



Infor SunSystems Corporate Allocations Shared Costs and Intercompany Recharges

INTRODUCTION

Eclipse helps finance teams configure SunSystems Corporate Allocations to distribute values from a source to one or more targets using defined business rules.

It is suited to recurring activity across departments, entities and business units, including shared costs and intercompany recharges.

The result is a controlled, repeatable process rather than a spreadsheet exercise rebuilt each cycle.

THE CHALLENGE

Costs may originate in one business unit but need to be shared across several destinations. Different cost centres can require different drivers, while intercompany balances and double-entry accounting must stay aligned.

When this is managed through spreadsheets and manual journals, finance teams face bottlenecks, rekeying, inconsistent treatment and a weaker audit trail.

The challenge is not simply the volume of work. It is maintaining control, transparency and scalability as the organisation changes.

OBJECTIVES

- Define source values and allocation drivers.
- Distribute values to the correct business units, accounts and analysis codes.
- Generate consistent journals and intercompany recharges.
- Preserve double-entry accounting integrity.
- Reduce manual preparation and rekeying.
- Provide a transparent, repeatable process.

Corporate Allocations Approach

A Corporate Allocations implementation begins with understanding the fundamental accounting requirement: what values must move, why, and how the resulting entries should be posted. Eclipse then configures the source, calculation, destinations and accounting treatment before testing the complete cycle. This results in a system design incorporating six key stages:

1. DATA SELECTION AND SOURCES

Identify the source transactions, balances or values to be allocated and confirm the relevant business units, accounts, periods and analysis codes.

4. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

Do the resulting accounting entries reflect the organisation's reporting requirements or do they need to be further summarised? Do intercompany balancing entries or additional debits and credits need to be created?

2. CALCULATIONS & DRIVERS

Do the source transactions need to change and what drives this transformation, for example is it a fixed percentage uplift, a proportional split, a ratio, fixed amount or another defined business measure that is applied to the source entries.

5. TESTING THE ALLOCATIONS

Review totals and accounting outcomes, investigate exceptions and adjust the configuration before the final recurring process is deployed.

3. DESTINATIONS

Where should the source transactions be re-posted? Different accounts in the same entity? Split across multiple target business units? To which accounts?

6. REPORTING & AUDIT TRAIL

Provide a transparent view of the results at each stage and rerun the controlled process for each reporting cycle or revised input set.

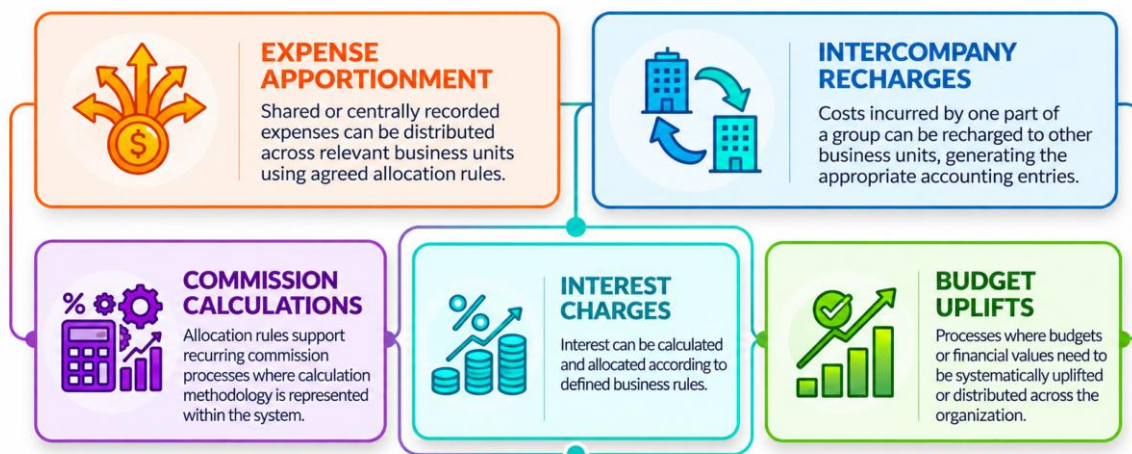
Together, the six stages turn recurring finance rules into a controlled cycle. Once validated, the process can be repeated consistently without rebuilding the calculation or journal logic each period.

The Outcome: Controlled, Repeatable Allocations

Two anonymised examples below demonstrate how Eclipse translated different business and accounting requirements into controlled SunSystems Corporate Allocations processes. In both cases, the implementation reduced manual preparation, improved consistency and gave finance teams greater control over recurring allocations.

CORPORATE ALLOCATIONS PROCESSES

Supporting a wide range of recurring finance workflows



PROPERTY AND REGENERATION

Client requirement: A UK property development and regeneration organisation needed to distribute transactions accurately across multiple business units.

How Eclipse helped: Eclipse configured Corporate Allocations to use the organisation's existing SunSystems analysis codes to identify the correct destination business unit for each transaction. The allocation rules were embedded directly within the SunSystems configuration.

Business impact: Manual calculations and spreadsheet-based preparation were replaced with a consistent and repeatable process, giving finance users greater confidence in how transactions were allocated.

INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE

Client requirement: An international specialist insurance and reinsurance group needed to process complex intercompany expense recharges across multiple entities and business units.

How Eclipse helped: Eclipse configured a multi-stage Corporate Allocations process incorporating cost-centre rules, recharge destination mapping, double-entry accounting, transaction aggregation and further allocation to specific destinations.

Business impact: Several connected accounting activities were brought together within one controlled workflow, reducing manual intervention and improving the consistency of intercompany recharge processing.

Conclusion

Across both implementations, Eclipse moved the allocation logic out of spreadsheets and into SunSystems. Finance users gained structured and repeatable processes that applied agreed business rules, generated the required accounting entries and provided clearer traceability from source transactions to final postings. The result was reduced manual effort, stronger financial control and a solution that could be maintained as allocation requirements changed.

Still managing allocations in spreadsheets?

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