



## Free Higher Education

Instructions to get on the Space on Element

Instruction video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sldRFjc2Ek&ab\\_channel=Laurens](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sldRFjc2Ek&ab_channel=Laurens)

Some remarks about **Element**:

- Element works similar to Discord, but is a free alternative to Big Tech.
- Element runs on the Matrix-protocol, which is an open source, non-profit and highly secured online communication protocol.
- Element works with decentralized servers without top-down control. Censorship or surveillance are (as good as) technically impossible.
- Element allows us to communicate in a less chaotic and more structured way than for example WhatsApp, Telegram or Signal.

The Free Higher Education space in Element is **easy to use**, but it requires a **one-time, minimal amount of effort to set it up**. Installation instructions:

- You can access Element through your browser (<https://app.element.io>), but you can also download the app on your laptop, tablet and/or phone (recommended), see <https://element.io/download>.
- Open Element and create your account by filling in your first name, last name and e-mail address.
- Use the search bar on Element to find me, just type in Laurens Buijs.
- Send me a private message on Element, stating very briefly who you are and why you are interested to join the Free Higher Education space.
- I will then process your request and add you to the Free Higher Education space.
- Once you have been added to the Free Higher Education Space, you have to do one more step: subscribe to each of the rooms and sub-spaces.
  - You do this by going to the list of rooms and sub-spaces of Free Higher Education.
  - This list should pop up automatically after getting access to the space. Or click on the three dots next to Free Higher Education and then click on "Space Home".
  - Click on the "Join" button next to every space and sub-space.
  - This is a somewhat tedious small tasks, but this is only necessary the first time you sign in.
- After this, the Free Higher Education space has been set up.