

Writing an Introductory Chapter

This first chapter introduces the area of focus, the motivation for the research, the main problems, research questions and hypotheses that the researcher has explored. Furthermore, this chapter provides an overview of the content of the paper.

It is important to clarify what the readers can expect in the paper. The focus and the scope of the paper, describing what will be covered and what not, and for which applications, helps in doing so. The references to the literature used in the introduction should be limited to those that are essential to back up the choice of focus. This is not the place to discuss the literature in all detail. The chapter should conclude with an overview of the content of the different chapters and the structure of the paper.

EXAMPLAR OUTLINE for THEMEATIC AREA A:

ASSESSMENT OF BUILDINGS ACCORDING TO A PRE-DEFINED CRITERION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Aim and Scope of the Study
- 1.2. General Information about the Building(s)
- 1.3. Method of Analysis in accordance with the Selected Topic

EXAMPLAR OUTLINE for THEMEATIC AREA B:

DETERMINATION OF AN ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM FOR A PARTICULAR FUNCTION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Scope of the study
- 1.2. Definition and historical background of the suggested function
- 1.3. Method of research

EXAMPLAR OUTLINE for THEMATIC AREA C

ANALYSIS OF DESIGN ELEMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Aim and scope of the study
- 1.2 Structure of the study