

Planning 2019-2020 of the Stichting WAGT-MOOC

A foundation under Netherlands Law to develop MOOC's in Gerontechnology

General information

Official name	Stichting WAGT-MOOC
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Our aim

The Stichting WAGT-MOOC develops and maintains MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) for the WAGT (World Academy for Gerontechnology), an international association under French law for the promotion of gerontechnology knowledge and skills.

See: wagt.world and WAGT-MOOC.nl

WAGT-MOOC is a volunteer organisation, board members and teachers are not paid for their services. It also has no other paid personnel in the organisation.

The current project of the Stichting WAGT-MOOC is the development of the MOOC 'Essentials of Gerontechnology'. All teachers are volunteers and will not get paid. This MOOC will be developed in cooperation with not only the WAGT, but also the ISG (International Society for Gerontechnology) and especially its cultural chapters from the Americas, Asia and Europe.

This way the Stichting WAGT-MOOC will be serving the ageing society by educating students who may later supply the best environments for ageing persons. After completing the course our target group bachelor students is able to follow master classes to complete their schooling in gerontechnology. Some institutes of higher learning on Taiwan and in the Netherlands have already agreed to incorporate the MOOC, when ready, in their official teaching curricula.

Most universities have either gerontology or technology disciplines available, but usually not both. With our MOOCs students can be taught to combine the knowledge of both discipline groups to be able to better understand technology needs and opportunities of the aged and the ageing.

Financials

Our MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) are essentially free courses for international bachelor students at Institutions of Higher Learning. Policy makers and other professionals may also be interested.

The Stichting WAGT-MOOC acquires her assets for developing and maintaining these MOOCs through grants, donations, testamentary dispositions, legacies and, in the future, through fees of students requesting a certificate or who wish to repeat a course.

For our first MOOC, 'Essentials of Gerontechnology', we expect an estimated 5 years period before the fees collected cover the cost of maintenance. For updates and development of additional MOOC's we will remain in need of financial support by mainly grants and donations.

If you are considering to financially support us, you can either donate through the website form of WAGT.WORLD or contact us by e-mail (j.e.m.h.v.bronswijk@tue.nl).

In case you want to give a legacy to the Stichting WAGT-MOOC, you may use the following phrase in your testament: *"I donate a legacy to the amount of XXX, free from rights and charges, to the Stichting WAGT-MOOC, the Netherlands, RSIN 860242602"*.

We are in the process of requesting the so called ANBI status at the Netherlands Revenue Service. An ANBI (een Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling) is a recognized Public Benefit Institution.

After we have received this label the Stichting WAGT-MOOC will be exempt from inheritance and gift tax, meaning that the whole donation or legacy will be used for MOOC projects. Donors taxed under Netherlands law may also deduct the amount of their gifts from income or corporation tax, under certain conditions. This may also be the case in other countries. Check at the local tax authorities!

Budget 2019-2020

Income

Grant Herman Bouma Stichting voor Gerontechnologie	€ 14.000
Donations	€ 600
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Cost

Installing and maintaining ICT structure	€ 14.000
Starting & registration fees	€ 500
Reservation for 2021 registration	€ 100
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	€ 14.600

In the first 1½ year we will be setting up the ICT-structure (½ year), mainly by an ICT specialist), selecting open source publications (by the teachers), collecting, evaluating and selecting free videos from the Cultural Chapters of the ISG (International Society for Gerontechnology) (½ year), and detailing the different building blocks of the MOOC (½ year).

Board members and other volunteers are not paid in any way. In the first 1½ year also reimbursement of cost is severely restricted due to expected limitations in income.

Approved at the board meeting of September 3, 2019