

As part of the MATURE research process, we are currently looking for individuals who would be willing to talk to us about their experiences of information sharing and knowledge maturing processes in their organisation. This will help us to develop and refine the concepts and solutions for knowledge sharing and develop them further.

Within the first project year, in-depth studies were conducted focussing on organisational information sharing and knowledge maturing. The findings need to be validated and refined in a large scale international study. For this next phase of the research, we are, therefore, looking for people who have been involved in organisational knowledge development, learning or collaboration. If you, or an appropriate colleague, would be willing to talk to us, for not longer than one hour, please contact Andreas Schmidt. We would be very grateful if you gave us the opportunity to have an interview with you or establish contact with the appropriate person within your company.

### THE PROJECT MATURE

#### Supporting knowledge maturing in companies

MATURE is an interdisciplinary European research project with 12 partners and, currently, 40 associate partners. It is co-funded by the European Commission and has a project budget of 9.1 million Euro. It started in April 2008 and will last until March 2012.

Its objective is to investigate the development of knowledge within and across companies and to develop supporting tools. At its core is the concept of knowledge maturing, which describes characteristic knowledge flows and identifies motivational, organisational or technical barriers. The software tools will be developed in close collaboration with end users in different application domains.

For more information see <http://mature-ip.eu>

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### SUMMARY

#### Interview facts

- **Duration:** up to 1 hour, to be arranged at your convenience
- **Form:** structured telephone interview; questionnaire to be sent beforehand
- **Target group:** people who have been involved with the development and sharing of knowledge in their own companies (or beyond), such as those working in human resource development, knowledge management or innovation management.
- **Time frame:** September - November 2009

Please note that all responses and information will be anonymised.

On request, all participants will receive the results of the study after the analysis has been completed. It is also possible to join the associate partner network of MATURE where you will be invited to participate in project workshops (costs including travel expenses will be covered by the project) and contribute to the project outcomes.

