Discipline /Field	Project number
IT / User Experience	PIC-XX

## **Project title**

Using Frogans as a medium, design a virtual cross-cultural trainer helping Western organizations get acquainted with Chinese business communication practices

## **Project description**

At the beginning of the 1990s, a medium for publishing content and services was introduced on the Internet: the World Wide Web. This medium suggests publishing content and services which involve text-based communication, long pages, and complex user interfaces.

Today, a new medium for publishing content and services is being introduced on the Internet: Frogans. This medium suggests publishing content and services which involve visual communication, focused content, and natural interaction. Frogans enables a new kind of communication between end users and publishers of content and services. Frogans is not meant for publishing Web sites, but Frogans sites, a new kind of online site founded upon a different format.

For an overview of the technology making up Frogans as a medium: https://www.frogans.org/en/resources/overview/access.html

The Frogans technology is developed by the OP3FT, a Standards Developing Organization (SDO) based in France, with OP3FT China, the local branch of the OP3FT located in Beijing.

The project consists in designing a virtual cross-cultural trainer using Frogans as a medium. The virtual cross-cultural trainer will help Western organizations bridge the cultural gap between Western and Chinese business communication practices. The first trainees will be members of the OP3FT team based in France.

Three deliverables are expected from students (in English):

- 1. A general design of the virtual cross-cultural trainer including a description of the data sources used and technical considerations (hosting, API used if any...).
- 2. A detailed design of the virtual cross-cultural trainer, formalized using the UADD (Uniform Asymmetric Dialog Description) methodology created by the OP3FT. This methodology will be presented to students by the OP3FT.
- 3. A prototype of the virtual cross-cultural trainer.

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