

SUMMARY OF THE
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Abbreviations Used in this Document:

COTEC	Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
EEA	European Economic Area
EU	European Union
NA	National Association
OT	Occupational Therapy or Therapist
SIG	Special Interest Group
WFOT	World Federation of Occupational Therapists

The Summary of the Occupational Therapy profession is revised annually. Whilst every effort has been made to establish accurate information, queries may be addressed to any of the National Associations listed or to COTEC Office (info@coteceurope.eu)

Should you have any questions related to working in another country from that of your training, please contact the National Associations directly or consult the WFOT Publication on International Practice.

Message from the COTEC Executive Committee

The Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries (COTEC) proudly represents almost 240,000 occupational therapists through 33 National Associations across the Member States of the Council of Europe. As a non-governmental, non-profit organisation (NGO), COTEC serves as the collective voice of the Occupational Therapy profession in Europe, fostering collaboration, supporting high standards of practice, and advancing the science, visibility, and impact of occupational therapy across the continent. Our mission remains steadfast: to ensure that occupational therapy is recognised, valued, and accessible to all European citizens in response to the evolving health, social, and societal challenges of our time.

In 2026, COTEC also marks its 40th anniversary, celebrating four decades of advocacy, partnership, and professional leadership in advancing Occupational Therapy throughout Europe. This milestone reflects the dedication and contribution of generations of occupational therapists who have strengthened the profession and expanded its impact across health, social care, education, and community settings.

Each year, COTEC publishes the *Summary of the Occupational Therapy Profession in Europe*, a comprehensive report developed in collaboration with our Member Associations. This publication started in 1992 and over the years has moved from a physical document mailed by post to a much more complex digital publication. The 2026 edition continues this important tradition while introducing a refreshed and more accessible format, including a new executive summary, improved presentation of data, and access to an interactive data platform for readers. The report provides valuable insights into the profession across Europe, including workforce statistics, education pathways, regulation, professional recognition, and developments within National Associations. The Summary of the Profession serves not only as a key resource for Occupational Therapy professionals, educators, and researchers, but also as a strategic reference for policymakers and stakeholders shaping health and social care systems at both National and European levels.

COTEC extends its sincere appreciation to all Member Associations for their ongoing collaboration, commitment, and support in providing accurate and timely information for this publication. Their contributions make it possible to present a meaningful and up-to-date overview of the profession across Europe.

We are proud to present the *Summary of the Occupational Therapy Profession in Europe 2026* and remain committed to working together to strengthen and advance the profession for the future.

For further information, please contact your National Association or reach out to COTEC directly at info@coteceurope.eu

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Executive Summary

The Summary of the Occupational Therapy Profession in Europe 2026 presents updated workforce, education, regulation, and professional data from 31 out of 33 countries represented within the Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries (COTEC). The report provides a comprehensive overview of the Occupational Therapy profession across Europe and reflects the increasing diversity and scale of the profession across various sectors and countries.

The 2026 dataset identifies a total of **239,226 practicing Occupational Therapists (OTs)** across Europe and **43,487** students currently enrolled in Occupational Therapy education programmes. The average number of practicing OTs per country is approximately **7,249**, while the median number is considerably lower at approximately **2,977**, highlighting the concentration of the workforce within a small number of larger countries. The range of practicing OTs across Europe is between **42** in **Georgia** and **67,000** in **Germany**.

Germany reports the largest Occupational Therapy workforce in Europe with an estimated **67,000 practicing OTs**, followed by the United Kingdom (**47,167**), Belgium (**16,471**), France (**15,651**), Denmark (**14,776**), and Sweden (**12,934**). In contrast, the smallest reported workforces are found in Georgia (**42**), Bosnia & Herzegovina (**80**), Bulgaria (**103**), and Serbia (**150**). These figures illustrate substantial variation in workforce development and access to Occupational Therapy services across Europe.

Significant disparities are evident when comparing Occupational Therapist density per population. Denmark reports the highest workforce density with **245.4 OTs per 100,000 inhabitants**, followed by Belgium (**139.8**), Sweden (**122.6**), Norway (**108.5**), and Iceland (**105.7**). By comparison, Russia reports only **0.2 OTs per 100,000 population**, while Georgia (**1.1**), Bulgaria (**1.6**), and Romania (**1.4**) also demonstrate very limited workforce capacity. The average OT-to-population ratio across the countries represented is approximately **52 OTs per 100,000 population**, while the median is 30.2, again highlighting unequal workforce distribution throughout Europe.

Educational capacity varies considerably between countries. Germany currently reports the highest number of Occupational Therapy students with **13,075 students enrolled**, followed by the United Kingdom (**8,500**), Belgium (**3,929**), France (**3,000**), and Spain (**2,300**). Several countries report **fewer than 50 students nationally**, including Georgia (**32**), Bulgaria (**27**), Luxembourg (**20**), and Iceland (**30**). The average number of Occupational Therapy students per country is approximately **1,318**, with a median of approximately 300 students.

The report demonstrates continued expansion in educational provision across Europe, with more than **500 WFOT-approved Occupational Therapy education programmes** identified collectively across participating countries. The United Kingdom (**134 programmes**) and Germany (**142 programmes**) account for the largest number of WFOT-approved programmes, reflecting long-established education infrastructures.

Salary data included within the report demonstrates marked economic variation across Europe. Estimated entry-level Occupational Therapy salaries range from under **€4,000** annually in some countries to over **€65,000** in others. These variations reflect broader economic differences between countries as well as differing levels of professional recognition, regulation, and workforce investment.

