

## COTEC Annual Report 2015

In this Annual report the Executive Committee wants to inform the Members about actions taken in 2015. Most of them were also previously reported in COTEC Newsletters during 2015. The Executive Committee faced quite some challenges due to members resigning, having new challenging jobs, stressful personal circumstances, end of terms and elections. The Executive Committee is very pleased to have welcomed two new young Executive Committee Members, who are enthusiastic to be involved in the COTEC work. However, the Executive Committee was again faced with more work and not enough human power. This serves to underline the vulnerability of an organisation whose officers are entirely voluntary and who experience high workloads both in their day job and for COTEC.

The actions of the Executive Committee are following the trends started in 2013:

- Building a stronger organisation
- Connecting and capacity building with the Members
- Connecting with the outside world

The Executive Committee is therefore very pleased with those Members who have nominated experts for the COTEC Register of Experts and those individuals who were willing to represent COTEC in conferences and meetings.

Only with the support of Members in the way of acting on calls, representation and sharing knowledge COTEC will be able to reach it's goal to make high quality occupational therapy available, accessible, visible and valued in Europe.

During the General Assembly in Riga the drafts of the Strategic Vision and the Action Plan were discussed in the round table discussions which gave input for the work. The new visual identity of COTEC was positively received. Also the website was launched and further developed to be a source of information and a tool to enable Members and individual occupational therapists to participate in actions, conferences, surveys and consultations. Twitter is used to alert members and individual occupational therapists to varied calls for action and to show the outside world the occupational perspective of wellbeing and health and to promote the work of COTEC.

The planning of the first COTEC-ENOTHE Joint Congress in Galway took a lot of time, energy and communication skills of the Executive Committee members, especially from those who are in the Joint Congress Committee and the Scientific Committee. During the joint meeting with the ENOTHE board in Galway the joint congress was discussed and a start was made to explore ways for running the organisations in a more sustainable way and to decide how to go forward with the OT- EU umbrella. An OT-EU coordinating group was installed existing of the presidents and vice presidents of both COTEC and ENOTHE.

An overview of the actions in the year 2015 is given in bullet points, the actions are related to the Action Plan 2015 in the schedule below.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee members for all their time and efforts they have given to make all this work possible and all members who have supported us in any way.



Stephanie Saenger  
President of COTEC

## Meetings 2015

### Executive Committee meetings

- Monthly Skype meetings with the full Executive Committee
- Various Skype meetings in different constellations around specific tasks e.g. Governance, Communications, Summary of Profession, Finances, papers
- Four face-to-face Interim meetings.
  - London, February
  - Florence, May
  - Riga, October
  - Galway, November
  
- Items discussed in London
- action plan revision, Strategic plan 2017-2020
- Governance handbook and Communication strategy
- finishing revising and updating Rules of Procedure
- MEP strategy
- Register of Experts
  
- Items discussed in Florence
- action plan revision, Strategic plan 2017-2020
- preparing General Assembly and Governance Day
- website, logos
- other alliances
- face-to-face meeting with delegation of AITO and CPLOL Executive
  
- General Assembly pre- and post meeting in Riga
- meeting with the Latvian association
- meeting with the president of ENOTHE
- preparing round table discussions and GA
- evaluate GA
- introduce new EC members to the work
- dividing tasks
  
- Interim meeting Galway
- planning joint congress, meeting with the local organisation committee
- joint meeting with the ENOTHE board, cooperation, PR, OT-EU

### Projects, conferences and external meetings

- Participated in
- **HORIZON 2020 project** proposal, Delft (President)
- **Austrian National Conference**, Austria, Salzburg, March 12-14 (President)
- **National Annual Conference BAOT/COT**, United Kingdom, Brighton, June 30-July2 (President and Vice President)
- **Advisory board of European Forum of Primary Care (EFPC)** and **EFPC congress** in September 2015 in Amsterdam (President and representative)
- **Conference and Campaign launch of Patient Empowerment (PE)**, organised by the European Patients Forum (EPF) held on May 20-21, in Brussels. Activities on Patient

Empowerment Campaign were encouraged and followed up by COTEC members.  
(President)

