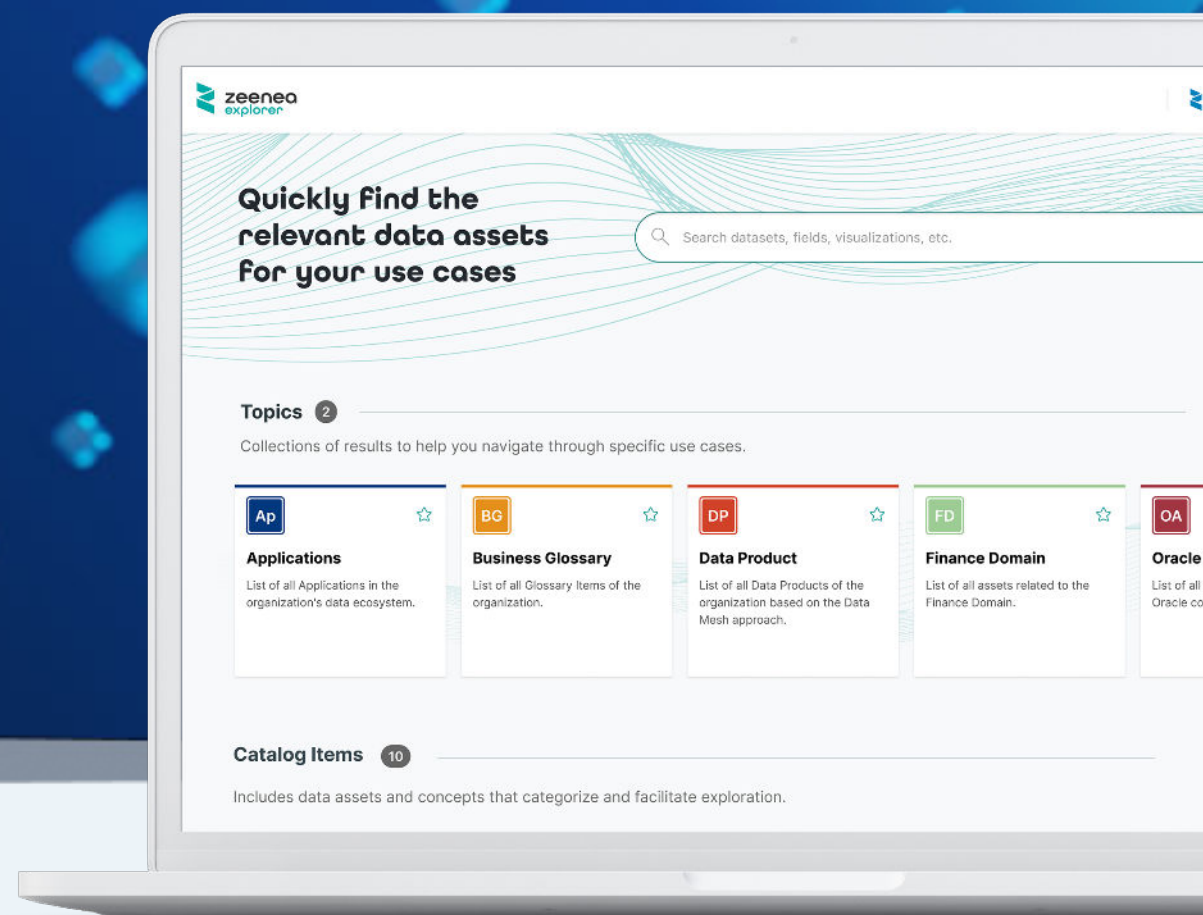# Switching from Collibra **to Zeenea**

If you're considering switching to Zeenea and looking to enhance your data discovery and cataloging platform, we've compiled some useful resources to assist you in making an informed decision.

Why switch to Zeenea?

By switching to Zeenea, organizations can expect to gain significant value and benefits across various aspects of their metadata and data management processes:

Active Metadata Management

Zeenea's modern approach to active and automated metadata management capabilities replace Collibra's declarative approach.

Implementation

With Zeenea's highly automated implementation, it only takes weeks compared to Collibra's year-long setup.

Operating Costs

Zeenea's native cloud/SaaS platform significantly reduces operating costs, offering affordable and scalable pay-as-you-go pricing.

Metadata Harvesting

Zeenea's built-in scanners and APIs enable connection to and synchronization of metadata from all data sources in seconds.

Metamodeling and Search

Zeenea's knowledge graph technology provides flexible metamodeling and powerful search capabilities.

Short Time-to-Value

With Zeenea, business and IT teams can focus on revenue-generating projects, not just regulatory/compliance use cases.

