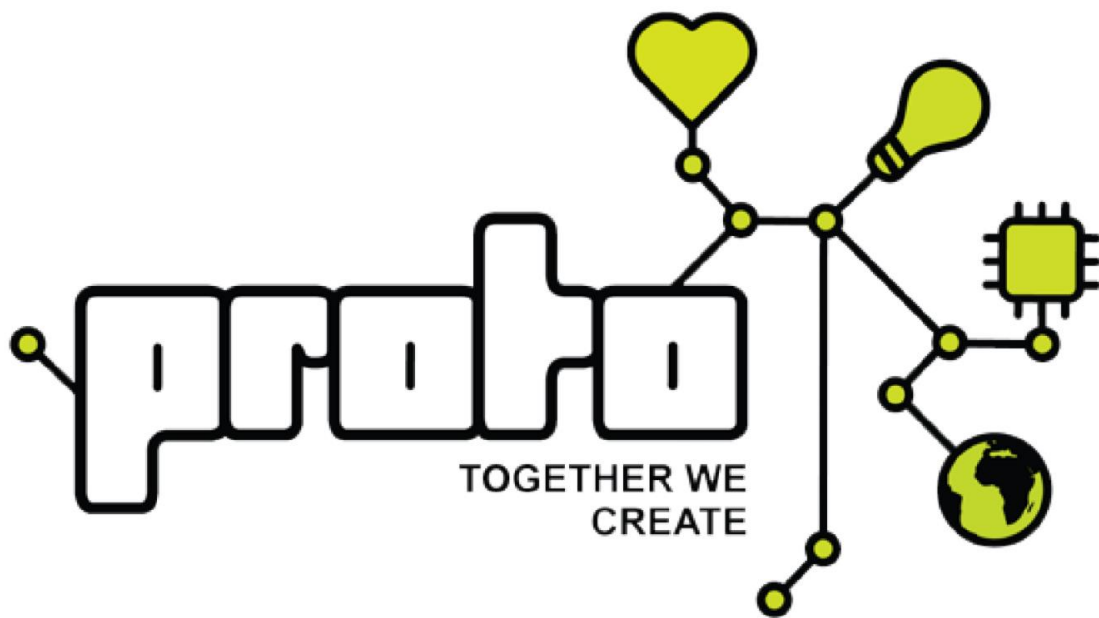


Study Association Proto

COVID-19 Policy Plan 2021 - 2022



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1 Introduction

It's been over one and a half years since the Netherlands went into a lockdown in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus and yet it is still with us. In the past year, the pandemic has immensely affected the way of working. While it seems to be going in the right direction with many people getting vaccinated and numbers going down, the future remains uncertain.

This policy plan serves as a more updated version of the COVID-19 policy plan made by Board 10.0. As for now, we already know a lot more about the virus. This document describes how S.A. Proto will handle the measures as set by the Dutch government and the University of Twente.

We hope that this document will provide you with some clarity into how S.A. Proto will deal with these uncertain times.

Much love,

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2 Protopolis

2.1 Main use

55 At the moment, Protopolis is mainly a working space for the board. Depending on the nation wide measures, it has been open for members to come by for coffee or tea.

60 In the coming year, we would like to transform the association room back into the relaxing area for members like it was before. While Protopolis still has a maximum capacity (5 people), as long as the 1.5 metre distance rule is in place, the room will be available for members to stop by as soon as possible. Upon entrance, hand sanitizer will be available at the door. When members are in Protopolis, they are expected to stick to the set guidelines. If they do not, they could be asked to leave.

2.2 OmNomCom

65 When Protopolis starts opening its doors, we will look at if it's profitable to open up the OmNomCom again. Outside of Protopolis, safety lines are taped to keep a safe waiting distance when in line.

70 In the case that it is not possible to come into Proto, but there is a significant number of people that want coffee and tea, the board or ProtOpener can put out cans and paper cups outside of the room.

2.3 Fish

The Aquarium will be cleaned by members of the FishCie outside of Protopolis opening hours if the room still has a limited amount of people allowed. This way we do not obstruct the maximum capacity of Protopolis during the day.

75 2.4 Balcony

It is not permitted to work on the balcony for the time being. The reason for this is that if people work there and others walk across the balcony, the 1.5 metre rule will be violated. When measures allow it, we will revise this topic.

2.5 Boardroom

80 As Protopolis goes back to its original state as a relaxing area, the boardroom will also go back to its old function. Namely, a working space for the board. It should be noted that the boardroom has a limit of 4 people, which still needs to be adhered to despite the board consisting of 5 people.

2.6 Mug

85 The clearing of the mugs after every module will be continued once Protopolis has gone back to its original function and the measures have been lifted. Before this time, no mugs will be cleared out from the shelves.

3 Activism

If measures allow it, we will promote the committees on a physical committee market. Otherwise, it will happen online as has been done in the past year.

90 Committee meetings will remain digitally for as long as necessary. However, physical meetings are the recommended option, and will thus be resumed as much as possible when the regulations allow them. Committees will not be forced into a certain meeting method. Hybrid meetings are very difficult to manage, since the people online will be less involved in discussions. The board will look into if it is possible to make hybrid meetings a viable option.

95 4 Activities

100 The aim for this year is to host as many activities as possible in a physical environment. Over the past year, we have noticed that the attendance and enthusiasm of an activity is generally negatively affected by hosting it online. Additionally, having physical activities will help to keep the creativity and spirit of Proto and its members alive. Nevertheless it is important to stick to the set measures. That is why we will also look into the possibility of using Testen Voor Toegang (testing for entrance). This would allow us to also host some activities without having to keep a 1.5 metre distance. For the activities that are held at 1.5 metre distance, we will look at using a registration and health check system that is currently used during the drinks.

105 If an activity is not in line with the governments or universities regulations, it will not be organised. Activities already in the works will be cancelled or postponed if the regulations do not allow said activity. The university may add additional regulations that only 'essential' activities are allowed to take place. In this case, the board will look at which activities are deemed under that category on a case-to-case basis.

110 4.1 Education

The aim is to have fully physical study related activities. If this is not possible, our first aim is to organise a hybrid version, where we have a limited number of spots available to be physically present. If the study nights need to be (partly) online, we plan on using discord for the TAs.

115 5 Communication

Since Proto has to adhere to all the rules set by the university, it was decided to not update our members of every single change, since the university also sends out an update every few weeks. The board will keep active members posted about the current situation within Protopolis. They will not send an email about every single change, only bigger changes in and around Proto will be announced.

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