TOWARDS HORIZON 2020
THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONTRIBUTION

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KEEP CALM I'M AN EXPERT
Citizenship: exploring the contribution of Occupational Therapy

• The current reality of the world is far from the fulfillment of human rights and citizenship.

• There is a strong argument for mutual efforts, knowledge exchange, civic engagement and partnerships in order to promote social changes.

• Occupation is a way to enact citizenship; through practices, participation and engagement with others.

ENOTHE Citizenship Working Group 2013
HORIZON 2020

• The new funding mechanism for research and innovation within the EU

• Addresses major concerns shared by citizens in Europe and elsewhere.

• This will cover activities from research to market with a new focus on innovation-related activities
SERIOUS MONEY

• Initial Commission proposal for a €80 billion research and innovation funding programme (2014-2020);
  • now just over €70 billion

• Proposed funding (€ million, 2014-2020) Health, demographic change and wellbeing 7 472

• Horizon 2020 Adoption of work programme and publication of first calls for proposals: 11 December 2013
KEY BELIEFS

• A challenge-based approach bringing together resources and knowledge across different fields, technologies and disciplines, including social sciences and the humanities.

• Promising solutions need to be tested, demonstrated and scaled up
FUNDING PRIORITIES

• **Health, demographic change and wellbeing;**
• Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, and the bio-economy;
• Secure, clean and efficient energy;
• Smart, green and integrated transport;
• **Inclusive, innovative and secure societies;**
• Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials
THE CHALLENGE OF HEALTHY AGING

• By 2050, the number of people in the EU aged 65+ will have grown by 70%.

• Supporting healthy ageing is therefore an integral part of the EC’s health initiatives,
  • both to ensure quality of life and to reduce public healthcare bills.

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WHAT GETS FUNDED?

• Exercise: the way to a healthier European society?
  • The European Union project EXGENESIS is investigating how regular exercise can be used in the prevention and treatment of various diseases.
WHAT ELSE GETS FUNDED?

• The SENATOR Consortium
  • brings together renowned researchers from across Europe, with a strong scientific and clinical background in Geriatric Medicine and Geriatric Pharmacotherapy among the clinical PI’s. Clinical expertise is complemented with expertise in biomedical statistics…….
  • The current rapid rise in drug expenditure relating mostly to drug use by older people across Europe is not economically sustainable.
  • there is underuse of non-drug therapies i.e. physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech & language therapy, nutritional therapy, psychotherapy in the treatment of chronic diseases in this cohort.
  • SENATOR will provide specific advice on appropriate non-drug therapies for individual patients.
KEY ISSUES

- Funding is highly competitive
- Applications need to demonstrate
  - A strong multidisciplinary team
  - Established links with partners
  - Applicants with a good track record
  - Evidence of potential transnational (measurable) impact
OPPORTUNITY HORIZON
BUILDING CAPACITY FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONTRIBUTION

• Increasing multidisciplinary collaboration
• Increasing European research collaboration
• Growing researchers who are occupational therapists/occupational therapy researchers
INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION
THE SOLUTION

- Find a friendly medic, psychologist, sociologist......
INCREASING EUROPEAN RESEARCH COLLABORATION

• What about cultural differences limiting the transferability of findings?
Detective Inspector Sarah Lund
played by Sofie Gråbøl

Forbrydelsen
The Killing
DEVELOPING EUROPEAN RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS
GROWING OUR OWN RESEARCHERS

- Introduce students to the possibility of a research career
- Involve students in your own research
- Encourage new PhDs to seek post doctoral research opportunities
  - Teaching can be a swamp that is difficult to escape
THANK YOU

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