USE OF CRM SYSTEMS IN SLOVENIAN WOOD INDUSTRY COMPANIES

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INTRODUCTION

 Companies should take care of their costumers to ensure long-term success.



- obtaining new customers require five times larger investment than for exercising a sale to an old customer and
- 5 % increase in the customer maintenance rate increases the profits more than 20%.

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- × Very important:
 - + knowing and being familiar with customers' characteristics, wishes and needs

× Costumers

should/must be satisfied.





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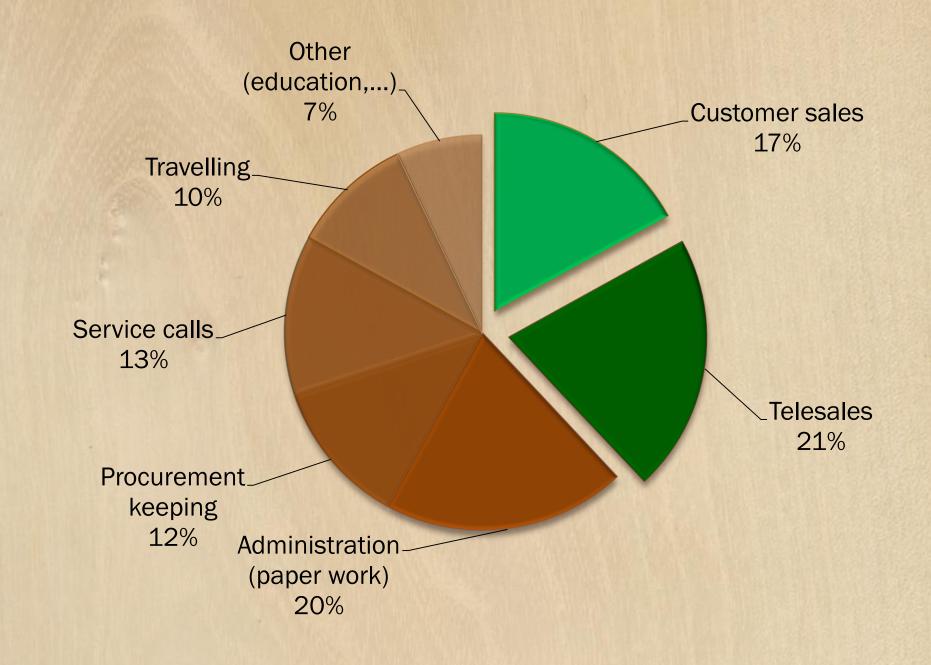
Customer Relationship Management How To Build Solid Trust Between Companies And Customers



CRM (CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT)

is the establishment, development, maintenance and optimisation of long-term mutually valuable relationships between consumers and companies.





Various activities of salespeople by time sharing (Dickie / Hayes, 2001)

GOALS

- Determine the scope of applying CRM tools/systems in Slovenian wood-industry companies
- × Find out:
 - + user satisfaction with CRM tools (if they are used) and
 - + their expectations and requirements for CRM tool/system.

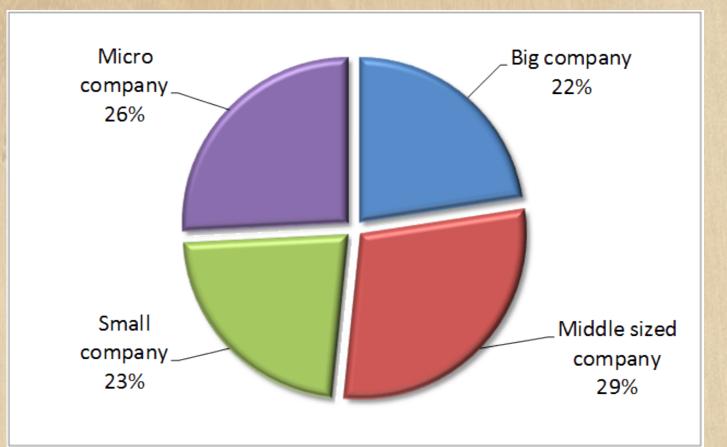
HYPOTHESIS:

We assume that Slovenian wood-industry companies do not apply CRM tools/systems on a large scale even though they are well aware of their significance.