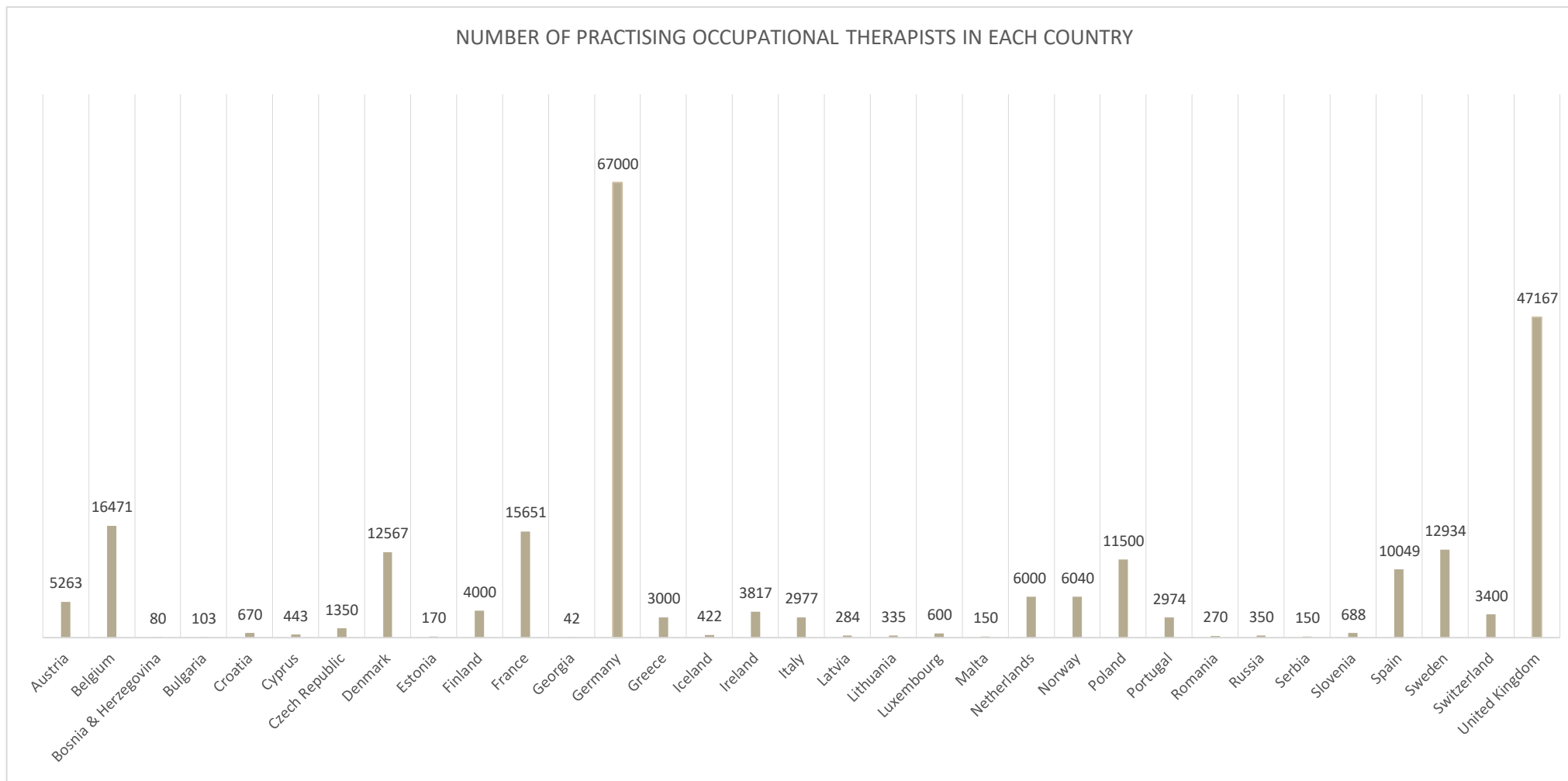
The findings presented within this publication highlight both the significant growth of Occupational Therapy in Europe and the ongoing inequalities in workforce availability, educational access, regulation, and professional recognition across countries. The data provides an important evidence base for workforce planning, professional advocacy, education development, and policy decision-making at National and European levels.

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Graphical Information



NUMBER OF PRACTISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN EACH COUNTRY



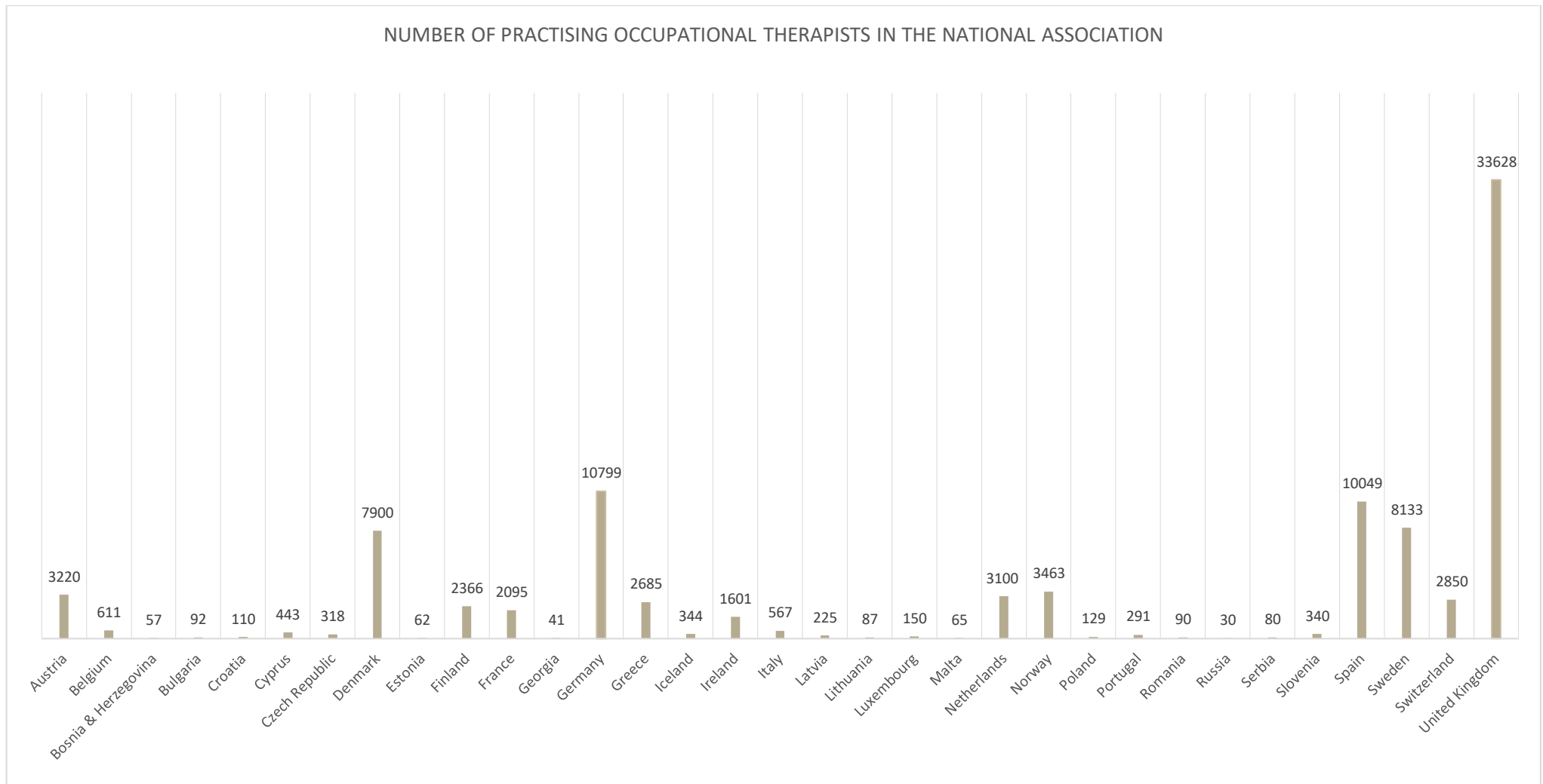
TOTAL NUMBER OF PRACTISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN EUROPE: 239,226

