

ENOTHE

European Network
of Occupational Therapy
in Higher Education



Inclusive Project Proposal Guidance information

During the last year of the Occupational Therapy programme at the HAN University of Applied Sciences, Nijmegen, the Netherlands students have to write a thesis. A final thesis project is based on a question from an external client, like a department of occupational therapy, a client organisation or any other official body.

Based on the question from the external client an agreement will be made. In this agreement the following items are described: a short introduction of the project, the objectives and questions of the project that has to be resolved, project/research activities of the students, and the expected products at the end of the project will be described.

The project description serves as a starting point for the students in their communication and negotiation with the external client.

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| Students: | 2, 4 to 6 OT students of three different European Regions |

1. Introduction

Short description and rationale of the project

ENOTHE was originally founded in 1995 and is today, a non-profit network organisation funded by annual subscription of Universities with an OT programme. The overall concern for the members is with the standards and quality of professional education of Occupational Therapy across Europe. During the two decades since ENOTHE was established the network has been engaged in its Annual Meetings and projects, an important arena for occupational therapy educators to meet, share experiences, find inspiration and not least establish international partnerships. ENOTHE members and their representatives on the board, value ENOTHE's contribution to developing occupational therapy in Europe by promoting occupational therapy education. We would like to see the network continue to expand and develop as a resource and arena for collaboration.

Problem: However, the amount of ENOTHE members decreased in the recent years. The ENOTHE board does not know what reasons are to terminate membership. In the era of knowledge sharing and knowing each other this phenomenon is undesirable. By incorporating more university members from all European regions ENOTHE would like to be an inclusive network.

This project is an opportunity for the new generation OT's in Europe to receive an international experience. Therefore the board would like two or more Universities to collaborate in this project with their students.

2. Question(s) and objective(s) – please specify

Subject and aim of the project

Objective of the whole project is to be an inclusive network for all member Universities of Europe, independent of travel distance, amount of students, lack of resources or other.

Objective of the current student project is to identify the needs and wishes of (potential) ENOTHE members and formulate recommendations or actions how to increase the number of member institutions.

3. Project

General description of all activities that should be accomplished (e.g., organisation, methods and analysis used, etc.)

- Identification of all existing OT programmes throughout Europe through the internet and stakeholders such as the WFOT, COTEC and ENOTHE.
- Identify the actual member institutions by contact the ENOTHE office in York
- Identify the value the contribution that being a member of ENOTHE brings to member institutions.
- Identify wishes from members regarding their membership.
- Identify the reasons for resigning membership in former members by means of an online survey after identifications of all options through contact with stakeholders (ENOTHE office and (former) staff and board members.
- Identification of the reasons why institutions with an OT programme are not a member of ENOTHE at all.
- Investigate what potential members need (finances, student rates, political, practical, awareness, support by University or other facilities to stay or become a member).

4. Outcome: product 'creation' and consequence

Applied product/invention: please provide a description of the intended product of the following form the project

A report with the identification of members' reasons for resigning membership and what would encourage members to stay. We are also interested in what would encourage a university to become a member of ENOTHE. Finally recommendations to the ENOTHE board and staff how to increase membership.

1. A report for the ENOTHE board with recommendations.
If possible within the time:
2. Presentation at an ENOTHE AM 2017 in Croatia if funding can be found.
3. Publicity material (the choice of students) for potential members demonstrating and promoting the value and contribution that becoming a member of ENOTHE brings.

5. Any other important remarks with regard to this application

This research project will be carried by four or six students from two or three full member institutions of ENOTHE. These should preferably represent two or three European wings (East, South, North and/or West).

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