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# Research into Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science (ROTOS)



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# ROTOS update for COTEC Governance Day



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Europe

COTEC

Council of Occupational Therapists  
for the European Countries



ENOTHE

European Network  
of Occupational Therapy  
in Higher Education



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SPOT

Goal is for ROTOS  
to be an  
sustainable  
Foundation that  
contributes to OT  
Europe as an  
equal partner

# ROTOS Foundation

ROTOS is for  
all  
researchers  
at all levels

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- The proposed legal constitution for the ROTOS Foundation was reviewed by the COTEC and ENOTHE General Assemblies in 2019
- ROTOS became a Not For Profit, Charitable Foundation 11th March 2020 under the law in the Netherlands
- The ROTOS Foundation now has a Board (previously a committee)
- Board roles include: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer & Funding, and Communications Lead.
- ROTOS is not a membership organisation (unlike ENOTHE and COTEC) and so it does not charge membership fees.
- ROTOS Core activity in 2020 was funded by Occupational Therapy Europe (through COTEC & ENOTHE)
- ROTOS has requested a reduced budget from OT Europe for 2021 – half previous budget
- Future funding is to be raised through grant applications and fund raising activity

# ROTOS Foundation Board



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# ROTOS' Vision



Improving European citizens' lives through occupation focused research and science by having one strong voice for occupational therapy and occupational science research.

# Strategic plan ROTOS 2020-2023

## Overall Strategic Aim



That knowledge from occupational therapy and occupation science research will be appropriately used to inform and shape European policy and practice, through the establishment of a strong European profile of occupational therapy and occupational science researchers, that both strengthens occupation-based knowledge generation and supports access to this knowledge for the benefit for all Europeans.



# Strategic aim 1



## Establish occupation as powerful knowledge domain

To use current research and evidence, and to support the development of further research, by bringing together established researchers and encouraging a strong voice at all levels of occupational therapy in the research agenda.



## Strategic aim 2



Use occupational therapy and occupational science research outcomes for advocacy and to influence policy development

To develop research leaders confident in promoting the outcomes of occupational therapy, occupational science and interdisciplinary occupation-focused research as beneficial to the lives and occupational wellbeing of individuals and communities.

# Strategic aim 3



To build strong collaborations to achieve the ROTOS Foundation's vision

To achieve a sustainable ROTOS Foundation and create a strong research network, to link researchers to practitioners, educators and other researchers, through facilitating working across boundaries in the European context.

# Activities in 2020



## Internal work

- Achieving the formation of a legal Foundation
- Development of Strategic plan for 2020-2023
- Development of objectives and action plan to achieve strategic plan
- COST grant application
- Plans for fundraising activity

## External work

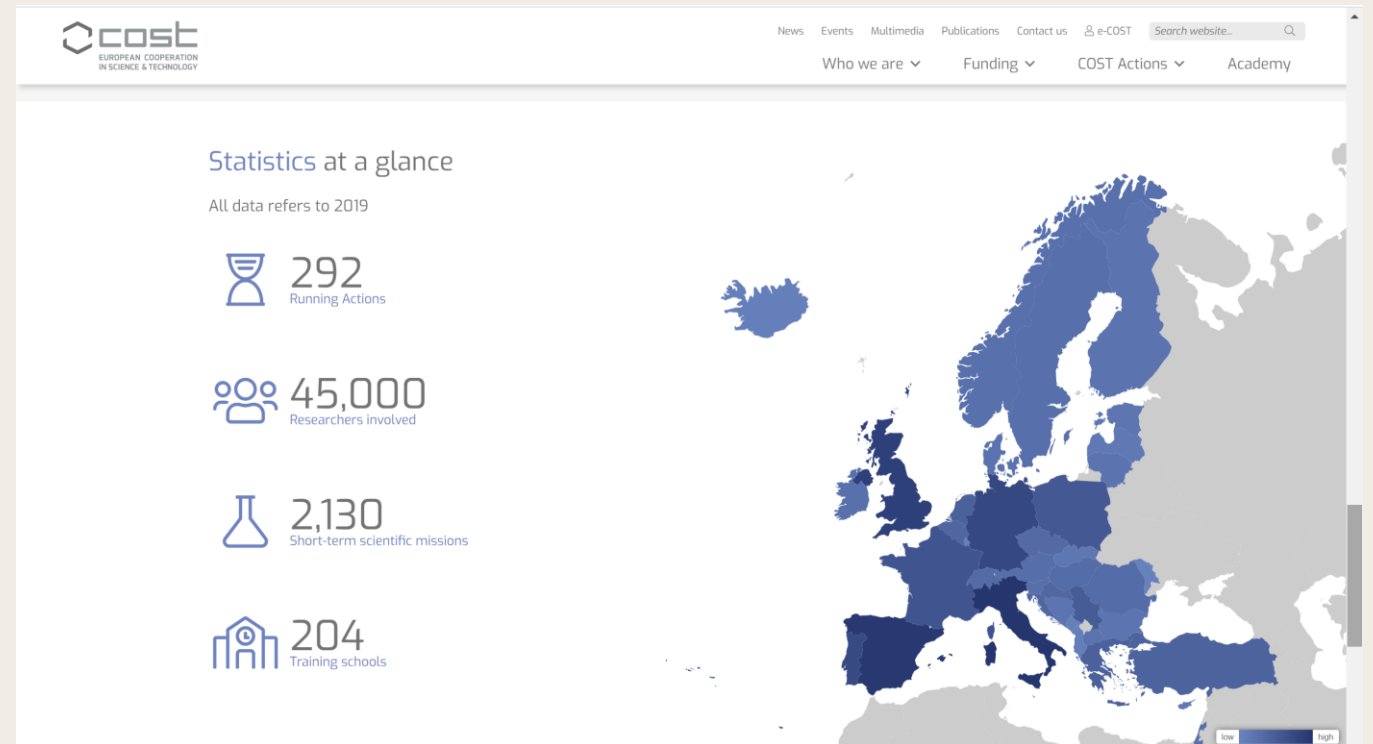
- Assisting with the formation of OT Europe Foundation
- Two ROTOS Board members serve on the OT Europe Foundation Board
- Contribution to COTEC ENOTHE Congress planning and delivery
- Engaging with Consultations (e.g. WHO European Programme of Work)
- Development and delivery of OT Europe and ROTOS webinars
- Register of Experts: reviewing applications, maintaining register