Average: 7,249, Median: 2,974 and Range: 42 - 67,000

*Data shown from Croatia and Russia is from 2025



NUMBER OF PRACTISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

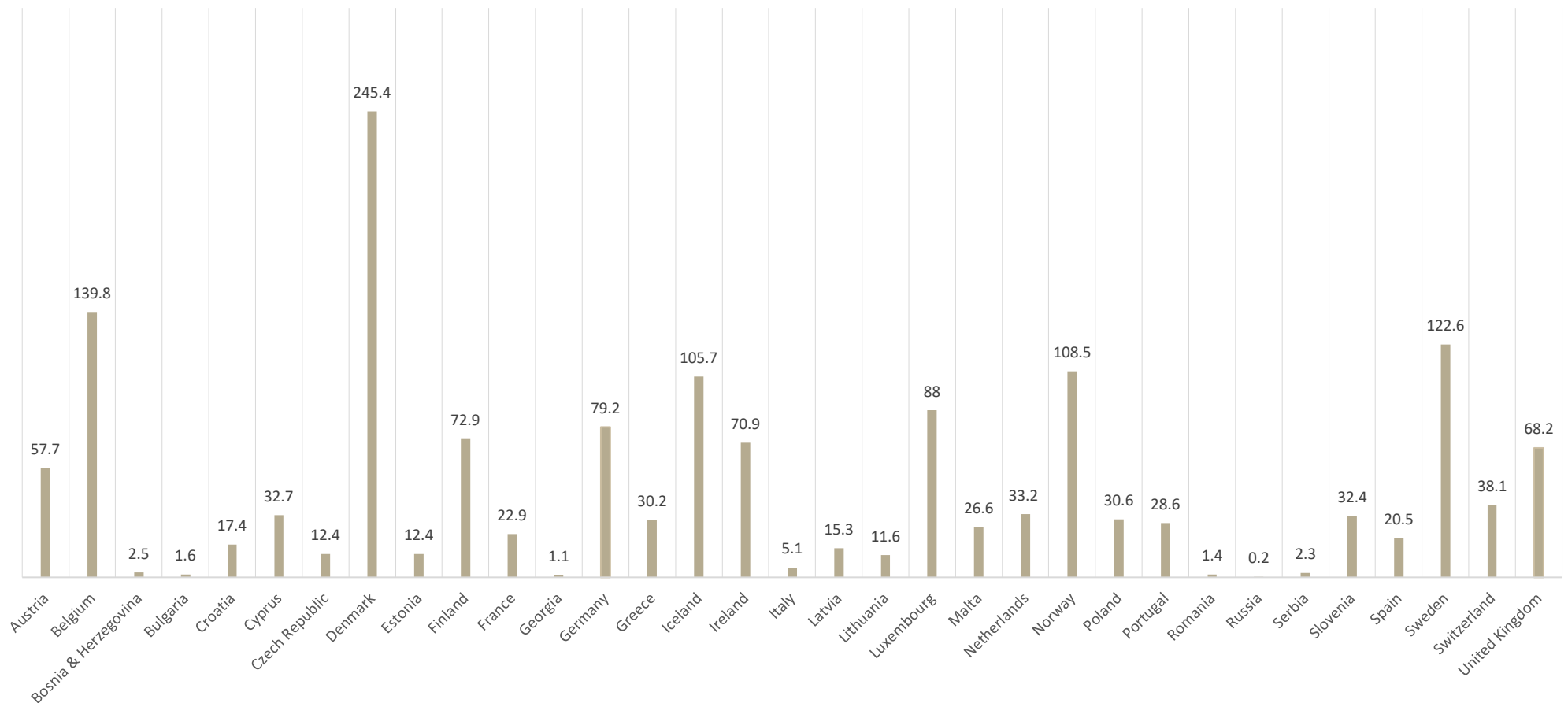


TOTAL NUMBER OF PRACTISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: 96,021

Average: 2,960, Median: 344 and Range: 30 - 33,628

*Data shown from Croatia and Russia is from 2025

NUMBER OF PRACTISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS PER 100,000 INHABITANTS



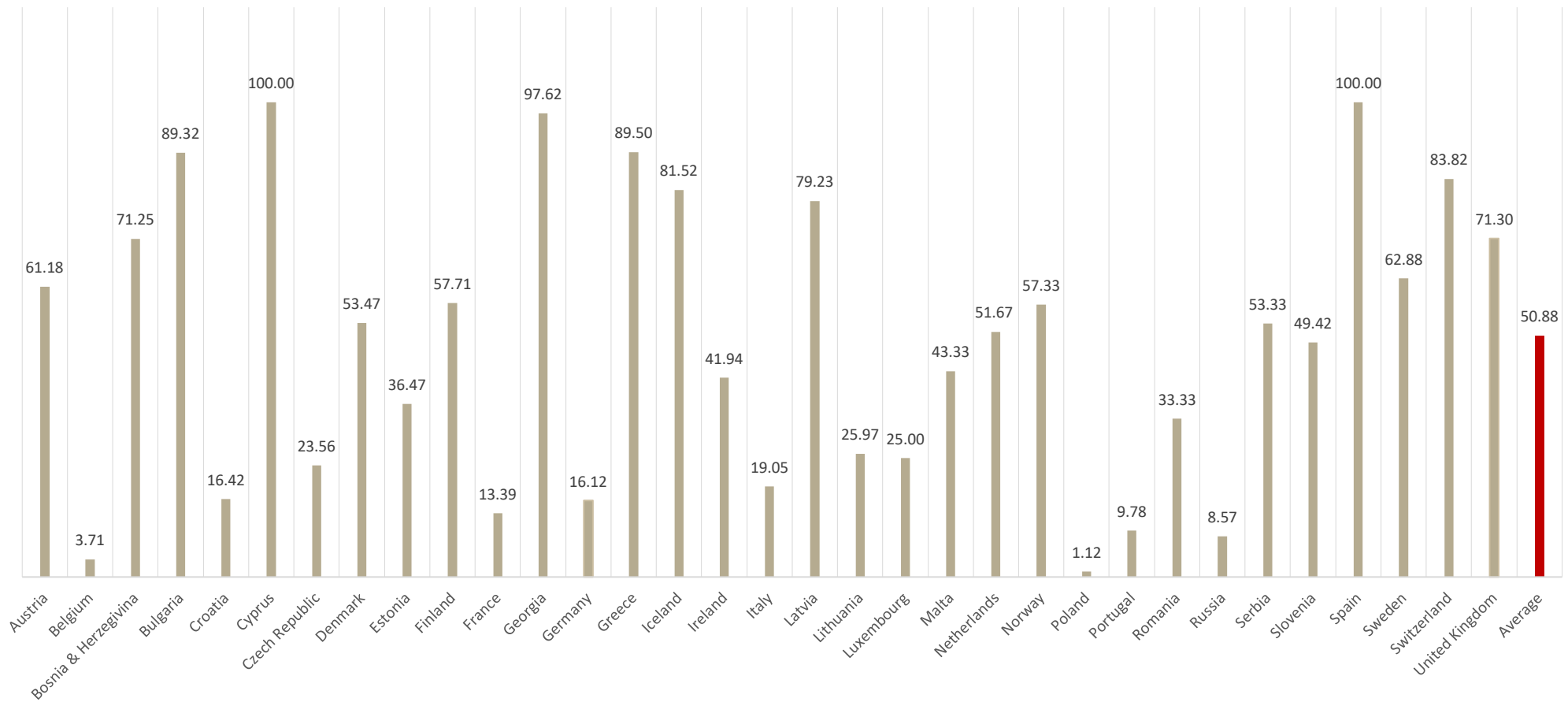
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRACTISING OCCUPATIONAL PER 100,000 INHABITANTS:
33.4

Average: 33.4, Median: 30.2 and Range: 0.2 - 245.4

*Data shown from Croatia and Russia is from 2025



PERCENTAGE OF PRACTISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THEIR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

