



*Creating a European research
network of occupational therapy
and occupational science
researchers*

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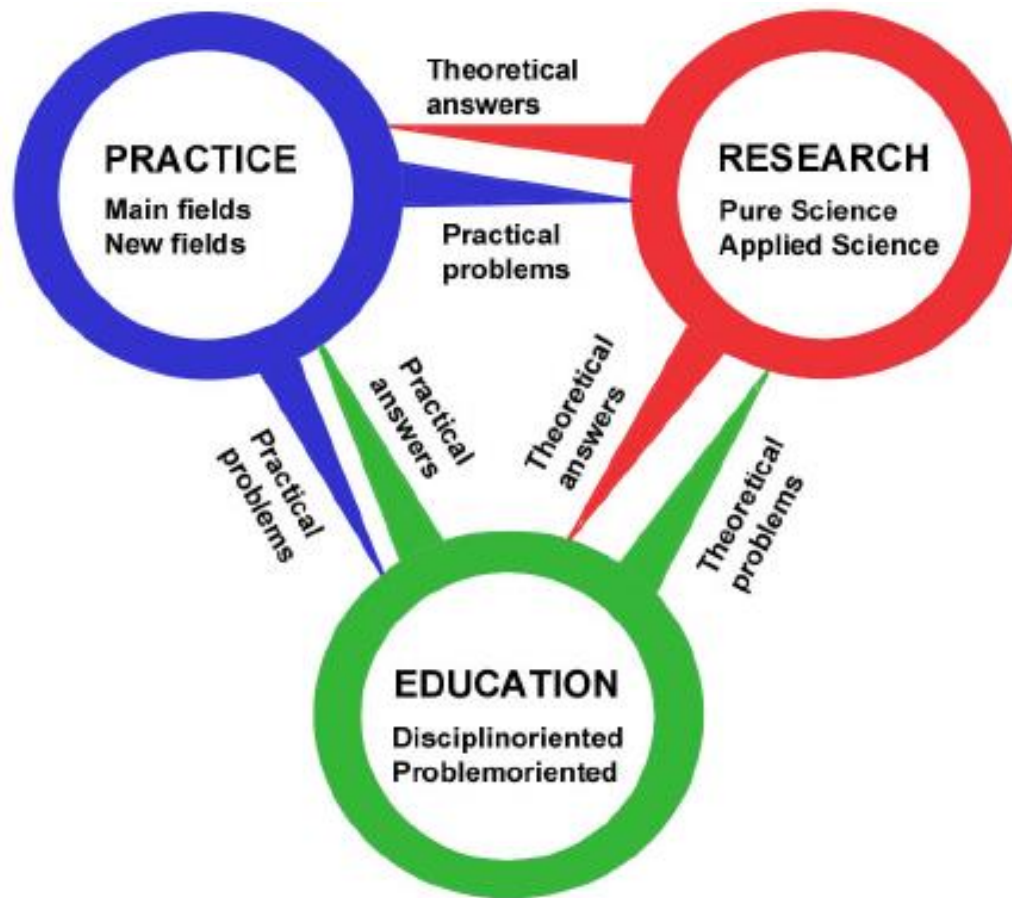
ROTOS Committee Member 2016 - current

Outline

- ROTOS
- Interactive discussion
- COST Action
- Interactive discussion



Having a strong foundation...



COTEC
Council of Occupational Therapists
for the European Countries
Est. 1986



ENOTHE
European Network
of Occupational Therapy
in Higher Education




Est. 1995

Addressing the gap in structures ...




