



## Questionnaire for post-docs in the AquaTNet domain

Please send the filled out questionnaire back to Marieke Reuver at [marieke@aquatt.ie](mailto:marieke@aquatt.ie) (and put [Peter.Bossier@ugent.be](mailto:Peter.Bossier@ugent.be) in cc)

Objective:

***The AquaTNet project (<http://www.aquatnet.com>) is currently trying to define the need for training for PhD students in the AquaTNet domain. The interest is very diverse among current PhD students. The AquaTNet project however wants to take the initiative to gather information among post-docs about their perceived needs for training during the PhD studies from post-doc perspective. Your input will help us to better define the skills and competences that are needed for a finishing PhD student. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!***

### ***Background information***

1. When did you earn your PhD?  
Year:
2. In which country did you obtain your PhD?
3. Within what time frame were you able to finish your PhD?
4. Did you perform research in different countries during your PhD?
5. In which country are you operating now?
6. In which sector are you currently working:
  - a. Industry
  - b. University
  - c. Research Institute
  - d. Government
  - e. OtherIf other, please specify
7. How long have you been working in your current sector?

8. In how many of the above sectors did you work since your PhD?

### ***PhD training***

9. My PhD study included a taught phase (e.g. courses, either compulsory or voluntary).  
Y/N  
If yes: % of time

#### **Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements**

10. My PhD training prepared me well for work in my current sector.

Completely disagree     Completely agree   
1 2 3 4 5

11. Taught courses were important to train skills that are useful for work in my current sector.

Completely disagree     Completely agree   
1 2 3 4 5

12. Taught courses should be an integral part of PhD training

Completely disagree     Completely agree   
1 2 3 4 5

13. PhD training should have its main focus on research

Completely disagree     Completely agree   
1 2 3 4 5

14. PhD training should also include generic skills, such as communication and presenting.

Completely disagree					Completely agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	2	3	4	5	

15. A PhD training is important for the work I am currently involved in.

Completely disagree					Completely agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	2	3	4	5	

16. During my PhD period I missed specific training in:

	A lot			Not in the least	
	1	2	3	4	5
Oral presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. Can you specify which courses you would have liked to follow during your PhD period and that would be of interest in your current work environment? (open question)

### ***Recommendations***

16. Please give any additional recommendations to improve PhD training.