- **Conference Universal Health: Investing in Health and Well being for All**, (Latvia), June 29 - 30<sup>th</sup> in Riga, Latvia. Represented by the Latvian Association of OT.
- **WHO Regional Committee for Europe 65<sup>th</sup> session** in Vilnius, Lithuania on September 14- 17, 2015, on invitation of WFOT together with the president of the Lithuanian Association of Occupational Therapists. (President)
- **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of ENOTHE** in Ruse, Bulgaria WFOT, COTEC and ENOTHE delivered a workshop on the WFOT minimum standards with a special focus on the requirements regarding fieldwork. (President)
- **Conference „Joining Forces in Health Promotion to Tackle the Burden of Chronic Diseases in Europe “**, Vilnius, Lithuania, 24- 25 November 2015. (**CHRODIS**), represented by the president of the Lithuanian Association of Occupational Therapists.
- **Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland, AOTI** (President)
- **WHO Regional Committee for Europe, meeting of Staff groups active in mental health in the European Region**, Copenhagen, December 2015 ( President and Member EC) With presidents of European associations psychologists (**EFPA**), psychiatrists (**EPA**), mental health nurses (**Horatio**), and social workers (**IFSW**).

#### Consultations, Surveys, letters and declarations

- Online Public Consultation on the Review of the **Working Time Directive**.
- Letter signed **Representation and advocacy in the European Union**, INTEREURO-project.
- Public consultation on **Preliminary opinion on Competition among health care providers in the European Union** of the The Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health.
- Public Consultation on **Health illiteracy**, answered in cooperation with EFPC
- Letter to support WHO in **The nutrient profile model**.
- Letter to First Vice President Frans Timmermans calling on the European Commission to take strong and urgent action to create a **high-quality and legally-binding EU lobby transparency register**.
- Survey research project about **Inequity by Disease**, Belgium.
- **ESCO** consultation to ensure that the profession of OT and its competences are recognised and included in the **European Classification of Skills/Qualifications, Competences and Occupations** listing.
- **Alzheimer Europe** launched the **Glasgow Declaration**, which calls for the creation of a European Dementia Strategy and national strategies in every country in Europe was signed by COTEC.

#### Publications

- COTEC Summary of the Occupational Therapy Profession 2015, April 2015
- Editorial about Joint Congress in Galway, British Journal of Occupational Therapy 2015, Vol. 78(11) 663 (President & Vice President)
- Guardian Website, piece on BAOT/COT Job Market London
- COTEC Position Paper on Patient Empowerment (5E)
- Four COTEC Newsletters

**Meetings with ENOTHE**

- ENOTHE Interim meeting, Switzerland, Lausanne, (Vice President/ENOTHE link)
- ENOTHE Interim meeting and meeting with 2016 COTEC-ENOTHE Congress organisation, The Netherlands, Amsterdam, March 12-13 (VP Administration)
- Lawyer, Germany, Düsseldorf, March 6, (President & VP Finance)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of ENOTHE in Ruse, Bulgaria (President, Vice president, two EC members)

## COTEC Annual report 2015 in terms of the Action plan

## 1. Values of Occupational Therapy in Europe

GOAL	ACTION	REPORT	OUTCOMES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Human rights and diversity</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establish contact with the WHO Europe together with WFOT or independently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COTEC President and the President of the Lithuanian Association of Occupational Therapists participated in the <b>WHO Regional Committee for Europe 65<sup>th</sup></b> session in Vilnius, Lithuania on September 14- 17, 2015.</li> <li>○ <b>WHO</b> in a meeting of Staff groups active in mental health in the European Region. This meeting at the WHO office in Copenhagen was the first of yet to be planned consecutive sessions for presidents of European associations acting on behalf of occupational therapists (COTEC), psychologists (<b>EFPA</b>), psychiatrists (<b>EPA</b>), mental health nurses (<b>Horatio</b>), and social workers (<b>IFSW</b>).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Networking, raising visibility, contacts with WHO, Alzheimer Europe, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFSMA), invitations</li> <li>○ A letter of intent is being written and will be signed and published in June 2016.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Inclusion and participation</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participating in research Inequity by disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In January the Executive Committee resent out the call to Members to participate in a research project about <u>Inequity by Disease</u>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opportunity to influence the person centred delivery of services to clients.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conference and Campaign launch of Patient Empowerment (PE), organised by the European Patients Forum (EPF)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ President participated, Members were encouraged to participate in EFP campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many tweets, Dutch Association acted upon call, closer relationship with EPF</li> </ul>
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○ Health and social affairs in the European countries

