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General remarks

Suitable fonts for reporting are Verdana (10 pt size), Arial (10 pt), Times New Roman (12 pt) or Calibri (11 pt); normal margins and line spacing.

Write in active mode and avoid emotionally-branded or subjective formulations such as "... we see ..." or "... we believe that ...".

REPORT STRUCTURE

Foreword

- i) Table of Contents
- ii) List of figures
- iii) List of tables
- iv) Liste of abbreviations
- v) List of symbols (e.g., g = gravity constant $9.81 [m/s^2]$)
- vi) Executive summary (abstract): summary of the report, including the most important findings and conclusions

Main document

1. Introduction

- describe the background and framework of the project
- if necessary: geographical location (scale and orientation of the maps!) and project environment
- describe objectives, attributions and averages to be used (here: in a superficial way)
- develop a checklist and timeline (through the definition of benchmarks)
- describe the structure of the document

2. Literature review & state of the art

- description of documents developed in the past (data)
- scientific literature & methods
- existing software & algorithms
- if applied study: presentation of sites (put pictures and plans, describe any site visit, if exhaustive: put in appendix)
- presentation of parameters (values) characteristic of the current or general conditions (e.g., bed slope, flow)

3. Methods

- process overview
- development of variants / scenarios for the solution of the problem (according to objectives, if necessary: draft plans)
- (calculation) methods

- basic equations
 - validity domain
 - solution modes
- if applicable: presentation of software
 - all software beyond MS Office or Matlab (numerical models, Python or R packages)
 - software used should result from literature review
 - show basic equations and methodology
 - describe the application of the software (potential screenshots in the appendix)
- **Key element:** methods & hypothesis made within this project to analyze results

4. Results

- presentation of experiments / variants / scenarios (technical plans, designs - CAD - if necessary: extended tables and figures in the appendix)
- presentation of the results of the technical calculations for all variants and parameters (e.g., in tabular form and, if necessary, also as an appendix)
- if applicable: presentation of the results based on the software used (if necessary: also in the appendix)
- if applicable: presentation of financial calculations

5. Discussion

- comparison (analysis) of results
- proposal of a favorable solutions according to technical (and financial) results
- uncertainty & sensitivity analysis: identification of parameters that have a major influence and verification if results/observations are significant
- summary and detailed description of favorable solutions

6. Conclusions

- comprehensive and concise (not extensive!) summary of methods, calculations, variants and scenarios developed
- path that led to the choice of a favorable solution (conciseness!)
- recommendations during the calculations, project analysis and sensitivity analysis
- epilogue / future work (1 - 3 sentences maximum)

Acknowledgments

Appendix

References :

EXAMPLE JOURNAL: Schleiss, A. J., Peter, A., Fähr, R., et Scheidegger, C. (2008). Dynamische Lebensräume und Hochwasserschutz - Forschungsprojekt « Integrales Flussgebietsmanagement ». *Wasser Energie Luft*, 100(3):187–194.

EXAMPLE BOOK: Yalin, M. S. (1977). *Mechanics of sediment transport*, vol. 2. Pergamon press, Oxford and New York.