

COTEC Action Plan 2016

The Action Plan for 2016 is a continuation of the 2015 Plan. It covers the same broad categories of Building relationships with NGOs, Supporting Member Associations and Governance. The 2016 Plan retains the original sequential numbers from the 2015 Plan; where numbers are missing this indicates completion of that action in 2015. No new actions are included in this proposed plan for two reasons:

- 1) the desire to invite Member Associations to comment on the plan and to propose actions that they feel need to be included, and
- 2) the recognition that too many actions are impossible to progress for a voluntary organisation.

Category	Action	Cross referencing to the original political statement	Priority	Notes	Locus of Responsibility
1 Building	1) Participate in EPHA and EFPC meetings and groups and learn how both can be useful in the political work of COTEC.	2a, 5c, 5d	1		COTEC Executive, supported by National Associations
	2) In cooperation with the National Associations (NA) make an overview of Members of the European Parliament (MEP) that are involved in health and social policy in EU and identify key areas / topics for action	2a, 5a, 5d	1	A general lobbying approach has been deferred in favour of a more targeted approach	COTEC executive and Nas
	4) Continue to create position statement(s) as required, on relevant topic(s) on OT related to European priorities e.g. Primary Care	2b	2		COTEC executive and Nas and EXPERT groups

1. Building relationships with NGOs	5) Establish a formalised collaboration with ENOTHE with an agreed infrastructure to support a unified European approach, including further development and launch of a joint web portal and implementation of the Joint Congress in 2016	5c	1	This action is also formalised within the Strategic Plan for 2016-2020	COTEC executive with ENOTHE board
	6) Participate in online consultations related to EU health strategy as required	2a	2		COTEC Executive
	7) Further develop alliances, partnerships and networks with other health, social care and patient organisations e.g. EPDA, EPF and Eurocarers and EU Platforms	2a	1	New alliances are being explored	COTEC Executive and Nas
	8) Cooperate with WFOT as a regional member to collaborate in the work of WHO Europe.	1a	3		COTEC Executive
2. Supporting Member Associations	9) Identify and implement strategies to support NAs through a stronger network infrastructure.	5a	2		COTEC Executive and Nas
	10) Create opportunities for Nas to share best practice around the creation of specialist interests.	3a	2		
	11) Continue to develop the register of experts as a way of ensuring that COTEC is represented by the right people with the right experience and skills when specialist information, knowledge and expertise are needed at a European level.	5a	1		COTEC Executive and Nas
	14) Agree and implement a new membership fee structure		1		COTEC executive and GA

3. Governance	15) Consider action(s) to strengthen the research network of OTs in Europe with ENOTHE, based on the report and recommendations from the joint expert group on research	3c	1	Intended outcomes from this piece of work have not been easy to bring to fruition	COTEC and ENOTHE Boards
	16) Develop the use of the website and other social media in parallel with ENOTHE	3b, 5b	1		COTEC & ENOTHE Executive and Working Group
	17) Explore how best to use the financial and human resources (Executive Committee and representatives of member associations) to support the work of the COTEC organisation.	new			COTEC executive