GOAL	ACTION	REPORT	OUTCOMES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Health and welfare for the European population</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participate in open discussions related to EU health strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Public consultation on preliminary opinion on Competition among health care providers in the European Union</u> of the The Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health Consultation was studied and answered twice in cooperation with EPHA and EFPC</li> <li>○ <u>Public Consultation on Health illiteracy</u>. Consultation was studied and answered in cooperation with EFPC</li> <li>○ Online Public Consultation on the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COTEC/ENOTHE are mentioned as one of the organisations who answered the consultation, visibility raised and active participation in membership EFPC and EPHA.</li> <li>○ COTEC/ENOTHE are mentioned as one of the organisations who answered the consultation, visibility raised and active participation in membership EFPC and EPHA.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support WHO in The nutrient profile model, as an authoritative contribution to curbing marketing of unhealthy food to children and ultimately to curbing the childhood obesity in Europe.</li> <li>○ More transparency for EU citizens</li> <li>○ Active support of EPF in their campaign on Patients Empowerment</li> </ul>	<p>Review of the <u>Working Time Directive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Signed the letter of support with EPHA and EPHA members.</li> <li>○ Letter signed <u>Representation and advocacy in the European Union</u>, INTEREURO-project</li> <li>○ president attended EPF conference and campaign launch on Patient Empowerment, draft has been made on the OT perspective of the 5E-s of Patient Empowerment</li> <li>○ President had Skype meeting with Secr. Gen. of EPF to investigate possible ways of cooperation</li> <li>○ President spoke to Secr. Gen in Vilnius at WHO meeting</li> <li>○ Many tweets were sent, retweeted and liked</li> <li>○ Position Paper on Patient Empowerment was written</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ raise visibility, be an active member of EPHA</li> <li>○ raised visibility of OT, more awareness of OT in client organisations and EU, more collaboration with EPF, useful contacts made</li> <li>○ opportunity to be involved in high level EU event with EPF</li> <li>○ visibility raised and knowledge about OT with client groups</li> <li>○ raised visibility of OT perspective</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New definition of Health and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ president had meeting with Dr. M.A.S. Huber, researcher and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ raising awareness about the affinity of Occupational therapy with Positive</li> </ul>

	concept of Positive Health	inventor of the new concept of health Positive Health and Dr. A. M. Stoopendaal (University of Rotterdam) and Theo van der Bom (Ergotherapie Nederland) about connections between Positive Health concept and Occupational Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ President informed Dr. Huber about the COTEC position Paper about Patient Empowerment</li> </ul>	Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ possibility to participate in research about OT and Positive Health</li> <li>○ raise visibility of COTEC work and the occupational perspective of wellbeing an health</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Sustainable health and social care</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊖ Make and distribute information on OT relevant to the Health Strategy 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>European Parkinson's Disease Association, EPDA</u></li> <li>○ Progress continues to be made by EPDA on its research programme My PD Journey.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OT researcher is now member of Advisory Board "My PD journey" representing COTEC .</li> <li>○ Start will be made with identifying occupational therapists, experts in PD and / or research from different countries to contribute in regional projects</li> <li>○ Vice president is member of EPDA group</li> <li>○ A brochure will be published in 2016</li> </ul>