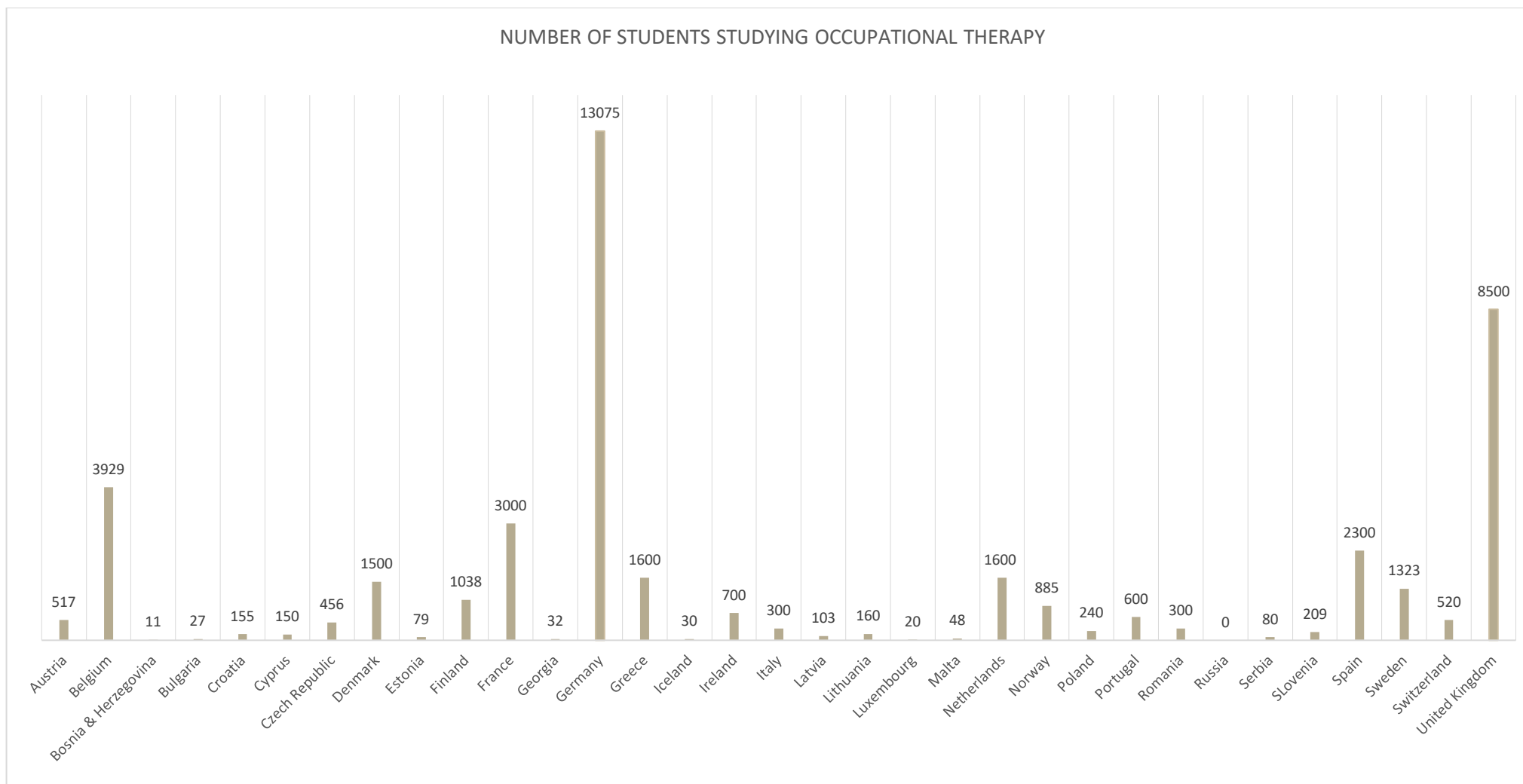


AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF PRACTISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THEIR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: 50.88

*Data shown from Croatia and Russia is from 2025



NUMBER OF STUDENTS STUDYING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



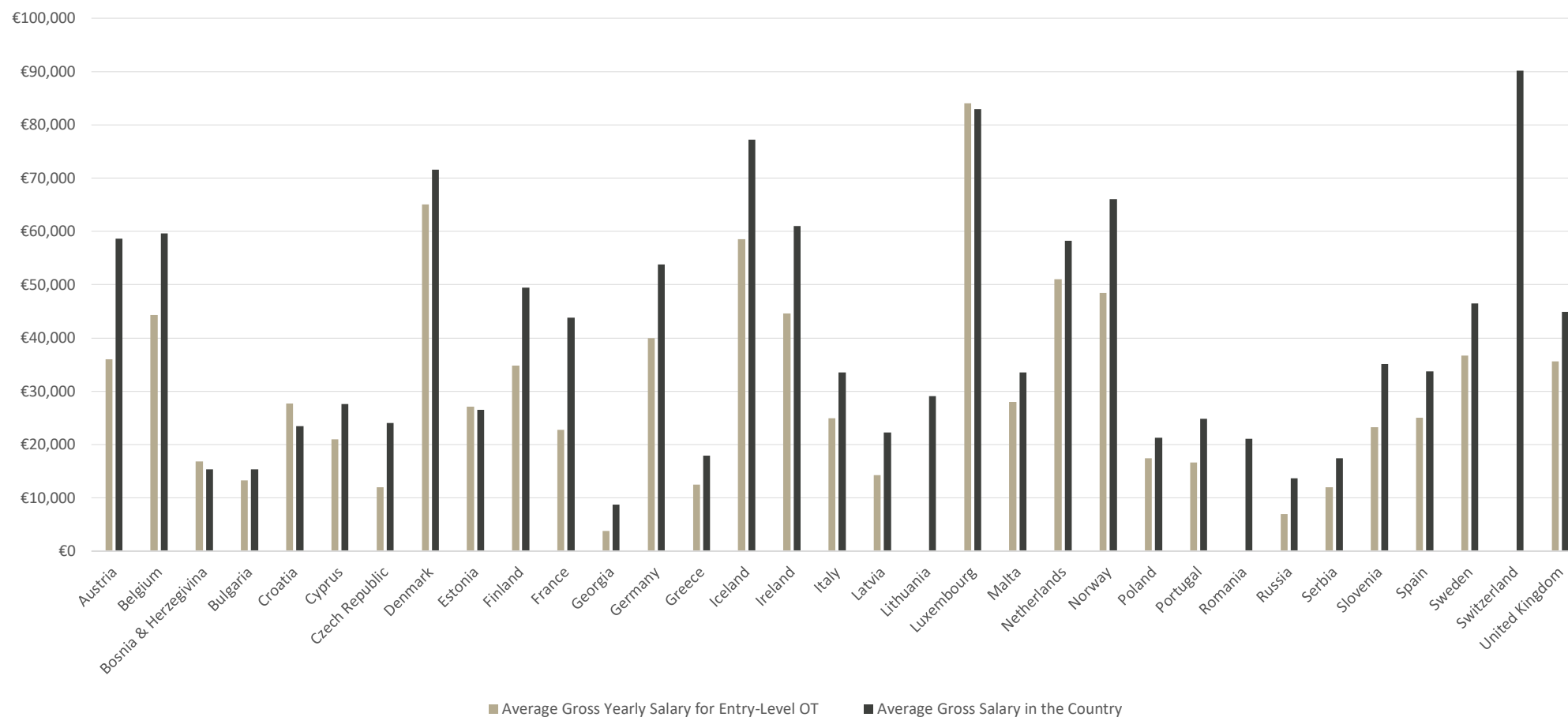
TOTAL NUMBER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENTS IN EUROPE: 43,487

Average: 1,318, Median: 300 and Range: 0 - 13,075

*Data shown from Croatia and Russia is from 2025



COMPARISON OF ANNUAL GROSS SALARY OF ENTRY-LEVEL OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPIST TO AVERAGE GROSS SALARY WITHIN COUNTRY



Average gross salary within country have been taken from publicly available statistics. Salaries for Occupational Therapists in Lithuania, Romania and Switzerland are not available.

