

Xoxoday Empuls vs. Poppulo

Poppulo is a strong multichannel communications platform. Empuls gives you a social intranet that also recognizes, rewards and listens, so communication and engagement run in one place. Here is how they compare, so you can pick the platform that fits your program.

About Empuls — Empuls is Xoxoday's AI-powered employee engagement platform. It brings a social intranet, recognition, rewards, surveys, benefits, gifting and sales incentives into one modular platform, built to scale across desk, deskless and frontline workforces in 150+ countries.

Why Companies Choose Xoxoday

10 enterprise-grade differentiators that set Empuls apart.

1

A Social Intranet Built for Engagement
Feed, communities, polls, celebrations and a recognition wall sit in the same home page employees already visit.

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Recognition and Rewards, Native
Peer recognition, spot awards and nominations are part of the core platform, not a separate module.

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An Owned Global Rewards Catalog
10M+ rewards across 30+ categories in 150+ countries. Xoxoday owns its catalog, so there are no middlemen and no markup on redemptions.

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One Platform, One Vendor
Rewards, recognition, surveys, benefits, gifting, incentives and intranet share one data model and one integration.

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Regional Nuance, Built In
50+ languages, 50+ currencies, cost-of-living adjustments, local tax handling and regional data residency.

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Governance for Scale
Budgets by country and team, maker-checker approvals, role-based access and fairness checks on high-value awards.

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Structured Listening
eNPS, pulse, lifecycle and 360 surveys, with AI sentiment analysis and manager action plans.

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AI and MCP
The Em copilot, plus MCP to connect your AI assistants directly to recognition, rewards and survey workflows.

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Flexible Deployment
SaaS, API, embedded or white-label, with SOC 2 certification and GDPR compliance.

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Services and Customer Success
Dedicated onboarding, a named Customer Success Manager, structured business reviews and 24/7 AI-powered support.

How Empuls Addresses Feature Gaps with Poppulo

Poppulo is a credible communications platform. It combines an intranet, email, mobile app and digital signage with strong analytics, and it is used by 40+ Fortune 100 companies. Gaps appear when teams want recognition, rewards, governance and surveys to be core to the intranet instead of add-ons, and want one rewards catalog and budget model across countries. Empuls covers that ground natively.

1. Intranet and Communications

This matters because the intranet is where employees spend time, so engagement works best when it lives there.

Feature	Poppulo	Xoxoday Empuls
Intranet and news	News center, app store, document repository and Teams embedding	Social intranet with personalized feed, rich media, quick links and org directory
Communities and groups	Chat and messaging, with topic opt-in	ERGs, hobby clubs, classifieds, polls, quizzes and celebrations
Email newsletters	Targeted email newsletters built from intranet content	Announcements and notifications; email newsletters are not a core focus
Mobile and frontline	Branded mobile app with push notifications and QR onboarding	Mobile-first apps with OTP and SSO access for frontline teams
Digital signage	Dedicated signage product and hardware	Celebration screens and walls; no signage hardware product

2. Recognition and Rewards

This matters because recognition that sits in the daily feed gets used more often than a separate tool.

Feature	Poppulo	Xoxoday Empuls
Peer recognition	Recognition and rewards module	Wall of Fame, badges and a real-time appreciation feed
Manager awards	Rewards granted manually when needed	Spot awards with budgets, approvals and frequency caps
Structured nominations	Not publicly documented	Multi-level jury panels and branded award cycles
Gamification	Challenges, leaderboards, points and badges	Leaderboards, streaks and tier progression across programs
Lifecycle celebrations	Not publicly documented	Anniversaries, birthdays, long service awards and yearbooks

3. Governance and Budgets

This matters because multi-country programs fail on budget and fairness control, not on features.

Feature	Poppulo	Xoxoday Empuls
Budget controls	Not publicly documented	Budgets by country, department and manager, with real-time use
Approval workflows	Not publicly documented	Maker-checker and threshold-based routing with audit trails
Role-based access	Audience-based access to content, AI agents and micro apps	Granular role-based access with country-scoped admins
Fairness checks	Not publicly documented	Favoritism and quid-pro-quo pattern flags

4. Surveys, Wellbeing and Growth

This matters because listening only helps if the results turn into action.

Feature	Poppulo	Xoxoday Empuls
Surveys	Quick polls, surveys, quizzes and eNPS, with AI analysis of comments	eNPS, pulse, lifecycle and 360 surveys with AI sentiment and action plans

Feature	Poppulo	Xoxoday Empuls
Wellbeing	Not publicly documented	Wellness marketplace, fitness challenges and mental-wellness support
Learning recognition	Not publicly documented	Certification rewards, skill endorsements and training badges
Referral programs	Referral rewards through gamification rules	Automated referral bonuses with payout on hire milestones

5. Reward Catalog and Redemption

This matters because rewards only motivate when people want them and can redeem them locally.

Feature	Poppulo	Xoxoday Empuls
Reward types	Points, vouchers, gifts, benefits, a branded store and tree donations	Gift cards, experiences, merchandise, charity and benefits
Catalog scale	Not publicly documented	10M+ rewards across 30+ categories in 150+ countries
Catalog ownership	Not publicly documented	Owned and operated, with no middlemen and no markup
Local redemption	Not publicly documented	Local currency, cost-of-living adjustment and local tax handling

6. Global Scale and Integrations

This matters because enterprise rollouts depend on security, systems fit and language reach.

Feature	Poppulo	Xoxoday Empuls
Security	ISO 27001, SOC 2 Type 2 and ISO/IEC 42001	SOC 2 certified and GDPR compliant; VAPT-tested
Microsoft 365	Deep Teams, SharePoint, Viva and Outlook integration	Two-way Teams, Slack, Google Workspace, Outlook and Viva integrations
HRMS	HRIS integrations delivered through professional services	60+ HRMS connectors including Workday, SAP and ADP
Languages	AI translation in 54+ languages	50+ languages and 50+ currencies
Deployment	Cloud platform	SaaS, API, embedded or white-label

7. AI and MCP

This matters because AI is moving from drafting content to completing work, and open connections decide how far it can go.

Feature	Poppulo	Xoxoday Empuls
AI content help	Ask AI for drafting, tone, translation and summaries	Em writing coach for recognition and award messages
AI agents	AI Agents and micro apps inside Ask AI Chat	Em copilot builds campaigns and runs reports through chat
MCP	Connects third-party tools through APIs and MCP servers	Xoxoday MCP connects your AI assistants to recognition, rewards and surveys
Engagement AI	Content theme and engagement insights	Attrition prediction, skill mapping and survey sentiment
AI governance	ISO/IEC 42001 certified	Role-based control over who can run AI actions

Beyond the Platform — What You Get When You Choose Empuls

Empuls is more than a communications tool. It is the engagement infrastructure your people strategy runs on.

At launch, you get dedicated Implementation Engineers, structured onboarding, promotion kits, manager toolkits, and adoption workshops, built to ensure your program lands with momentum, not a quiet rollout that fades in weeks.

Post-launch, a named Customer Success Manager actively drives adoption, recognition frequency, and participation through targeted campaigns, manager nudge programs, and structured Monthly and Quarterly Business Reviews. A 24/7 AI-powered support bot keeps your teams unblocked, backed by a global team across time zones.

On AI, Empuls is already ahead. Em generates reports on demand, recommends who to recognize, coaches award writing, maps skills, and predicts attrition. It also plans and runs engagement campaigns through simple conversation.

The longer you run Empuls, the smarter and more impactful your programs become.

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