**Occupational Therapy Practice and Development**

GOAL	ACTION	REPORT	OUTCOMES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Education and professional developments</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop a common website with ENOTHE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ discussions with ENOTHE office are proceeding and both websites were built on similar platform</li> <li>○ OT-EU coordinating group is established</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ENOTHE website is on line</li> <li>○ COTEC website is online</li> <li>○ OT-EU website is being discussed</li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strengthen the cooperation with WFOT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ contacts related to support the Hungarian Association</li> <li>○ answered WFOT calls and questions</li> <li>○ WFOT VP Finance attended COTEC GA as an observer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Letter is written with WFOT, no response in 2015</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EU project proposal HORIZON 2020</li> <li>○ Answer ESCO consultation European Classification of Skills/Qualifications, Competences and Occupations listing</li> <li>○ Position Paper on OT and Primary Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COTEC was invited to join a <u>HORIZON 2020 project</u> OT-COMPETENCE lead by the Technical University of Delft, The Netherlands to explore the possibilities to be a partner in a consortium for HORIZON 2020 to address the call "technologies for better human learning and teaching"</li> <li>○ Identified experts in education and practice to answer the consultation to ensure that the profession of OT and its competences are recognised and included in the listing</li> <li>○ A Project group is established, contacts are made with experts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project proposal OT-COMPETENCE was sent in April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015</li> <li>○ 5 OT educational institutes as partner</li> <li>○ COTEC, ENOTHE and OT4OT are in Advisory Board</li> <li>○ excellent opportunity for OT and clients to work with ICT</li> <li>○ exchange of experiences EU wide</li> <li>○ September 2015 the project members have received a negative evaluation on the proposal</li> <li>○ Important comments were made, ESCO is revising the competences and qualifications accordingly, more accurate description of OT</li> <li>○ Draft position paper to be presented in Galway</li> </ul>

## Labour market

GOAL	ACTION	REPORT	OUTCOMES
○ <b>Mobility</b>	○ Consultation on Review of the Working Time Directive	○ Executive Committee answered the Online Public Consultation on the Review of the Working Time Directive	○ securing good working conditions for (health) workers
○	○ HORIZON	○ see elsewhere	○ possibility of more and or other work for OT ○ exchange of experience

○ The organization

GOAL	ACTION	REPORT	OUTCOMES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Implementing the new organisational model</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Executive Committee members have been working on ongoing actions like</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ finalising legal Procedures</li> <li>○ financial restructuring and change of bank</li> <li>○ time registration</li> <li>○ Rules of Procedures,</li> <li>○ Communication Strategy,</li> <li>○ Governance Handbook and the administration</li> <li>○ correspondence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ legal documents in order</li> <li>○ bank accounts with cards arranged</li> <li>○ more insight in workloads</li> <li>○ Governance Handbook send out to members: more transparency</li> <li>○ Communication strategy: more transparency, better communication with members and outside world</li> <li>○ DROPBOX reorganised</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Organize the third COTEC General Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>The third General Assembly was arranged in Riga 3<sup>th</sup> -4th of October.</u></li> <li>○ Call for items to the action plan for 2016, information for the election and invitation to the General Assembly were circulated.</li> <li>○ A program for the Governance day was made, documents were sent out</li> <li>○ The agenda and the papers to the meeting were prepared and were sent August 4th</li> <li>○ <u>General Assembly</u>.VP Administration was in close contact with the Latvian Association of Occupational</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members had information in a timely way to prepare GA and Governance day</li> <li>○ Discussions gave input for the work</li> <li>○ see minutes GA</li> <li>○ successful General Assembly was organised, including social programme</li> <li>○ See GA minutes</li> </ul>

		Therapists, who helped with practical arrangements and planned the social program for 3 <sup>rd</sup> GA in Riga	
○	○ Establish the new organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Executive Committee members have been working on ongoing actions like</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rules of Procedures,</li> <li>○ Communication Strategy</li> <li>○ Governance Handbook</li> <li>○ Administration &amp; finances</li> <li>○ Correspondence</li> <li>○ Website</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	○ <i>see elsewhere</i>
○ <b>Strengthen the cooperation with the Member Associations</b>	○ Inform and involve members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>The Executive Committee published four Newsletters</u></li> <li>○ <u>Register of Experts</u> was established. Members were asked to nominate members in the fields of Aging, Children and Adolescents, Mental Health, Poverty Reduction, Equal access to care, Dementia and Primary Care</li> <li>○ Nominees were contacted about privacy and they were sent Newsletters and relevant information about reports and EU meetings</li> <li>○ 47 experts confirmed their willingness to be listed on the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 newsletters sent out to Members and published on website</li> <li>○ sharing information</li> <li>○ giving opportunities for involvement on National and European level</li> <li>○ more connections</li> <li>○ enables COTEC and experts to share information</li> <li>○ representation in meetings or consultations</li> <li>○ sharing experience</li> <li>○ raising visibility</li> </ul>

