Personal Profile of Excellence, Semester 2

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Introduction

This Profile of Excellence contains a description of the important hurdles that I encountered with my group, group 3 of de Alliantie, in the NS Circular Challenge.

My group consisted of Saskia van der Velden, Emmanuel Bakare and me.

In the beginning of this semester, I took a minor in Enschede at the Saxion University of Applied Sciences.

1 Coaching Session 24-04-2020

In comparison with my teammates, I took the lead in the beginning of the project. In the coaching session I was reminded that this is a group effort. I tend to take more work on my shoulders when I sense a sign of failure or when our group does not meet my (high) expectations.

I had to shift my views to that of my teammates, what is it like to be in their footsteps? I know for an instance that Saskia was trying her best by juggling her internship with the Honours programme.

Emmanuel had a tough time during the corona pandemic, because his own family is far away and he struggled with his education as a result of that.

I think that after I gave that thought a few days to settle, that I couldn't blame Emmanuel for not engaging as much as I would have like to see him do.

I empathized with his situation and am proud to have worked with him on this project, because he could do something that Saskia and I can not do at all: tell the story of our product with heart.

2 Conclusion

During this semester I was confronted with my own high expectations in the group project. I like to make the most of the project, because I like working with different people towards the same goal.

Therefore I had to halt myself and take a look at the situation of my teammates. What are they going through? I have 'plenty' of time to schedule for the Honours Programma, but what about my teammates.

At the end of the project I more frequently asked Saskia and Emmanuel how much time they could spend on the project and accepted the time they scheduled for this project, because I have thought about their situation.