WORKING METHOD

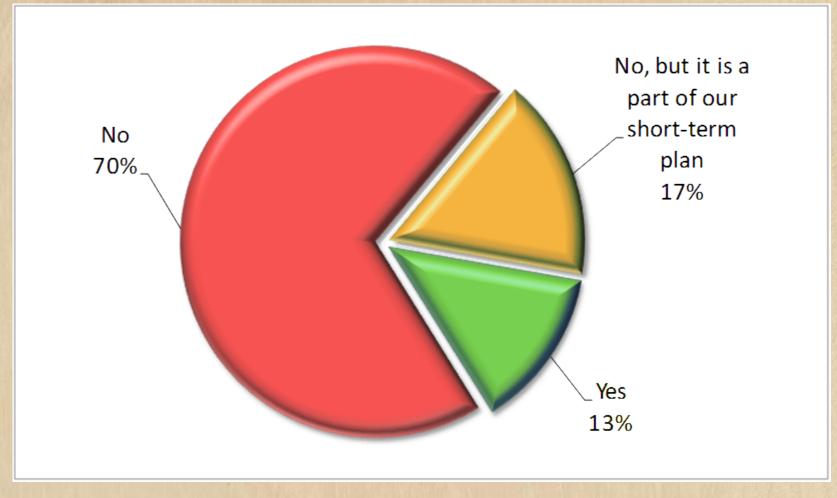
- Collect and analyse data with use of the method of classic questionnaire in April 2010 about:
 - + using the CRM tools/systems in Slovenian wood-industry companies and
 - + their satisfaction at use
 - + the meaning of particular characteristics of CRM tool/system.
- The questionnaire was sent via e-mail to randomly selected wood-industry companies of all sizes.
- ***** We received responses from **31 companies**
 - (they employ more than 28% of all employees in wood industry in Slovenia)

Size of examined companies

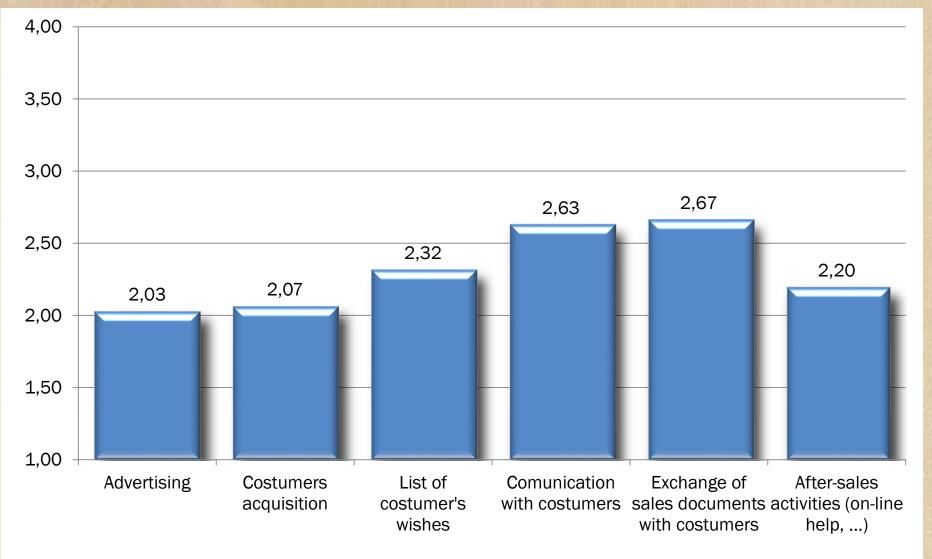


Micro company : Small company: Middle sized company: Big company: 1 - 10 employees
11 - 50 employees
51 - 250 employees
251+ employees