		<p>Register of Experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>British Association of Occupational Therapists and College of Occupational Therapy / 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of COT in Brighton.</u> The president and Vice president attended the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of COT in Brighton.</li> <li>○ <u>National OT Association of Italy, AITO</u></li> <li>○ The Executive Committee had a interim meeting in Florence to support AITO</li> <li>○ <u>National OT Association of Hungary, METE</u></li> <li>○ <u>National OT association of Austria</u> invited COTEC president to be a key note speaker at their conference.</li> <li>○ Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the <u>Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland, AOTI</u> , President held speech</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COTEC was informed about OT issues relevant in UK</li> <li>○ EC has discussed possibilities for AITO to make progress in their efforts to strengthen the OT education and profession in Italy</li> <li>○ Letter was written in cooperation with WFOT, no answer as yet in 2015</li> <li>○ presentation was held, Doing, Being, Becoming and Belonging, being an occupational therapist in Europe.</li> <li>○ visibility of COTEC was raised</li> <li>○ COTEC will be informed about state of the art in Austria and relevant OT issues</li> <li>○ involvement of 3 experts</li> <li>○ raise visibility of COTEC, strengthen OT community</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Joint Congress 2020</u> bid was sent out, deadline extended and further information was given by VP Administration</li> <li>○ <u>Summary of Profession</u></li> <li>○ information was collected and data edited and sent out</li> <li>○ Publication in BJOT editorial</li> <li>○ Website is used to inform and involve members</li> <li>○ Twitter is used actively</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Czech association will organise the 2<sup>nd</sup> COTEC-ENOTHE joint congress 2020</li> <li>○ Summary of Profession 2015 is distributed to be used by Members nationally</li> <li>○ Promote joint congress</li> <li>○ Raise visibility, involve members</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Communication strategies</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update the website and prepare for a joint website with ENOTHE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>The old COTEC website was closed</u></li> <li>○ <u>The new COTEC website is online</u></li> <li>○ Contract was signed with ENOTHE web designer and webmaster Mike Batt has made a website for COTEC</li> <li>○ <u>COTEC new logo</u> was launched and favourably received at GA</li> <li>○ common visual identity was designed for ENOTHE and OT-EU simultaneously</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Website is used for information and calls for action,</li> <li>○ COTEC Newsletters were posted on website</li> <li>○ GA information was uploaded in Members area</li> <li>○ information about the Joint Congress was posted prominently on website</li> <li>○ information about many congresses was posted on the website</li> <li>○ logo will give COTEC new image and emphasise the connection between COTEC , ENOTHE and OT -EU</li> </ul>
○	○ Newsletters and	○ <u>4 newsletters were published</u>	○ <i>see elsewhere</i>

