task and become productive in a very short period of time. This is a crucial part of the requirement profile of an HR interim manager.

Isn't the assignment of an HR interim manager much more expensive than hiring a permanent employee?

No, the assignment of an HR interim manager is generally not more expensive. A comprehensive comparison of costs takes the different expense factors into account:

- Gross annual salary including success-related components, costs for a company car, cell phone, etc.
- Non-wage labor costs for the employer
- Voluntary social benefits
- Average periods of absence due to illness, maternity leave, vacation, etc.
- Less productive work periods due to changing requirements
- Procurement costs for permanent employees
- Separation costs in case of the discontinuation of a position
- Costs for training, further education, and adjustment periods

You should also consider this: For on-off tasks, or repetitive but time-limited tasks, the permanent employment of an HR manager is normally too expensive.

HR-Consultants operate with the INHOUSE concept for interim management and project tasks. That means the interim manager works "inhouse"- has his/her workplace at the company. What is the advantage in comparison to consulting companies?

The HR interim manager is integrated into the company as an HR manager. Therefore, he/she becomes directly acquainted with the corporate culture and is able to adequately consider the often crucial "soft factors" within the processing of a task. Externally operating consulting companies can only consider information they are provided with, but they mostly lack in-house experience. The INHOUSE concept provides a verifiably more realistic picture of the company, its organization, the processes and people – which in turn facilitates the development and implementation of more successful concepts and solutions. Mostly, the HR interim manager not only acts strategically, but also works operatively.

Can our company expect the same loyalty from an HR interim manager as it can from a permanent employee?

Loyalty is an individual human quality, which is independent from any terms of contracts. HR interim managers are careful to ensure that their tasks will be solved in the best possible way. A major asset of an HR interim manager is his/her reputation. Only when recommended, can he/she acquire new mandates and clients – and be successful in the medium and long term. And only when you are satisfied with his/her performance, is he/she able to acquire further tasks and projects within your company. Therefore, loyalty is of the utmost importance for an HR interim manager. An HR interim manager is a service provider and entrepreneur, not an employee.

You have further questions or wish to contact us?

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