How Communities Foster Knowledge Sharing?

Louis-Pierre Guillaume Knowledge Management Officer

March 2013

E20 Summit – Social Improvement Culture



Schneider Electric at a glance

24

billion € sales in 2012

41%

of sales in new economies

140 000+

people in 100+ countries

4-5%

of sales devoted to R&D









If only Schneider knew what Schneider knows...



Communities as an Enabler for Social Learning

Good Practice for Cultural Shift



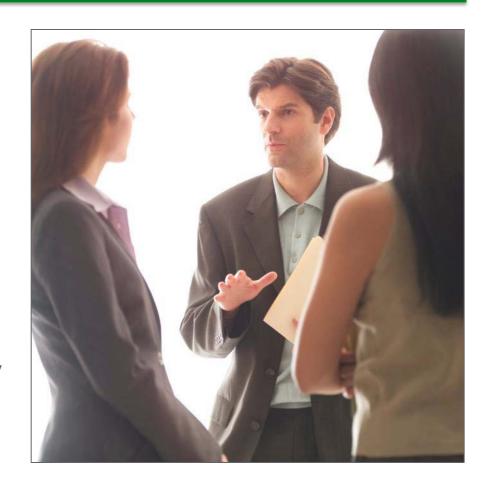
Communities as an Enabler for Social Learning

What are Communities for?
How are they organized in Schneider Electric?

Communities for our Collective Intelligence

A Community is...

- A group of people who share an interest, craft, or profession
- The group learns from each other by sharing experiences and best practices
- The members develop personally and professionally



Communities for our Collective Intelligence

At Schneider Electric, we use Communities to...



- Share our collective intelligence in a collaborative manner
- Have fun, collaborate and share knowledge across entities
- Network across functions and businesses

Communities for our Collective Intelligence

Is there a process?

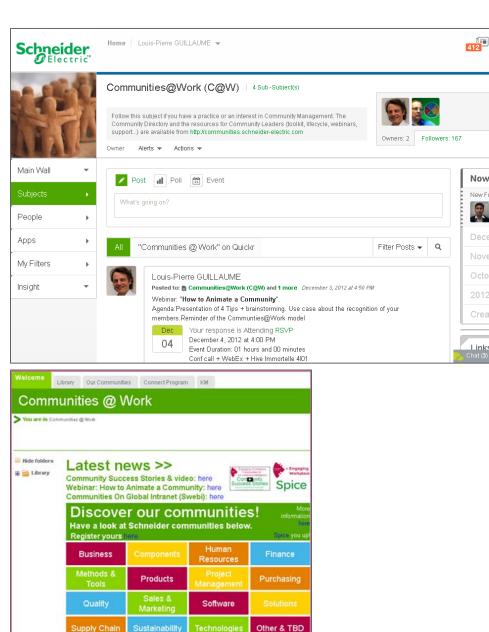


Communities @ Work

Communities @ Work – 100+ Communities

Support by C@W

- Assist in designing and launching a new community
- Revitalize a moribund community
- Measure the value brought by each community
- Help communities benefiting from our Social Collaboration tool
- Increase skill of leaders



Supply Chain

Collaboration & Knowledge Management: The Roadmap



2014

- Social collaboration in the flow of work
- Shared practices bring business value
- Spice available for all employees

2013

- Focus on cross entity Community of Practice
- Training & recognition program
- Knowledge Management Governance
- Measurement & continuous improvement

2012

- •10+ new active 'Community of Practice'
- Launch of Spice
- Team Recognition with success stories and reusable shared practices

Covered in Connect "Engaging Workplace: Communities for our Collective Intelligence"



Good Practice for Cultural Shift to Knowledge Sharing

Focus on the Community Leaders

The Community Leader at the Center

Responsibilities

- Drive dynamic and ensure proper facilitation
- Keep activity and discussion relevant to the scope of the group
- Encourage participants to share ideas and insights
- Foster trust and collaboration between participants
- Share Community results and success stories

Skills

- Communication skills
- Questioning skills (as opposed to telling)
- Summarizing skills



Competency

 "Knowledge Management & Collaboration"

What is the role of a Community Leader?

Ensure the basics

- Sponsor
- Core team
- Charter
- Yearly themes & objectives

Animate & grow

- Bring discussions inside the community
- Organize events
- Lead by example
- Increase our culture of collaboration
- Grow his/her leadership skill
- Foster knowledge sharing

Capture the value

- Gather successstories
- Organize best practices
- Meet community objectives
- Ensure Sponsor recognition



Q&A

