

Working title:

## APnet

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*A national network and lobby organisation that all Assistant Professors at Dutch universities and research organisations can join.*

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With a group of enthusiastic Assistant Professors we are trying to organize the assistant professors of the Netherlands, similar to what is done for the PhD network PNN and PostdocNL. The dual aim is foster networking between universities and to obtain a seat at the table on more political decisions concerning academia in the Netherlands in the future. National funding systems are slowly shifting focus, with roots in the politics. The assistant professors of today are the professors of tomorrow: if we can speak with one voice, this means that in the future the match between the funding scheme and the people who use the funding scheme is even better. On top of that, more and more universities work with and improve their tenure track system, where tenure trackers across universities can benefit from the experiences at other places. We want to create a body which can act as a national advocate for the assistant professors, with a solid support-base amongst the 5000 (!) assistant professors in the Netherlands.

We are organizing a questionnaire and a first meeting to gauge interest and to discuss how to proceed.

**Interested? Let's meet!**

**29 November 12:00 - 13:30**



**Registration:**

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**Where:** online – Zoom-link will be sent to registered attendants 1 day in advance.

This first meeting has three main goals:

**Core group:** We need a core group who will set up the basics of this foundation. We are now an all-female, Caucasian team with the majority in the STEM disciplines, and we are looking to diversify in terms of discipline, gender, background etc. in the core group.

**Build a support base:** to be a national advocate one needs a support base, that is consulted on a regular basis.

**Consult the support base:** Gauge interest on what the focus needs to be of the tenure track network according to the Tenure Trackers in the Netherlands.

To fine-tune our program, and to already get data as a starting point of the discussion, we kindly ask all tenure trackers who read this to fill in the short questionnaire (5 min): <https://bit.ly/2XUPQbq> or QR code above.

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