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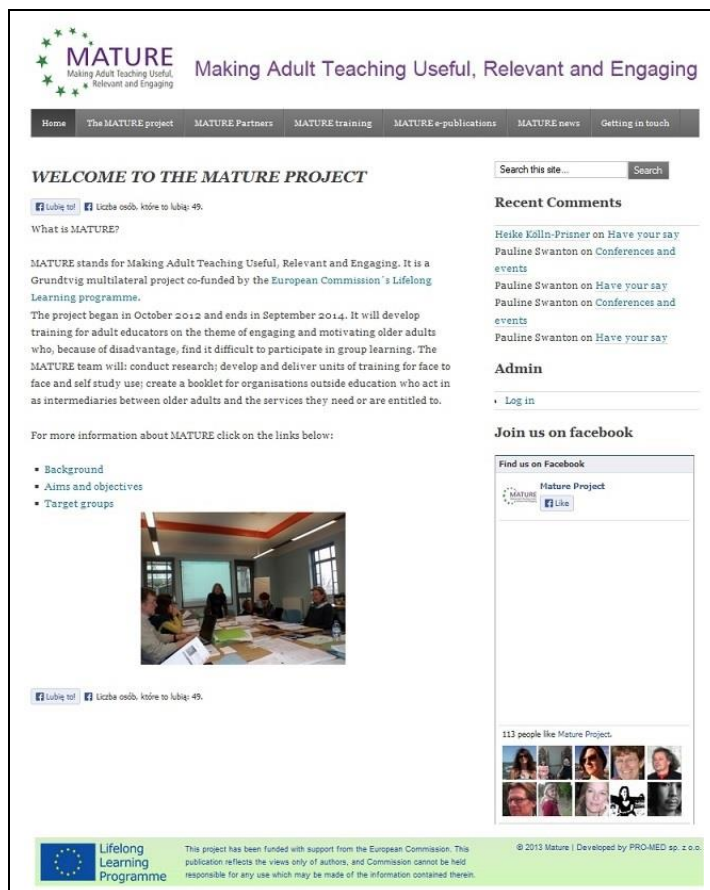
## Welcome

This is the MATURE (*Making Adult Teaching Useful, Relevant and Engaging*) project's second e-bulletin to update you about the progress that partners have made since the start of the project in October 2012.

The MATURE team is developing training and advice aimed at improving engagement in learning by older adults.

Go to our website for further information about the MATURE project and its partners:

<http://matureproject.eu/>

The screenshot shows the MATURE project website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, The MATURE project, MATURE Partners, MATURE training, MATURE e-publications, MATURE news, and Getting in touch. The main content area features a 'WELCOME TO THE MATURE PROJECT' section with a search bar, 'Recent Comments' by Heike Kolln-Prisner and Pauline Swanton, an 'Admin' section with a 'Log in' link, and a 'Join us on facebook' section with a 'Find us on Facebook' widget. A photo of a meeting is also visible. The footer includes the Lifelong Learning Programme logo, a disclaimer about funding from the European Commission, and copyright information for 2013 MATURE, developed by PROMED sp. z o.o.

## What have we achieved so far?

- We've created and launched our website <http://matureproject.eu/>.
- We've created project flyers in all partner languages and distributed them widely across each of our national network:  
<http://matureproject.eu/e-bulletins>.
- We've sent one e-bulletin out already explaining the background of the project:  
<http://matureproject.eu/publicity-flyers-2>.
- We've created a project Facebook page that 113 people 'Like'!
- We've established project rules and regulations so that each partner knows what must be achieved and when. Our MATURE Project Handbook helps us to make sure the work goes ahead as planned.
- We've created evaluation, dissemination and exploitation plans for the partnership to make sure that our work is of high quality and reaches beyond countries and organisations represented in the partnership.

## The MATURE research report is launched!

The development of MATURE training is based on research that partners have undertaken at national level and on a review of European policies and projects with a focus on teacher training and later life learning.