COTEC
ENOTHE
ROTOS

Occupational Therapy
Europe

 Home Questions Jobs

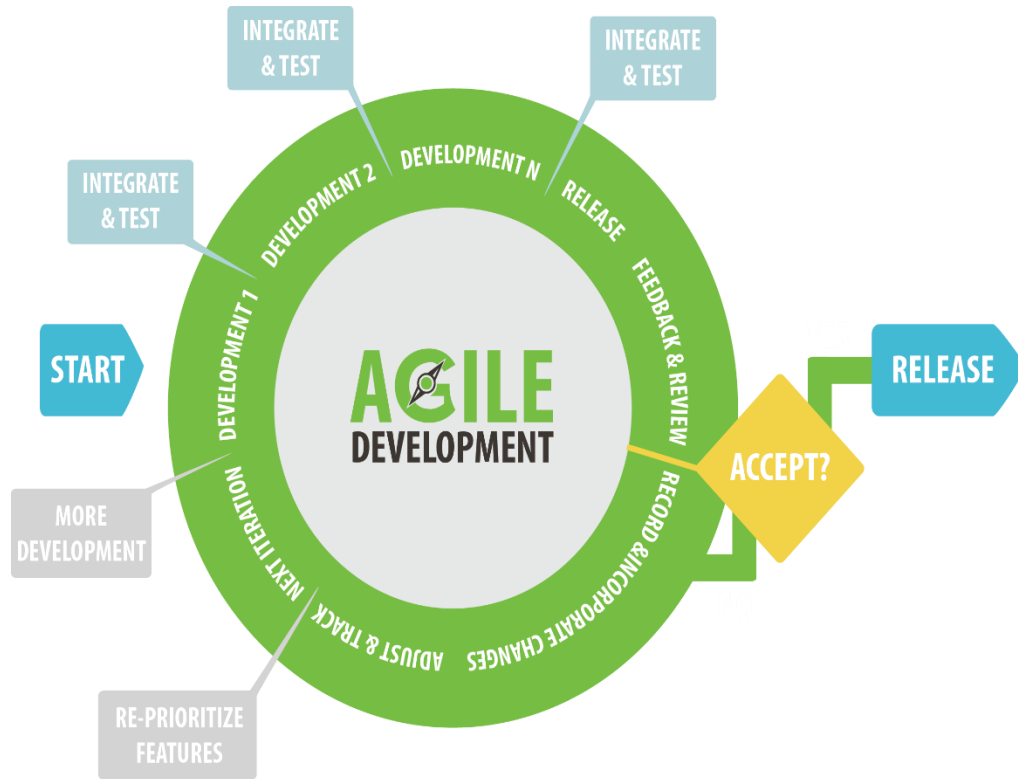
Project

Occupation-based European Network ROTOS
 Esther Steultjens
Goal: Vision
Knowledge from Occupational Therapy and Occupation Science research will be appropriately used to inform and shape European policy and practice....
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Project log

Questions (3)

ROTOS evolution



1st Iteration

European Cooperation in
Occupational Therapy
Research & Occupational
Science
Reported 2013

Did not continue.

Stage 2

A poster for the 1st COTEC-ENOTHE Congress. At the top left is the NUI Galway logo. At the top right is the COTEC & ENOTHE logo with the tagline "CONNECTING Education/Practice/Research/Policy". The main title is "1st COTEC-ENOTHE Congress". Below the title is a photograph of a large, historic stone building with a clock tower. Below the photo is a blue banner with the text "Connecting:". Below that is a yellow banner with the text "Education | Practice Research | Policy". Below the yellow banner is a dark blue banner with the text "Galway, Ireland | 15-19 June, 2016". At the bottom, there is a light blue banner with the website "www.cotec-enothe2016.com" and the hashtag "#COTEC-ENOTHE16". At the very bottom, there are three logos: "CPD Credits Available", "Fáilte Ireland National Tourism Development Authority", and "meetinireland.com".

Attendees identified the need for



Amplify Your Voice

- the establishment of a research “leg” of OT-EU – drive formation of a network
- wanted it to be practice focused
- wanted the small voice of Occupational Therapy in Europe to be amplified by research
- wanted occupational science to be involved
- wanted it to be open to all levels of researchers - practicing clinician to research leadership roles
- A committee (small) should be formed to progress

2nd Iteration - ROTOS Current Committee



Esther Steultjens (Chair)



Alison Laver-Fawcett (Vice Chair)



Niall Turner (Funding)



Naomi Hankinson (Link to COTEC Board)



Panagiotis Siaperas (Link to ENOTHE Board)



RESEARCH

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Welcome to the website of the Research in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science (ROTOS) branch of OT-EU.

Whilst the practice and education OT-EU branches are well established, the research branch is at a more nascent stage. This provides the opportunity for including key stakeholders in the development of ROTOS. As a standing committee we have formulated the vision, aim and ambitions for ROTOS. It is expected that these will evolve over time as ROTOS grows and more occupational therapists and scientists get involved.



Vision

- Knowledge from Occupational Therapy and Occupation Science research will be appropriately used to inform and shape European policy and practice.