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	Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In the newsletters were beside information invitations to participate in EU projects.</li> <li>○ communication strategy is finished and published on the website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ more transparency</li> </ul>
○	○ Email correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ several announcements about EU meetings and events were sent out to Expert groups. ( Active Ageing, Dementia, Youth and Mental Health)</li> <li>○ Regular Correspondence by VP Administration and president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ possibility for experts to participate on EU level</li> <li>○ possibility of raising visibility of OT (COTEC)</li> <li>○ networks and contacts are maintained and nourished</li> </ul>
○	○ Twitter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ many tweets were send about activities of COTEC executive Committee and president</li> <li>○ relevant tweets were re- tweeted, cited and liked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ more visibility</li> <li>○ closer relations with other organisations like EFPC, EPF and Alzheimer Europe</li> <li>○ many tweets were re-tweeted by followers and by COTEC</li> <li>○ more than 450 followers by end 2015</li> </ul>
○ <b>Cooperation with other organisations and networks</b>	○ Work further with the plan for closer cooperation with ENOTHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ meeting with the ENOTHE board in Lausanne Vice president / Enothe Link</li> <li>○ meeting with ENOTHE board and Agnes Shiel from NUI Galway in Amsterdam (VP administration)</li> <li>○ The <u>Link person to ENOTHE</u> board has had several Skype meetings</li> <li>○ The <u>Joint congress core committee</u> has been formed and had several Skype meetings</li> <li>○ Scientific Committee is formed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ joint congress was discussed</li> <li>○ Joint congress theme and lines are defined</li> <li>○ website is on line</li> <li>○ review process was initialaised, 900 abstracts were received</li> <li>○ Scientific programm is being</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ president and VP /Enothe link and two EC members attended the ENOTHE 21<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting in Ruse, Bulgaria, this will give opportunities for networking with ENOTHE</li> <li>○ Joint meeting with ENOTHE board</li> </ul>	<p>developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COTEC and ENOTHE delivered a workshop together with WFOT (<i>see elsewhere</i>)</li> <li>○ More cooperation</li> </ul>
○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Other networks</li> <li>○ EPHA, EFPC, ProFouND, EPDA, EFAD, CLOPL, ER-WRCPT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>EPHA</u></li> <li>○ several contacts about consultations;</li> <li>○ news letters are studied and followed up</li> <li>○ <u>EFPC</u></li> <li>○ Advisory board, conference, participating in EFPC Amsterdam in September. President attended EFPC conference in Amsterdam. COTEC t- shirts were worn by OT students who acted as stewards at the conference</li> <li>○ <u>Agreement on Position Paper on OT and PC and presentation on conference 2016</u> was made with EFPC</li> <li>○ <u>Contacts were made between EFPC and the Latvia Association</u></li> <li>○ <u>Fall Prevention: ProFouND meeting in Brussels,</u></li> <li>○ <u>European Parkinson's Disease</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ raising visibility OT and COTEC</li> <li>○ raising visibility</li> <li>○ Position papaer on OT and Primary Care project group</li> <li>○ More visibility and understanding of OT in PC</li> <li>○ Participation Latvian OT's in EFPC</li> </ul>



		<p><u>Association launches a new Strategic Health Initiative – My PD Journey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In April this year, the EPDA launched its SHI, in collaboration with EPHA, EFPC, Eurocarers, The European Patients Forum (EPF) and the European Brain Council (EBC,) supported by AbbVie.</li> <li>○ <u>EFAD</u> ( EU Dieticiens)</li> <li>○ <u>CPLOL</u> (E.U. Speech and Language Therapists and Logopedists) meeting with board in Florence, May</li> <li>○ Meeting with Sarah Bazin, Chair of the European Region of the World Confederation of Physical Therapists (ER-WCPT), Vice president and President, February 2015, UK</li> <li>○ congratulations letter to new president WCPT Emma Stokes</li> <li>○ informal contacts made with EU Handtherapists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ exchange of Newsletters</li> <li>○ exchange of information about setting up a research network</li> <li>○ intention of collaboration confirmed, areas of common interest identified, report meeting in Newsletter.</li> <li>○ areas of common concern were defined and possibilities for future collaboration, which might be beneficial to both our professions and our clients were considered. No concrete projects were identified.</li> <li>○ possibilities of strengthening each others´ work</li> </ul>
○ <b>Strengthen</b>	○ Use the	○ <u>EPHA</u>	○

<p><b>communication with EU</b></p>	<p>membership in EPHA and EFPC to strengthen the strategy for working towards EU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual conference and the General Assembly for <u>EPHA</u> (European Public Health Alliance) was not attended as planned by the COTEC president in September 2015 due to illness.</li> <li>○ EFPC see elsewhere</li> <li>○ EFPC agreement on position paper presentation and cooperation in EFPC conference in 2016, publication in EFPC journal in 2016</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inform ourselves about strategies to communicate with EU</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ participated in the survey on interest representation and advocacy in the European Union, which is part of the larger INTEREURO-project (<a href="http://www.intereuro.eu">www.intereuro.eu</a>).</li> <li>○ co-signed a letter to First Vice President Frans Timmermans calling on the European Commission to take strong and urgent action to create a high-quality and legally-binding EU lobby transparency register.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ listed in survey report, opinion given, possibility of joining a workshop</li> <li>○ COTEC joined 113 organisations from all over the world sign the letter as this should increase pressure on the Commission to act. Logo was displayed, raised visibility</li> </ul>