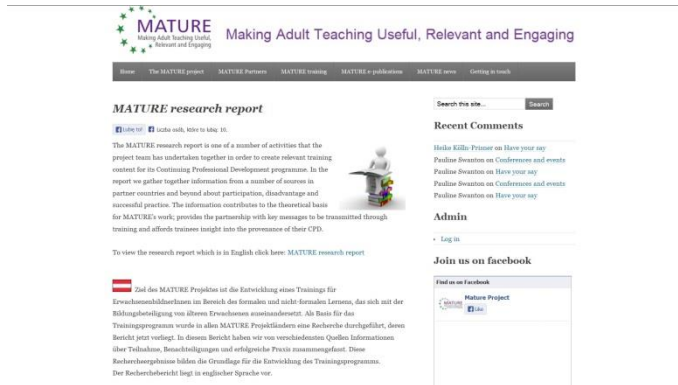
The team launched its research report two weeks before the deadline in mid-June 2013.

Read the report at:

<http://matureproject.eu/research-report>

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## Making links with MATURE

The MATURE team would like to make as many links as possible with people and organisations whose work relates to that of the project. We don't just want names and contact details we'd like to hear from you if you have opinions and ideas to share or information that you think the team might need. Go to: <http://matureproject.eu/haveyoursay> to make contact with the project team.

## MATURE training

MATURE's training programme is in two parts: <http://matureproject.eu/mature-training>.

The first part is a series of 10 units of Continuing Professional Development that can be used singly or in combination to create courses for adult teachers and learning facilitators: <http://matureproject.eu/face-to-face-training>.

These training units have been drafted by the team and will be piloted across the partnership between October and December 2013.

The final versions of the units will be available online from the website in September 2014.

The second part of the training programme consists of 5 units for self-study: <http://matureproject.eu/online-training-2>.

These units are in production. Draft versions in English, French and German will be available from the website at the beginning of November 2013 when they will be tested by selected participants from partner countries. Others who would like to trial these self-study units are welcome to do so. There will be an opportunity via the website to tell us about your experiences of using MATURE self-study materials.

## The MATURE advice booklet

The MATURE team is gathering evidence and information for inclusion in its advice booklet for intermediary organisations. These are agencies that work with older adults but that are not 'educational' in intent. The booklet will offer advice and practical information about later life learning. <http://matureproject.eu/advice-booklet>.

The first draft of the booklet will be prepared by partners by February 2014 ready for online publication in all partner languages in September 2014.

## MATURE conference

### Ageing – Learning - Inclusion

MATURE's German colleagues at Volkshochschule Hamburg are already making preparations for MATURE's final conference which will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Plenaries and workshops will enable colleagues from across Europe to debate the wider issues raised by MATURE's work and sample the project products.

Keep an eye on the project's website for the latest conference information including how to register to attend: <http://matureproject.eu/about>

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## The second MATURE transnational meeting

MATURE's second transnational meeting took place from 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 in Toruń, Poland. This successful event enabled partners to work together to progress the project and resolve issues that had arisen since our first meeting. The ambiance of this historic Polish city was just right to encourage hard work interspersed with social moments crucial for team building.



Our Polish colleagues had planned a busy schedule that included participation in the prestigious [IWE Conference \(Informatics in Education\)](#). A lively session at the conference delivered by MATURE partners provided an opportunity to discuss the principal concerns of MATURE with teachers from across Poland and beyond.

Presentations made at this conference can be accessed here:

<http://matureproject.eu/conferences-and-events>



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**X Konferencja Informatyka w Edukacji**

**Informatyka w kształceniu zawodowym**  
**ICT in vocational training**

**MATURE**  
Making Adult Teaching Useful,  
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**Kształcenie osób dorosłych w sposób użyteczny, ciekawy  
oraz odpowiadający potrzebom**  
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