Adoption and Usage

Zeenea's intuitive UX/UI drives immediate adoption and usage across both technical and business teams.
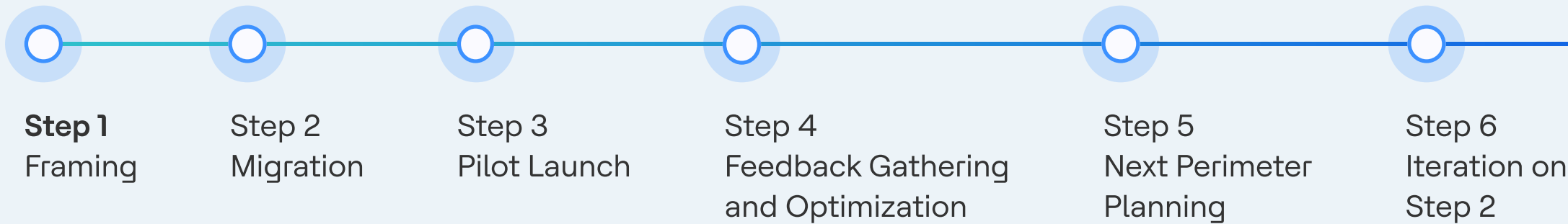
Data Knowledge

Zeenea's connectivity to critical data tools through integrations and APIs supports comprehensive data knowledge including usage, quality, privacy, governance, and more.

For further information, please refer to our comparison report.

Your 6-Step guide to seamlessly switch to Zeenea

We work closely with your team or partner every step of the way, providing guidance, support, and expertise to ensure a successful migration to Zeenea.

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Step 3
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Step 4
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and Optimization

Step 5
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Planning

Step 6
Iteration on
Step 2

1 Framing

Framing the migration project involves analyzing the current situation to define a target for the migration and identifying functional or organizational perimeters that will enable a gradual opening of Zeenea's solution.

2 Migration

During the metadata migration process, the work previously done in Collibra is not thrown away but rather reused and simplified to accelerate the transition to Zeenea. The migration process is based on a 4-step process:

1. **Inventory and analysis:** Identification of the elements related to the pilot's perimeter, validation of their value to decide whether to migrate them, and rationalization of the concept if migration takes place[1].

2. **Preparing:** The identified elements are exported in a simple structured format, such as CSV, to ease the next step.

3. **Transposition:** Implementation of the metamodel defined in the analysis phase into Zeenea to receive the exported information, adaptation of the structure of the file for each type of element to conform to the target model, and configuration of the connections to related source systems[2].

4. **Loading:** Converted data can be loaded into Zeenea for validation through a technical check to ensure complete migration (via random sampling or through Zeenea APIs). This can be done via random sampling or validation through Zeenea APIs. Technical assets connected during the adaptation stage can be loaded into Zeenea using a different mode called Scanner.

3 Pilot Launch

A pilot launch to targeted user groups serves three main objectives:

a. **Introduction and familiarization** with Zeenea's data catalog and apps for both user and contributor populations,

b. **Presentation of the migrated elements,** their new representation, and browsing opportunities brought by Zeenea's knowledge graph,

c. **Awareness-raising about the next step,** which aims to identify potential optimizations.

4 Feedback Gathering and Optimization

During the pilot phase, user experimentation is crucial for collecting feedback on the data in the catalog. The project team can then identify measures to improve the quality of the information, such as structural modifications to represent certain concepts differently (metamodel). These improvements are modeled, presented, validated, and implemented.

(1) This step is the best opportunity to challenge the existing assets to be migrated and measure, through feedback, the possible limits. The analysis also allows Zeenea to make assumptions about the metamodel adapted to the need by retaining only the characteristics that really bring value.

(2) Zeenea allows for massive import via simple structured files, making the operation efficient and streamlined. Its connected nature enables the automated feeding of certain metadata, mostly declarative in Collibra.

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5 Next Perimeter Planning

Based on the experience gained during the pilot, the next phase or phases can be planned. Their number will depend on several factors, including: the scope of the migration, the desired execution speed, and the potential for parallelization if multiple teams can validate different scopes simultaneously. Actian's team / or partner can evaluate the migration context and propose the most appropriate organization.

6 Iteration on Step 2

An incremental migration allows for adjustments to be made as the migration process progresses, making the exercise simpler.

The execution of the next steps follows the same process as during the pilot phase.

Migration options

To achieve a successful migration to Zeenea, we offer various options to meet your unique needs.

Led by Actian

Our experienced team will help you frame your migration project and assist you throughout the process – from defining your metamodel, configuring our scanners and APIs, to mastering the solution's key concepts and UX/UI, and more.

Led by Partner

A partner will provide expert guidance on your migration journey, from recommending an overall solution design and setting it up, to teaching and training your teams to support the system. Contact us if you'd like to access the Actian Partner Network directory and find a trusted partner to meet your unique needs.

Hybrid migration

Actian provides guidance on best practices and recommends an overall solution design. You and your partner will be responsible for executing specific project activities and completing the remaining work.

> **We chose to switch from Collibra to Zeenea for three main reasons.** Firstly, unlike Collibra, we were impressed by Zeenea's ability to connect instantly to our data sources without needing to rely on third-party tools. Indeed, connecting to modern data platforms often requires customization, and Zeenea was able to meet our connectivity needs. Additionally, we were impressed by Zeenea's Bottom Up approach, which allowed us to democratize data access. In contrast, Collibra's Top Down method was more conceptual and complex, involving the use of workflows that we deemed unnecessary and hindered democratization.
>
> Finally, when comparing the TCO of both solutions - including subscription and implementation costs - Zeenea proved to be a much more cost-effective option than Collibra."

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