

# Let's write

## In short

Working method to (re)state the research objective(s).

## Outcome

The outcome is a collective formulation of the research objectives.

## Approach

This working method has five steps:

1. All participants write down what they consider the objective of the research project, using one or multiple sentences. The text is formulated as follows: 'We want to study ... and, by doing so, contribute to ...'.
2. One by one, each participant reads the objective formulated out loud. The other participants listen and take notes.
3. Individually, all participants write down what hits home or gets to the core of the issue in others' contributions, using one or two sentences. These are again read aloud, taking turns. In doing so, participants again use the same formulation: 'We want to study ... and, by doing so, contribute to ...'.
4. Finally, all sentences formulated can be gathered on a table or pinned to a board. Collectively, discuss whether there are differences in ambitions and whether we can agree on a joint formulation.
5. Collectively, formulate the research objective. In doing so, provide room for sub-objectives if any.

## Tips for the manager

Should you use this working method without first having done the 'Objectives circumplex' working method, then do show the objectives circumplex and discuss the following questions:

1. What do we want to discover through the research project? Formulate the answer by starting with 'Insight into ...'.
2. What do we want to have developed in the end, concretely? Formulate the answer by starting with 'A (tool, training course, checklist, procedure, instrument, method, etc.) ... to ...'.
3. What should we and others have learned at the end of the research project? Formulate the answer by starting with '... have learned to ... /have changed their attitude towards .../ etc.'.
4. What do we want to improve or change in the organisations/culture/system? Formulate the answer by starting with 'Within [organisation], there is more/less attention to .../a method for .../ room for.../etc.'.

## Bases

By having the participants write down their thoughts first before discussing them, they are asked to first contemplate the exact objective and focus of the research project more extensively. Furthermore, the working method contributes to everyone being heard, because each participant writes down his thoughts and reads these aloud. In doing so, all participants start the discussion with comparable contributions. For more information, refer to <https://www.musework.nl/nl/euterpe26>

## Materials

Paper and pens in the case of a physical workshop