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How do we dance to the beat of our customers' business processes?



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At Cegeka, we're convinced of the importance of thinking in business processes. That's why we're using a business process modeling tool to document all our processes. We leverage **Mavim** as a platform to **structure all our business processes** in different layers up until a visual representation of each business process.

Why are we doing this?

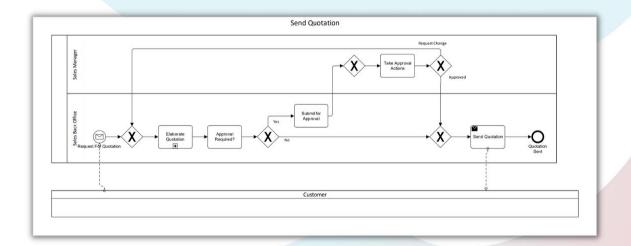
Because we're convinced that an image says more than words. **Don't you agree?**



You can explain a process like this...

"The customer sends a request for quotation and sales back office elaborates the quotation. In certain cases, prior to sending the quotation to the customer, an approval by sales manager is required. If no such approval is required, sales back office sends the quotation to the customer. In case an approval is required, sales back office submits the elaborated quotation for approval to the sales manager. The sales manager takes the required approval actions, this can result in a request for change. In that case sales back office makes the required changes to the quotation and re-submits the quotation for approval to the sales manager. In case the sales manager agrees with the quotation, the sales manager approves. After this approval by management, sales back office sends the quotation to the customer..."

...or draw it like this!





There are 2 angles to look at processes

On the one hand, processes can be categorized in **process areas** such as Manufacturing, Sales & Marketing or Planning. On the other hand, individual processes overarching multiple process areas can be structured logically to form **end-to-end processes**, think about Order-to-Cash or Procure-to-Pay.

The two angles to look at processes add value in different ways. The **process areas** help understand processes **on a department level,** whereas the **end-to-end processes** help aligning the processes **across departments,** connecting them in one connected company.

For example: we can navigate to a process within the process area *Sales & Marketing,* or we can look at the end-to-end process *Order to Cash* and zoom to that process from here.

→ In the next pages, you can drill down to the process 'Invoice or Credit Sales Order' from those 2 angles.



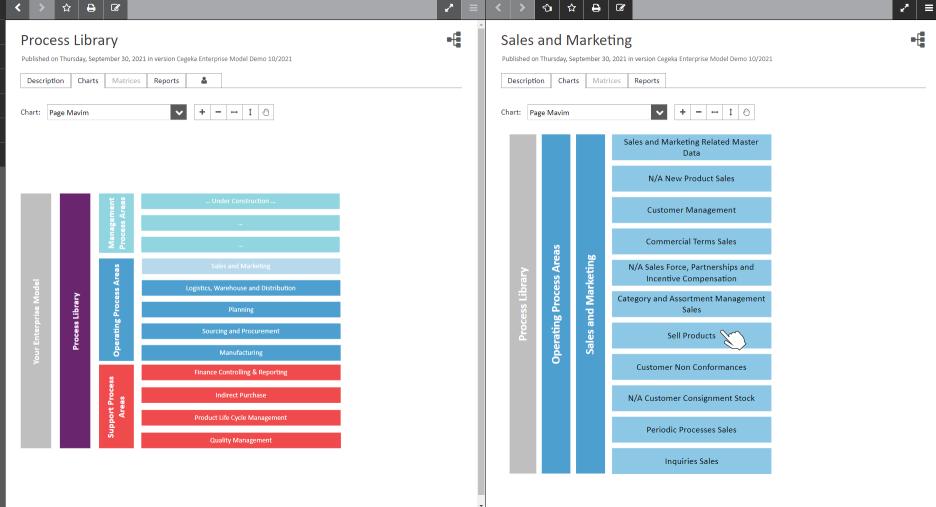


Breakdown within process area



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Breakdown End-to-End scenario



My processes are defined, now what?