*Data shown from Croatia and Russia is from 2025

A miniature figure of a man in a suit and hat, holding a briefcase and pointing, standing on a map of France. The map shows various cities like Paris, Le Havre, and Bordeaux, and geographical features like the English Channel and Bay of Biscay.

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Summary

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1. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

		Date figures/information last updated			
		2026			Austria
		2026			Belgium
		2026			Bosnia & Herzegovina
		2026			Bulgaria
		2025			Croatia
		2026			Cyprus
		2026			Czech Republic
		2026			Denmark
		2026			Estonia
		2026			Finland
		2026			France
		2026			Georgia
		2026			Germany
		2026			Greece
		2026			Iceland
		2026			Ireland
		2026			Italy
		2026			Latvia
		2026			Lithuania
		2026			Luxembourg
		2026			Malta
		2026			Netherlands
		2026			Norway
		2026			Poland
		2026			Portugal
		2026			Romania
		2025			Russia
		2026			Serbia
		2026			Slovenia
		2026			Spain
		2026			Sweden
		2026			Switzerland
		2026			United Kingdom
1.1	Number of practising occupational therapists (OTs) in your Association	3,220			
1.2	Number of practising OTs in your country (E=Estimate)	5,263			
1.3	Number of students studying OT in your country (E=Estimate)	517			
1.4	Number of practising OTs per/100,000 head of population	57.7			
1.5	Approximate number of OTs in private/ independent practice	2,603			
		600			
		0			
		38			
		10			
		373			
		20			
		210			
		15			
		1,500			
		3,090			
		15			
		40,200			
		1,800			
		35			
		610			
		1,000			
		20			
		170			
		20			
		15			
		1,250			
		1,611			
		0			
		150			
		180			
		250			
		5			
		13			
		6,500			
		2,781			
		1,200			
		1,146			



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		Austria	Belgium	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Bulgaria	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Georgia	Germany	Greece	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Latvia	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Russia	Serbia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	
2.		ASSOCIATION INFORMATION																																	
2.1	Does the Association have Trade Union status?	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
2.2	Does the Association publish a periodical/ journal?*	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
2.3	Does your Association run its own Fellowship Award System?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	

*Additional information about the Periodicals or Journals can be found in the next Section.



3. BASIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING				
3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1
Length of the undergraduate programmes	Average number of OTs who qualify each year	Minimum Qualification required to practice Occupational Therapy.	Number of non WFOT approved education programmes	Number of World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) approved education programmes
3 years	200	B	0	9
3 years	795	B	0	16
4 years	5	B	1	0
4 years	15	B	0	1
3 years	42	B	0	1
4 years	35	B	1	1
3 years	80	Dip. B	4	1
3½ years	450	B	0	7
4 years	14	B	0	1
3½ years	200	B	0	6
3 years	800	Dip. B	6	22
4 years	5	B	0	1
3½ years	3,274	Dip. B	90	142
4 years	170	B	1	4
4 years	25	B + Dip. (Post-grad)	0	1
4 years	125	B	0	5
3 years	100	B	4	4
4 years	30	B	0	1
3½ years	30	B	3	1
3 years	20	B	0	0
4 years	10	B	0	1
4 years	200	B	0	5
3 years	240	B	0	6
2 years	90	B	7	0
4 years	140	Dip. B	1	4
3 years	95	B	0	1
3 years	25	N/A	4	0
3 years	30	B	2	0
3 years	45	B	1	1
4 years	1,050	B	12	8
3 years	382	B	1	9
3 years	180	B	1	3
2-4 years	2,400	B	0	134

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3. BASIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING

3.6	What academic level(s) of Occupational Therapy education is available in your country?	3.7	Are any other qualifications required before entering OT education? C=Completed higher education, P=Physical/mental health education, E=Entrance exam, S=School leaving exam, Se= Secondary Education, N=None	3.8	Is there any regulation regarding criminal records before education?	3.9	Is there a national system for accreditation?
	B	N	N	Yes	No	Yes	
	B	N		Yes	Yes	Yes	
	B	C, E		Yes	Yes	Yes	
	B	E, S		No	Yes	Yes	
	B	C, P, E, S		No	Yes	Yes	
	B	E, S		No	Yes	Yes	
	B			No	Yes	Yes	
	Dip, B	C, E		No	Yes	Yes	
	Dip, B	N		Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Dip, B, D	C, E		No	No	No	
	B + Dip (post -grad)	S		Yes	No	No	
	B, M	S		Yes	Yes	Yes	
	B, M, D	E, S		Yes	Yes	Yes	
	B	C, S		No	Yes	Yes	
	B	S		No	Yes	Yes	
	N/A	N/A		Yes	No	No	
	B, D	C, S		Yes	Yes	Yes	
	B	S, P		No	No	Yes	
	B, M, D	S		No	Yes	Yes	
	Dip, B, m	C		No	No	No	
	Dip, B	C, S		No	Yes	Yes	
	B	E		No	Yes	Yes	
	N/A	C		No	Yes	Yes	
	B	E		No	Yes	Yes	
	B	S		No	Yes	Yes	
	B, M, D	C		Yes	Yes	Yes	
	B, M, D	S		No	Yes	Yes	
	B	E		No	No	No	
	B, M, D	S		No	Yes	Yes	
	B, M, D			No	No	No	
	B, M, D	S		Yes	Yes	Yes	



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4. POST QUALIFYING EDUCATION AND TRAINING																																		
4.1	Offered study opportunities																																	
4.1.1	Masters degrees in OT	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.1.2	Masters degrees for OT in other disciplines than OT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.1.3	PhDs in OT	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.1.4	PhDs for OT in other disciplines	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.2	Number of OTs with PhD in OT	12 (E)	4 (E)	0	0	0	0	0	70 (E)	0	1 (E)	0 (E)	0	0 (E)	15 (E)	0	40 (E)	0	0 (E)	0 (E)	0 (E)	5 (E)	10 (E)	0 (E)	2 (E)	60 (E)	0 (E)	0	0	0	2 (E)	11 (E)	592 (E)	
4.3	Number of OTs with PhD in another discipline	20 (E)	10 (E)	1	3 (E)	2	3 (E)	10 (E)	22 (E)	1 (E)	20 (E)	43 (E)	0	25 (E)	7 (E)	7 (E)	40 (E)	5 (E)	2 (E)	10 (E)	0 (E)	0	10 (E)	64 (E)	0	60	1 (E)	0	5 (E)	5	150 (E)	0 (E)	5 (E)	0 (E)

