Dear Mrs. Odenbach,

I would like to thank you and your team again for your help and all your attentions.

I was in Tenerife (Canary Islands) from 31st July to the 31st January. The biggest problem I had in Tenerife was for finding a flat because most of the Landlords want a Kaution of 3 months and if you do not stay one complete year, they do not give you back the money. I have found more than 100 flats and WGs in the Internet, but just in 2 I was accepted for 6 months. My flat was a nice place, but too far away from the University, so I have needed 2 buses and one tram for arriving every day, and I could not benefit from Students discount because I was not a Student from the local University, so I spend more than 120 € per month in the public transport.

When I arrived, I had several interviews during the first and second week and in the middle of August I’ve started making the experiment. I was testing people until the 11th of November. The plan was to finish in October, but I could not find enough people from then. At the end, I have tested more than 80 people and I used the data from 75 of them. Picture number one was taken in La Orotava (Tenerife) with one volunteer during the dichotic listening experiment:

![Image 1: Experiment in Tenerife](image)

Silbo Gomero comes from the island of “La gomera”, however traveling there were expensive and without university there or any association who could help I could not find more than a couple of volunteers so I did not travel to La Gomera (the travel expenses

1 Experiment: ruhrwhistles.edublogs.org
will be more than 120 €). However thanks to a very active association in Tenerie and some facebook friends, a group of 7 whistlers wanted to be tested so I traveled for 1 and a half day to Gran Canaria. I was testing in a “cave-home” because University was closed during the weekend and the people just could be tested during the weekend. In the next picture a volunteer from Gran Canaria is being tested:

![Image 2: One of the seven volunteers who participated in Gran Canaria](image)

From November till now I was checking the data and working with it (with Microsoft Excel and the statistical program SPSS) and the results I could obtained.

It was a great experience, because I was almost alone working in my own experiment. I was testing people, preparing the interviews and experiments, informing via mail and the webpage of the project (see note 1), working with the data and finally with the help of my supervisors preparing a paper to publish and writing my Master Thesis. In the mean time, I was visiting a Silbo Gomero (a whistle language) course and learning with the locals how to whistle and how they use and interpret this kind of non-material heritage. The next picture is from my Silbo Gomero course; please pay attention to the fact that there are people from very different ages and both genders and that, despite we all have the same teacher [name removed], in the left of the picture) people choose a different way of whistling:
I attend to all the conferences, meetings and talk about Silbo Gomero in Tenerife and I give myself a talk in the solidarity-library week and I have made an Interview in the regional radio speaking about my experiment and the future uses of it (See picture 4). Furthermore, I had the opportunity of meeting with very interesting people like the actual champions of the annual Silbo Gomero contest in La Gomera who were 18 and 19 years old. In addition, I have met several Masters and even and historical Master of Silbo Gomero.

Picture 4: My interview with [name] in the canarian radio
Regarding the future, I think this time in Tenerife was very useful because in order to get a PhD position, Profesor and directors will take into account that I was working alone for 6 months and not just reading theoretical information about my topic.

At the moment I am done with my Master Thesis and hopefully, in 3 or 4 months my paper will appear in the scientific journal “Brain and Language”.

I was working alone, but not completely alone... the people in the department of La Laguna (Tenerife) were really nice and helpful with me and my supervisors from Bochum were always giving me good advices and encouraging me to give the very best of me.

I really learn a lot, not just about the topic of my Master Thesis (Brain Lateralization of Whistle Languages), but about how to research, how to conduct experiments, how to contact people, how to share the information and news about my work and of course, how to work in different countries, with different methods, libraries and people.

I am glad I had the opportunity of getting a PROMOS an make a proper and complete study in the mean time.

Again thank you very much for your help and your attention.

Best,