Aim

- To establish a strong European Network of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science researchers that both supports access to occupation-based knowledge for the benefit for all people in Europe, and strengthens the occupation-based knowledge generation.

Terms of Reference:

1. Establish occupation as powerful knowledge domain
 - A. Knowledge generation, development, dissemination
 - B. Horizon scanning
 - C. Interdisciplinary
2. Using research outcomes for advocacy
 - A. Strong research leadership (Use current and previous experience of ENOTHE and COTEC in the emergence of future research leaders).
 - B. Marketing
3. Strong collaboration
 - A. Dynamic research network
 - B. Link research & researcher (either in academia or practice)
 - C. Create opportunities for funding
 - D. Collaborate closely with ENOTHE on research education.

To date

- The ROTOS standing committee meet regularly via skype and have two face to face meetings per year.
- Presentation at Occupational Science Europe (OSE) Conference (2017-09-8/9, Hildesheim Germany)
- Presentation at the European Network of Occupational Therapists in Higher Education (ENOTHE) 23rd Annual Meeting (2017-10-25/27, Zagreb Croatia)
- Abstract accepted for Oral Presentation at 2018 Royal College of Occupational Therapy Conference
- A paper outlining the ROTOS aim, objectives and terms of reference was presented and approved at both the ENOTHE & COTEC General Assemblies in 2017.

Planned

In 2018 we are working to implement the agreed terms of reference and to establish an active ROTOS network

- Continue to evolve ROTOS using a bottom up approach
- Develop and update ROTOS area of OT-EU website
- Identify and apply for approach EU grants e.g. COST Action
- Establishment of Pilot Projects
- Co-ordinate the development for OT/OS information papers on topics and health conditions, for example which have been identified by the EU as a priority or commissioned by OT-EU.

**Yes,
I'm interested!
*Tell me more...***



For interested OT/OS European researchers:

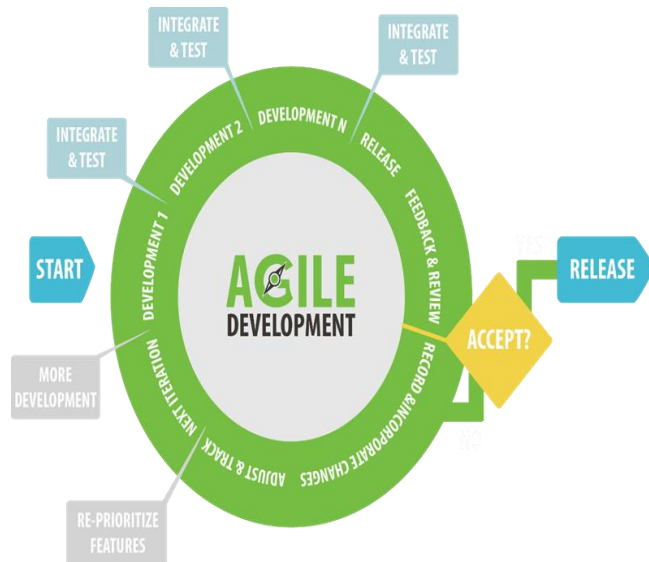
If you are an occupation therapist or occupational scientist based in a country defined as European, as defined by the Council of Europe, and you are interested to participate in ROTOS activities or projects in the future, then please email niall.turner@rotos.eu and we will include you on our database.

It is envisaged that those participating in ROTOS contribute to its vision and mission by:

- Disseminating occupational therapy and occupational science research widely to a range of stakeholders and audiences.
- Utilising occupational therapy and occupational science research and ROTOS outputs to influence European and/or national policy and practice.
- Engaging in collaborative projects. There is an expectation that ROTOS projects will have an end product and dissemination and ROTOS should be acknowledged in any output / publication.
- Informing ROTOS of any research opportunities or funding that may be of interest to other researchers in the network.
- Sharing expertise, knowledge and opportunities to build research capacity in occupational therapy and occupational science.

New development = Interface with the COTEC Register of Experts

Continue Agile PM approach





Integrating into environment



Review 2nd Iteration



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**I'M REALLY INTERESTED
BUT I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS**

Establishing a European network....