*E = Estimate



4. POST QUALIFYING EDUCATION AND TRAINING																																		
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4.4	Required academic level to teach at an OT school	M	B, M	M, D	M	M	M	M	M	B	M	M	M		M, D	M	M	M	M	M	N/A	M	B, M	M, D	Dip, B, M, D	Dip, B, M, D	D	N/A	B	M	B	M, D	M	B, M, D
4.5	Availability of post graduate basic or specialist courses in:																																	
4.5.1	Leadership, management and administration of health and social services?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.5.2	Research methods in health and welfare?	Unsure	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unsure	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.5.3	Rehabilitation or universal design?	Yes	Unsure	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.5.4	Public health and prevention?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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4. POST QUALIFYING EDUCATION AND TRAINING																																		
4.3.5	Counselling and education?	Yes	Unsure	No	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.5.6	Special groups such as children, older people, challenging behaviour, somatic or mental health?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.5.7.	Methodological courses in assessment and intervention?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.5.8.	Fieldwork education?	Yes	Unsure	No	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unsure	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	Yes
4.6	Post-graduate specialist courses entitle the holder to a higher salary	S	S	S	S	S	No	I	S	I	N/A	S	D	S	S	S	No	S	No	D	D	Yes	S	S	S	No	N/A	Yes	No	S	No	S	No	No
4.7	Continuing Professional Development (CPD) compulsory by law	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

*S=Sometimes, I=Information not available, N/A = Not Applicable



4.		POST QUALIFYING EDUCATION AND TRAINING																																
4.8	Are there any regulations regarding criminal record checks before employment?	Yes	Yes	D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	D	Yes	Yes	d	Yes	D	D	D	Yes	Yes	No	D	Yes	Yes	D	S	Yes	No	No	Yes	D	D	Yes	No	No	Yes
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5		REGULATION																																	
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5.1	Recognition of the Occupational Therapy Profession by Law	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.2*	Requirement of regulation or registration to work as an OT.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	D	Yes
5.3	Requirement of renewing registration?	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	D	No	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	No	D	No	No	No	Yes
5.3.1	Necessary documents for re-registration. CPD=CPD points, W=Work experience, P=Proof of course completion, N/A=Not applicable	See III	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPD	CPD, W, P	CPD, W, P	See II.	N/A	CPD, W, P	N/A	CPD	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPD, P	N/A	N/A	N/A	P, W	See III	
5.4	Availability of a quality assurance system for OTs	Yes	No	Yes	No	D	D	D	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	D	No	D	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	D	No	D	Yes	
5.4.1	If yes, Is it mandatory?	Yes	No	Yes	No	D	D	No	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	Yes	D	N/A	D	No	D	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	D	No	No	N/A	D	Yes	

*Details of the Regulatory/Registration bodies, where applicable, can be found in the next Section



5		REGULATION																																
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5.5	Availability of job description by law	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	D	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	D	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
5.6	Availability of clear career pathway or structure with different grades of practice.	N	N	N	N	N	Yes	N	CS	N	See III	St	D, See III	N	N	N	Yes, J, S, M, CS	Yes, See II	Yes, S	Yes, CS	No, M, CS, C	Yes	Yes	N	D, CS	N	Yes, CS	S	N	Yes, S	Yes, See III	N	N	N
5.6.1	Career Pathway linked to recognised pay scale. (D=Depends on employer and/or region, N/A=Not applicable)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	D	Yes	N/A	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	D	Yes	N/A	D	N/A	Yes	D	No	Yes	Yes	D	N/A	N/A	D
5.7	Availability of method of monitoring competent/safe practice (D=Depends on employer/Region)	No	No	D	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	D	No	No	D	No	D	Yes	D	D	D	D	D	No	No	Yes	No	D	D	No	D	Yes	No	D	D	Yes
5.8	Availability of complaints/disciplinary system for the clients (D=Depends on employer/Region)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	D	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	D	Yes	Yes	Yes	D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	D	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

D=Depends on employer N = No Uniform System, J= Junior Grade, S = Senior Grade, M= Manager, CS = Clinical Specialist, C= Consultant, N/A = Not Applicable



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5		REGULATION																																	
5.9	Possibility for OTs and/or clients to appeal disciplinary action	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unsure	Yes	No	D	Yes	Yes	Yes	D	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	D	Yes	Yes
5.10	Coverage of OT by the Directive 2005/36/EC (Source)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
5.11	Availability of a National Classification of Economic Activities?	No	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.11.1	In this National Classification of Economic activities, is Occupational Therapy listed as its own category, or is it a subcategory?	N/A	S	N/A	S		S	N	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	O	N/A	S	S	S	O	O	N/A	S	S	N	S	N		O	N/A	N/A	S	O	N	

On the Website: ec.europa.eu it is possible to compare regulated professions among member states of the European Union. Occupational Therapy can be found here as well and you are able to retrieve information about generic profession title, legal information, job description, mobility and more.

*O=Own Category, S=Subcategory, N=Not listed/mentioned, N/A = not-applicable



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6. CODE OF ETHICS AND PRACTICE																																		
6.1	Is there a code of ethics in practice?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.2	Is it the Association's code? N/A=Not applicable	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.3	If there isn't a code of ethics, are there plans to introduce one? (N/A=Not applicable)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6.4	Are there any plans to update a code of ethics in practice?	Yes	No	No	No	No	N/A	No	No	No	No	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	N/A	Unsure	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
6.5	Does this code of ethics have legal standing? (N/A=Not applicable)	No	No	No	No	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	No	No	N/A	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
6.6	Does the Association set standards of practice?	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unsure	Yes	Yes

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Additional Information

COTEC

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Austria

Ergotherapie Austria – Bundesverband der Ergotherapeutinnen und Ergotherapeuten Österreichs Holzmeistergasse 7-9/2/1 1210 Wien – Austria

[Visit Website](http://www.ergotherapie.at)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergotherapeut (Male), Ergotherapeutin (Female)
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
5,263
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
57.7
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
200
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergotherapie,
Ergotherapeut (Male),
Ergotherapeutin (Female)

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Ergotherapie

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergotherapie.at

Other Information

- 4.7 60 hours of CPD are required by law over each 5-year period
- 5.2 Employed OTs and also OTs in private practice have to be registered at the Gesundheitsberuferegister <https://gbr.goeg.at/>
- 5.6 Formal confirmation is required that individual is still working in Austria

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Gesundheitsberuferegister,
<https://gbr-public.ehealth.gv.at/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Bundesministerium für
Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege
und Konsumentenschutz
www.sozialministerium.at

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Bundesministerium für
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Belgium

Ergotherapie Belgium, Warandestraat 42A 9140, Temse, Belgium

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General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergothérapeute / Ergotherapeute
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
16,471
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
139.8
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
795
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergothérapie (FR) -
Ergotherapie (NL+DE)
Ergothérapeute (FR) /
Ergotherapeut (NL) /
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Publications in both languages:
ErgoWerkt Magazine (NL)
Recueil annuel d'Ergothérapie (RAE) (FR)

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergotherapie-belgium.be

Other Information

5.2 SPF Santé Publique, Mme Jadot Bureau O2D283, Eurostation – Bloc 2, Place Victor Horta 40 bte10, B- 1060 Bruxelles T +322.524.71.11 Email: caroline.jadot@health.fgov.be
Website: www.health.fgov.be

5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed with the Classification Code 86952. More information can be found on https://statbel.fgov.be/sites/default/files/Over_Statbel_FR/Nomenclaturen/NACEBEL_2025_FR.pdf

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety & Environment
<https://www.health.belgium.be/en/e-services/visa-foreign-diploma>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance
(<https://www.inami.fgov.be/fr>)

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Fédération-Wallonie Bruxelles
(FR - www.enseignement.be/index.php)
Onderwijs Vlaanderen (NL - www.onderwijs.vlaanderen.be)

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Website: www.ergotherapie-belgium.be

FB & LinkedIn Dutch: Ergotherapie Vlaanderen vzw

FB & LinkedIn French: Union professionnelle de Ergothérapeutes – belge francophone&germanophone



Bosnia and Herzegovina

Association of Occupational Therapist in Bosnia and Herzegovina/
Udruženje radnih terapeuta u Bosni i Hercegovini, Slatinska 11,
Banjaluka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Diplomirani radni terapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
80
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
2.5
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
5
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Radni Terapeut, Radno-Okupacioni Terapeut, Okupacioni Terapeut

Diplomirani radni terapeut (Graduate occupational therapist / occupational therapist Bachelor, abbreviated: BSc.)