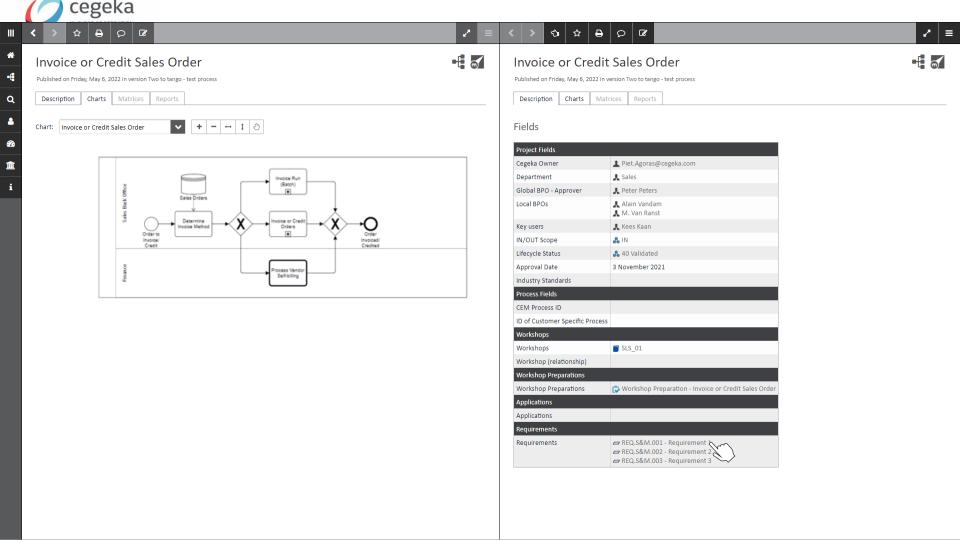
Once all processes have been made comprehensible, it's time to **capture information** about those processes. Think about requirements, process owner, FIT or GAP in system, in which system is the process being used, is this requirement a 'must have' or a 'nice to have' by using the MoSCoW method... You could even **link user manuals, procedures or work instructions** to the processes.

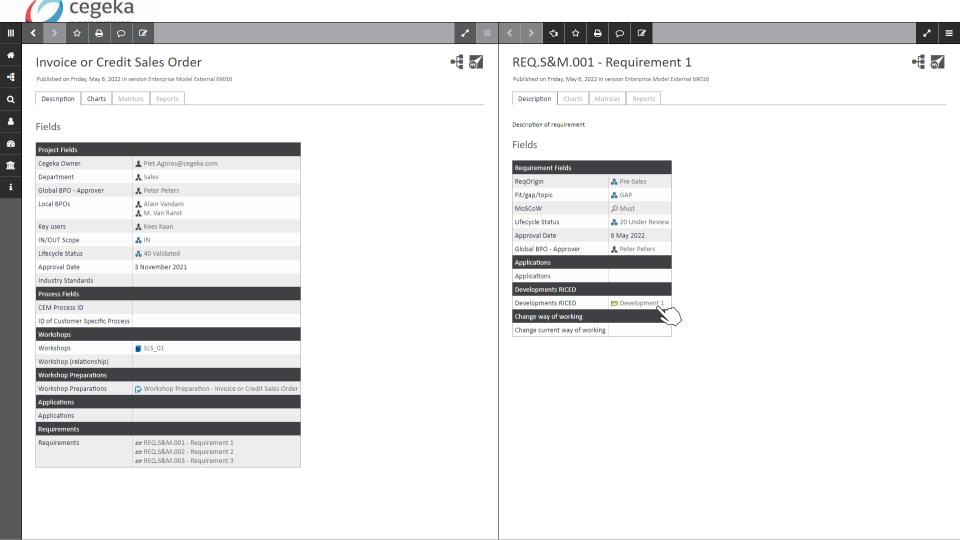
A requirement can be linked to one or more processes. When all this information is captured in a tool such as Mavim, it becomes clear that changes on a requirement in one process can have an impact on the other processes too.

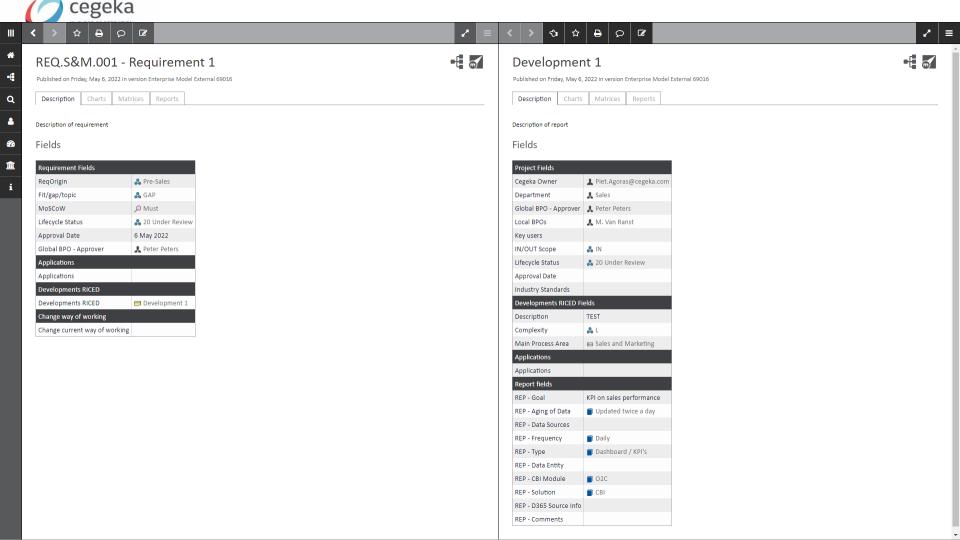
In brief, you end up with a thoroughly documented overview of your business processes with insights on the links between processes, their requirements and developments necessary for the proposed solution.

→ The next couple of pages clearly show which information can be documented for all your processes.











Thanks for reading!