*COST Actions are a flexible, fast, effective and efficient **networking** instrument for researchers, engineers and scholars to cooperate and coordinate nationally funded research activities. COST Actions allow European researchers to jointly develop their own ideas in any science and technology field. Funded for 4 years.*

2015 at a glance

COST in numbers



5
minimum number of
COST countries to start
a COST Action

347
running COST Actions

266
training schools within
COST Actions

2.962
short-term scientific
missions (STSM) within
COST Actions

45.000
European researchers
involved in running
COST Actions

€137.000
average annual budget
of a COST Action

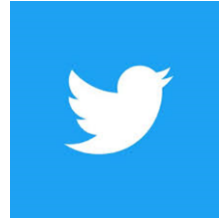
€300m
COST budget (from
Horizon 2020 for a 7-year
period)

COST Actions are:

- Pan-European - must include set number of Inclusiveness Target Countries
- Researcher-driven - all decisions are entrusted to the Action's Management Committee
- Open and Inclusive - open to all researchers,
- Multi- and interdisciplinary
- Future-oriented - engaging the next generation of young researchers
- Lightweight - funding through easy networking tools and simple rules
- Provide funding for networking events and dissemination activities

Agreed good fit for ROTOS task

Announcement



Occupational Therapy
Europe

Search ...

24 researchers agreeable to
be involved

9 EU countries represented

Criteria for 3 ITC met

Host - Radboud University

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COST GRANT

14th March 2018 |

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ROTOS are preparing a COST grant to develop a network of European OT & OS researchers. If you would like to take part please contact niall.turner@rotos.eu by the 1st April 2018.

OT EU CALENDAR

May

2018

Go

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

ORACEL

*Occupation-focused
research and concepts
for European living*

Next stages...collaborative approach

DESIGN



1

- Science and Technology
- Networking
- Esther co-ord. with co-writers





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- Impact
- Alison co-ord. with co-writers

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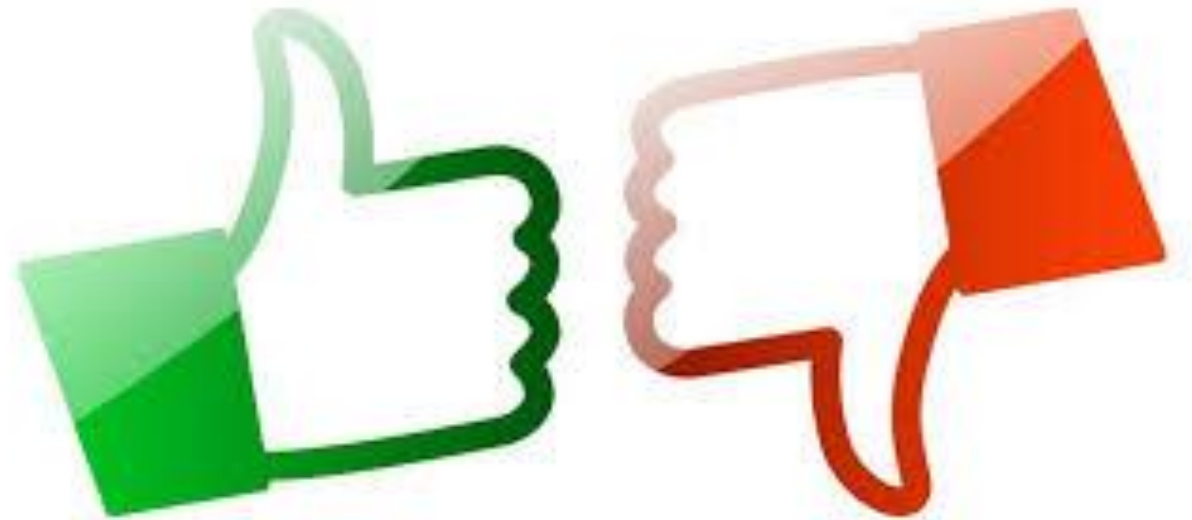
- Implementation
- Work Packages
- Niall co-ord. with co-writers

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Audience participation





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<http://www.oteurope.eu/research/>

Questions regarding COST Action

1. What are the challenges undertaking research that can be included as a justification for our COST action?
2. What activities should be included in the COST action? Any that should not?
3. If we were to be awarded a COST action what would be the challenges to it being successful?
4. To sustaining it after the 4 year funding has ended?