Other Information

- 1.8. There is no specific law on healthcare activities, however, Occupational Therapy is mentioned in other legal documents such as the "Mental Health Act" where OT is recognised as a team member.
- 5.2 After internship, one has to take a professional exam at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Republic of Srpska or Federal Ministry of Health
- 5.8 It is possible to become Head OT at Department within Rehabilitation Center, or Head OT at Rehabilitation Center, or Head for all Health Care Professionals (except doctors) at Primary Health Care centre.

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Republic of Srpska

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Republic of Srpska

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Scientific-Technological Development, Higher Education and Information Society of Republic of Srpska

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General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ерготерапия, Occupational Therapist
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
103
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
1.6
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
15
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ерготерапия /
Occupational Therapy
Ерготерапевт/
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.abet-bg.org

Other Information

- 1.7 медицински рехабилитатор - ерготерапевт / medical rehabilitator – ergotherapist
- 5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed with the Classification Code 22696002. More information can be found <https://www.mlsp.government.bg/natsionalna-klasifikatsiya-na-profesiite-i-dlzhnostite-v-republika-blgariya-2011>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Ministry of Education, Youth and Science,
2A Dondukov Str., Sofia
1000, Bulgaria, phone+359
9217799, fax +359
9882485,
website: <http://www.minedu.government.bg>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, 2 Triaditza Str.,
Sofia 1051, Bulgaria,
Tel: +359 2 8119 443;
Email: mlsp@mlsp.government.bg
Website: www.mlsp.government.bg

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education and Science,
Knyaz Alexander Dondukov Blvd 2A, 1000 Sofia
Email: priemna@mon.bg
Website: <https://web.mon.bg/mon/>

E-mail: office@abet-bg.org
Tel: +359884045994

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/OccupationalTherapyBg/>



Croatia

Hrvatska udruga radnih terapeuta
(Croatian Association of Occupational Therapists)

Ivana Rendića 27, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia

[Visit Website](http://www.hurt.hr)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Radni terapeut (male), radna terapeutkinja (female)
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
670
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
17.4
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
42
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Radna terapija
Radni terapeut (male), radna terapeutkinja (female)

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.hurt.hr

Other Information

- 1.7 Okupacijski terapeut, Radno-okupacijski terapeut are names which are not recognized but have been used. Terms like "radno-okupacioni terapeut" (which is distorted terminology in English translation means – work-occupational therapist).
- 1.9 The gross salary is for entry level occupational therapist after graduation in the area of Zagreb (different cities have different taxes).
- 4.1 There are great difficulties for OTs wanting to continue their academic education. Bologna process has been implemented but specific Universities disregard "the right for education" and do not allow for OTs to enter MSc and PhD education. University of applied health studies (the only OT educational institutions) has come to an agreement with Croatian Health Professions Council and Croatian association of occupational therapists and we are now jointly working on a new 3+2 (Bsc and Msc) OT education curriculum.
- 4.2 OT education consists from theoretical and practical education. To be an assistant (who perform practical part and fieldwork practice) you need to have a BSc. To be a lecturer you need to have at least MSc.
- 5.2 Hrvatska komora zdravstvenih radnika (Croatian health professional chamber)
Strukovni razred za djelatnost radne terapije (Professional class for occupational therapy)
P.P.263, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia.
E-mail: radna.terapija@drt.hkzr.hr
URL: <http://drt.hkzr.hr/>
- 5.8 Some institutions in social care have a pathway for different grades of practice.



Croatia

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- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
17.4
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
42
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

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URL: <http://drt.hkzr.hr/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health
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10000 Zagreb
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Website: www.zdravlje.hr

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Science and Education

Donje Svetice 38

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IG: @hurt.hr

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ΕΡΓΟΘΕΡΑΠΕΥΤΩΝ

Cyprus

Cyprus Federation of Occupational Therapists – P.O. Box 16202
2087 Acropoli Nicosia Cyprus

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Εργοθεραπευτής / Εργοθεραπεύτρια
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
443
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
32.7
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
35
- Length of study programme:
4 years

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064515233391

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@ΠαγκύπριοςΣύλλογοςΕργοθεραπευτ

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergotherapie/Εργοθεραπεία
Εργοθεραπεία/Εργοθεραπεία
Ergotherapeftis
Εργοθεραπεία/Εργοθεραπεία

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

<http://www.ergotherapeiacy.eu/>

Other Information

- In the public sector, the starting gross monthly salary is about €1,800 (based on official pay scales). Most Occupational Therapists work in the private sector, so the salary reported here reflects the private sector, where pay can vary.
- There are currently no Master's or PhD programmes in Occupational Therapy in Cyprus. Postgraduate education in this field is still developing, as programmes are relatively new and academic staffing remains limited.
- Council for the Registration of Registered Occupational Therapists, P.O. Box 12847, 2253 Latsia, Nicosia, Cyprus, Tel. +357 97810202
- There is no nationwide or uniform system across the country but it exists in the Public Sector.
- Occupational is listed under subcategory 86.90 (Other Human Health Activities). More information can be found <https://www.cystat.gov.cy>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Council for the Registration of Registered Occupational Therapists
Address: Leoforos Athalassas 132, PO BOX 12847, Nicosia
Email: cyprusregistryot@gmail.com

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health,
1 Prodromou street and 17 Chilonos street, 1448 Nicosia, Cyprus
Tel: +357 22605301
Website: www.moh.gov.cy

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education
Corner of Thoucydides and Kimon 1434 Nicosia, Cyprus
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Fax: +357 22427559



Czech Republic

Česká Asociace Ergoterapeutů Albertov 2049/7, 128 00 Praha 2
 Czech Republic

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergoterapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
1,350
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
12.4
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
80
- Length of study programme:
3 years

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Email: info@ergoterapie.cz

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Instagram: ceska_asociace_ergoterapeutu

LinkedIn: Česká asociace ergoterapeutů

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergoterapie/Occupational Therapy
 Ergoterapeut /Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Ergoterapie: teorie a praxe
<https://ergoterapie.cz/casopis-ergoterapie-teorie-a-praxe/>
 ISSN 3029-5025

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergoterapie.cz

Other Information

5.2 Narodni centrum osetrovatelstvi a nelekarskych zdravotnickych oboru, Vinarska 6, 603 00 Brno URL: www.nconzo.cz

5.14.1 More information can be found https://classification.codes/classifications/industry/cz-nace?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Narodni Centrum
 Osetrovatelstvi a
 Nelekarskych
 Zdravotnickych Oboru,
 Vinarska 6, 603 00 Brno

