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ENOTHE: European Network of Occupational Therapy in Higher Education

The core aim of ENOTHE is to promote the centrality of occupation in occupational therapy (education) and the recognition that humans are occupational beings, not merely that occupation is an important part of human life. This fits with the general aim of occupational therapy, which is to facilitate participation of people in all occupations of daily life in order to promote people's identity, health and well-being.

Communities that are strong and inclusive lead to a better quality of life, a stronger sense of identity and belonging, and mutual respect and equality. This is central to the idea of a civil society on which democracy rests.

The general aim of ENOTHE is:

- To enable European Occupational Therapy Educational Institutes, professional Associations and other stakeholders to liaise on Occupational Therapy in order to develop, harmonise and improve standards of professional practice, education and research as well as to advance the body of knowledge of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science throughout Europe.
- To facilitate participation of persons with disabilities in an enlarged Europe through the development of high quality occupational therapy education, research and practice.

The network is aiming for research and policy-driven curricula focusing at social inclusion in an enlarged Europe. Inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities and older people in society is still not common throughout Europe. Introduction of occupational therapy education in several eastern, central and southern European countries is quite new and will support equal opportunities for persons with disabilities. Occupational therapy education is in line with the idea of participation of the WHO, the EU Disability Action Plan and the 'Towards a Europe for all Ages' policy.

Besides social policy, ENOTHE addresses all aspects of the Bologna process and has developed the brochure, *TUNING Occupational Therapy Education Structures*.

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