Use of CRM tools/system in business operations

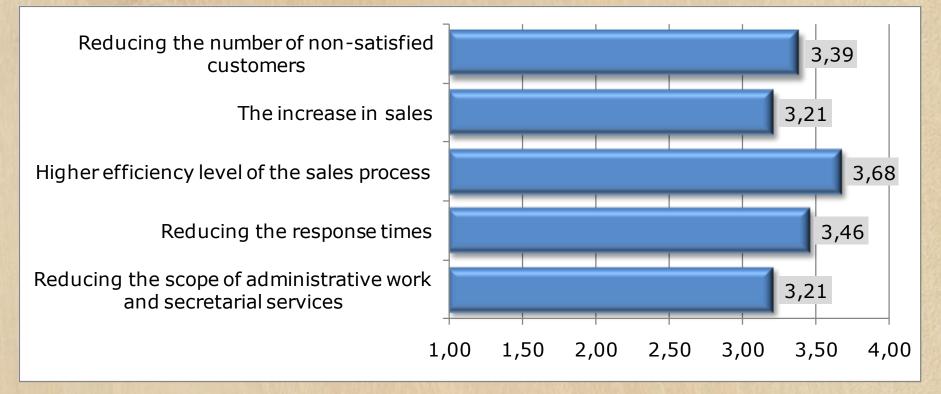


Support to the marketing activities by computer software



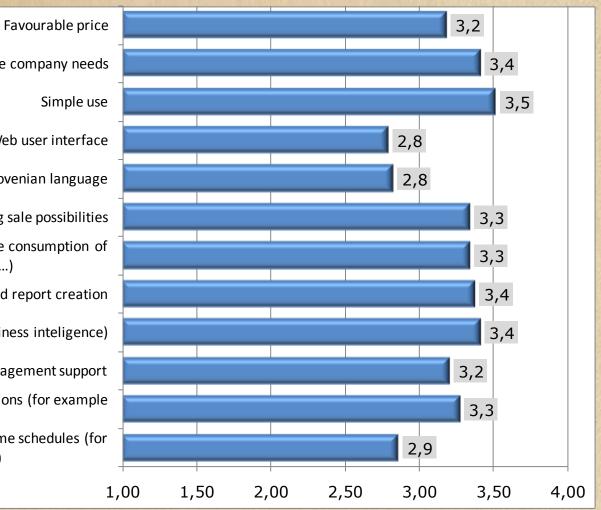
(legend: 1 – not supported, 2 – weak supported, 3 – good supported, 4 – fully supported)

Expectations and requirements for CRM tool/system



⁽legend: 1 – irrelevant, 4 – very relevant)

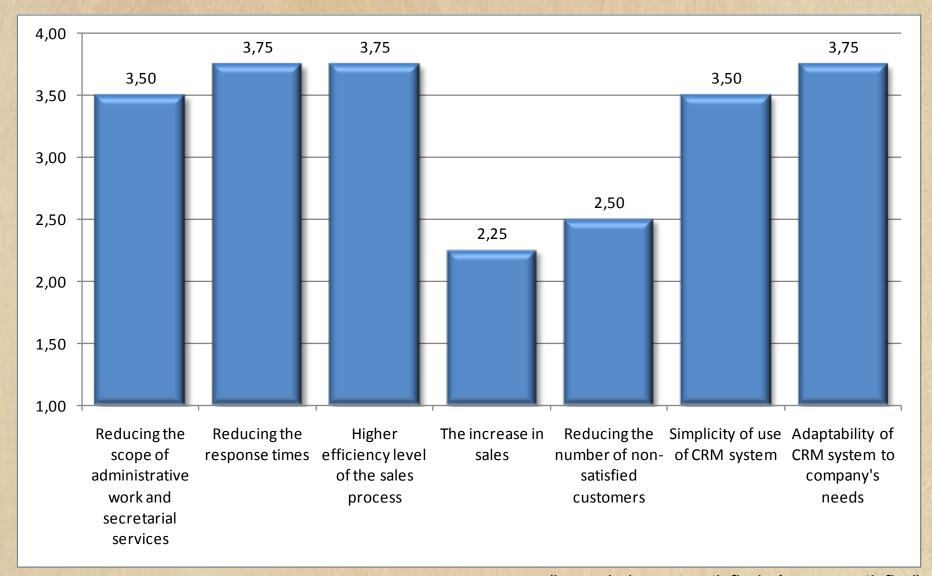
Significance of the selected characteristics of CRM tool/system



The possibility of rapid adaptation to the company needs Simple use Web user interface User interface in Slovenian language Tracking sale possibilities Measuring the effect and monitoring the consumption of resources (time, money, ...) Automatic analysis and report creation Managerial insight into sales (business inteligence) Project management support Implementing marketing communication actions (for example research among buyers) Connection of the time schedule with other time schedules (for example MS Outlook, Google)

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Satisfaction of users of CRM tools/systems



(legend: 1 – not satisfied, 4 - very satisfied)

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Slovenian wood industry companies apply CRM systems only on rare occasions.
- 2. They believe that their use has a strong impact on performance and efficiency of the sales process.

Companies that apply CRM tools/systems have experienced:

- + shortage in response times,
- + transparency of the sales process and
- reduction of administrative work and secretarial services.

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Main expectations for CRM system :

- + fair price and simple use,
- + following the sales opportunities,
- + carrying out particular marketing communication actions,
- + their functionality in the management of the sales process, so-called business intelligence.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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