

## Personal Research Aims/Ambitions

## Table A.3 What kind of researcher do you want to be? A personal checklist

| Personal profile        | Critical questions   |
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| 1. 'Conceptualiser'     | <ul> <li>Do you refuse to take the problem definition of the actor, who commissioned the research, as given?</li> <li>Are you interested in research problems in general?</li> </ul>   |
| 2. 'Desk researcher'    | <ul> <li>Are you interested in finding out the real source of the problem you are addressing?</li> <li>Do you want to go beyond the level of analysis of the actors directly involved?</li> <li>Do you prefer to do research independent of your research object?</li> </ul> |
| 3. 'Designer'           | <ul> <li>Are you interested in designing scenarios to tackle the problem at hand?</li> <li>Are you interested in designing solutions for a (perceived) problem?</li> </ul>   |
| 4. 'Implementer'        | <ul><li>Do you want to intervene in the research object?</li><li>Are you interested in designing acceptable and feasible solutions?</li></ul>  |
| 5. 'Involved evaluator' | <ul> <li>Do you want to be committed to the organisation that you do research for?</li> <li>Do you want to become an active internal lobbyist for the solutions proposed?</li> </ul>   |