

Success Plan Canvas

The Success Plan Canvas is a tool designed for Account Managers and Customer Success Managers. It facilitates the setup of a Joint Success Plan – the initial agreement between Sales, Customer Success, and your customer.

Do you want to reduce your churn and increase your up- and cross-selling? Then learn more about our Customer Success programs at saas-collective.com.

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Client

1. Company highlights

Company details

Short history, main products & services, industry trends, internal systems/tools used.

Key Stakeholders

Which internal/external persons, groups and decision makers should we take into account and are affecting our project. For complex products it makes sense to create a stakeholder map.

Decisions makers:

Budget owner:

Project team:

Who are the influencers, Champions, and Detractors?

User groups:

Priorities

Other highlights?

2. P.I.N.C.

PROBLEMS • IMPACT • NEEDS • CONSTRAINTS

Problems

Which problems/challenges does this customer want to solve?

Impact

What is the impact of those problems on the customer's business?

Needs

Which needs does our customer have related to our product/service?

Constraints

Which constraints and challenges do we need to overcome or should we be aware of?

3. Products & services

Which products/services have been bought?

4. Desired outcomes / experience

What outcomes is the customer looking for? What kind of experience does the customer require to achieve this?

How is our product/service helping our customer to achieve their outcomes?

5. Success criteria & KPI

How would success look like for this company? What are the criteria for that?

Which success stories of other clients can you share here?

6. Risks & opportunities

Think about the threats & risks which could intervene with the success plan and endanger the relation and value of your product.

Which up- and cross-sell potentials do you see?

7. Success milestones

Which milestones and actions are defined on the road to success?

For every action, add a due date and also a person accountable.

Communication & process

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