# ROTOS's contribution to planning for 2<sup>nd</sup> COTEC-ENOTHE Congress



- 3 members of the ROTOS Board are working on the Congress Scientific Committee
- 2 Board members will plan and deliver one of OT Europe's workshops
- ROTOS will contribute to SPOT's student event and organise opportunities for students to spend time at the congress with researchers.
- ROTOS Board members are contributing to the planning and delivery of Congress session for colleagues on the OT Europe Experts' register

# COST Action Application 2020



# What is a COST Action?

The European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) is a funding organisation for the creation of research networks, called COST Actions. These networks offer an open space for collaboration among scientists across Europe (and beyond) and thereby give impetus to research advancements and innovation.

Open and Inclusive - open to all researchers

Future-oriented - engaging the next generation of young researchers



European  
Research Area

# COST Application 2020

*Occupational Therapy and Aging Research  
for Healthy Europeans*

**Work Packages – EU researchers will form a network to consider the theme of each work package**

Establish research priorities for Occupation related aging research

Occupation-based approach in public health in general elderly population

Environments for Healthy Living















Economic Evaluation of implementing Occupational Therapy Interventions in Primary Care in Dementia

Promoting occupation-based health for frail older adults



# Network of Proposers Features

## Distribution of Affiliations

COST Country (14) : Austria  , Belgium  , Bulgaria  , Croatia  , Cyprus  , Greece  , Ireland  , Lithuania  , Netherlands   
 , Poland  , Portugal  , Romania  , Slovenia  , United Kingdom   
International Partner Country (0)  
Near Neighbour Country (0)  
European Commission or EU Agency (0)  
European RTD Organisation (0)  
International Organisation (0)

## COST Inclusiveness target countries

57.1 %

## Number of Proposers

17

## Gender Distribution

23.5% Males  
76.5% Females

## Average Number of years elapsed since PhD graduation of Proposers with a doctoral degree

*This figure takes into account only those Proposers who reported holding a doctoral degree, i.e. 93% of the Proposers.*

13.3

- Finalise technical annex (main application)
- Invite more secondary proposers (constrained by number of COST Inclusiveness target countries as must be 50%)
- Submit by deadline **29 October 2020 at 12:00 noon (CET).**



# Budget

## 2020

- Costs associated with ROTOS committee meeting in Prague (tied with the Congress Scientific Committee meeting)
- Materials to support fundraising activities and raise ROTOS' profile
- Legal costs to establish Foundation
- Website costs

## 2021

- ROTOS Board work at COTEC-ENOTHE Congress 2021, Prague
- Website costs

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**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 interest to participate in ROTOS activities or projects in the future, then please email [niall.turner@rotos.eu](mailto:niall.turner@rotos.eu) and we will include you on our database.

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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.

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# Comments and questions



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