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health of the
 Czech Republic
 (Ministerstvo zdravotnictvi
 Ceske republiky)
 Palackeho nam. 4
 128 01 Praha 2, Czech
 Republic
 Tel.: +420 2 2497 1111
 Fax: +420 2 2497 2111
 Email: zcr@mzcr.cz

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Minister of Education, Youth
 and Sport of the Czech
 Republic
 (Ministerstvo skolstvi,
 mladeze a telovychovy
 Ceske republiky)
 Karmelitska 7, 118 12
 Praha 1, Czech Republic
 Tel.: +420 257 193 111
 Email: posta@msmt.cz



Denmark

Ergoterapeutforeningen (The Danish Association of Occupational Therapists – Nørre Voldgade 90 DK-1358 Kbh. K. Denmark)

[Visit Website](http://www.etf.dk)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergoterapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
12,564
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
245.4
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
450
- Length of study programme:
3.5 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergoterapi/ Occupational Therapy
Ergoterapeut, / Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Ergoterapeuten
<https://www.etf.dk/aktuelt/fagbladet/>

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.etf.dk

Other Information

- 5.2 Styrelsen for Patientsikkerhed, STPT (Danish Patient Safety Authority)
Website: www.stpt.dk | Email: stps@stps.dk
- 5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed under sub-category 86.909 -Andre sundhedsydelser, More information can be found on <https://www.dst.dk/en/Statistik/dokumentation/nomenklaturer/db>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Styrelsen for Patientsikkerhed, STPT,
Website: www.stpt.dk
Email: stps@stps.dk
(Danish Patient Safety Authority)

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

The Ministry of the Interior and Health in Denmark,
Slotsholmsgade 10-12
1216 Copenhagen
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Phone: +45 7226 9000

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Uddannelses- og Forskningsministeriet (Ministry of higher Education and Science)
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1260 København
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Estonia

Estonian Association of Occupational Therapists / Eesti Tegevusterapeutide Liit

Address: Kännu tn 67, 13418 Tallinn, Harjumaa, Estonia

[Visit Website](https://tegevusterapeudid.ee)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Tegevusterapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
170
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
12.4
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
14
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Email: tegevusteraapia@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tegevusteraapia/

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Tegevusteraapia/
Occupational Therapy
Tegevusterapeut /
Occupational Therapist
(plural: tegevusterapeudid)

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

<https://tegevusterapeudid.ee>

Other Information

- 1.2 We have no information about the OTs who don't belong to the Association
- 1.7 Gross salary is based on OT salaries in 2025 that are in healthcare system
https://statistika.tai.ee/pxweb/et/Andmebaas/Andmebaas_04THressursid_06THtootajatePaik/TT04.px
- 5.1 Depends on the system where you work- you have to be registered by your employer to provide rehabilitation paid by social system (in healthcare you need to be registered by your employer to have access to information related to clients). People who have not studied in Estonia need to have their qualification recognised by Sotsiaalkindlustusamet.
- 5.5 There are some OTs who have 5 years long Occupational Qualification Certificate in OT and they need to re-apply if they want it, but now everyone gets a certificate that is lifelong.
- 5.7 The content of the OT service is explained in some government funded systems and we have Occupational Therapy Qualification Standards.
- 5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed under sub-category 86951. More information can be found on https://ariregister.rik.ee/eng/emtak_search. In Estonian language the category 86951 is called "Taastusravi" (medical rehabilitation). However, it is named "Physiotherapy activities" in English version.

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

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Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Social Services
<https://www.sm.ee/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Estonian Ministry of Education and Research
<https://www.hm.ee/>



Finland

Suomen Toimintaterapeuttiliitto ry – Rautatieläisenkatu 6 00520
Helsinki Finland

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Toimintaterapeutti / Ergoterapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
4,000
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
72.9
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
200
- Length of study programme:
3.5 years

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Linkedin: Suomen Toimintaterapeuttiliitto

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Toimintaterapia/Ergoterapi/
Occupational Therapy

Toimintaterapeutti/
Ergoterapeut/ Occupational
Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Toimintaterapeutti

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.toimintaterapeuttiliitto.fi

Other Information

- 5.2 Finnish Supervisory Agency (Lupa- ja valvontavirasto)
Email: ammattioikeudet@lvv.fi | Website: www.lvv.fi
- 5.8 Some organizations (in public sector) have developed a career pathway for OTs but on a national level we don't have a career pathway or structure to it.
- 5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed under Subcategory 3259 Health Associate Professionals not elsewhere classified (32591 Occupational Therapist). More information can be found https://stat.fi/en/luokitukset/ammatti/ammatti_1_20100101?code=32591

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Finnish Supervisory Agency
(Lupa- ja valvontavirasto)

Email:
ammattioikeudet@lvv.fi

Website: www.lvv.fi

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Social Affairs
and Health www.stm.fi

Finnish Supervisory Agency
(Lupa- ja valvontavirasto)

Email:
ammattioikeudet@lvv.fi

Website: www.lvv.fi

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education
www.minedu.fi



France

Association Nationale Française des Ergothérapeutes (ANFE)

64 rue nationale CS 41362 75214 Paris cedex 13, France

[Visit Website](http://www.anfe.fr)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergothérapeute
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
15,651
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
22.9
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
800
- Length of study programme:
3 years

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Facebook: @ANFE

LinkedIn: Association ANFE

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergothérapie/ Occupational Therapy

Ergothérapeute/
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

ErgOTherapies (professional and scientific journal) - anfe.fr/le-revue-ergotherapies
 Le Monde de l'Ergothérapie (journal for members) - <https://anfe.fr/le-monde-de-lergotherapie/>
 French Journal of Occupational Therapy (FJOT) (peer-reviewed journal) - <https://fjot.anfe.fr/index.php/fjot/about>

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.anfe.fr

Other Information

- 3.8 Criminal record checks is not applicable in all OT position, it occurs mostly in public services
- 5.2 Agence régionale de santé ARS <https://lannuaire.service-public.gouv.fr/navigation/ars>
- 5.5 Only if you change to another department (state)
- 5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed under Subcategory APE/NAF 86.90E. More information can be found <https://www.insee.fr/fr/metadonnees/nafr2/sousClasse/86.90e>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Agence Régionale de Santé (ARS) - contact detail depend on each "région", territorial subdivisions in France
<https://lannuaire.service-public.gouv.fr/navigation/ars>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministère de la Santé et de l'Accès aux Soins - Direction Générale de l'Offre de Soins (DGOS) / Ministry of Health and Access to Healthcare - Directive of healthcare services

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministère de la Santé et de l'Accès aux Soins & Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (Ministry of Health and Access to Healthcare & Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation)



Georgia

Georgian Occupational Therapy Association - GEOTA
 Dgebuadze #1, Tbilisi, Georgia

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
ოკუპაციური თერაპევტი / Okupaciuri
Terapevti
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
42
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of
population:
1.1
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
5
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Recognised professional
title for Occupational
Therapy and Occupational
Therapy practitioners

ოკუპაციური თერაპევტი
(okupaciuri Terapevti)
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the
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Association Website
Domain (Website Link)

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Other Information

5.8. There is no clear pathway. Practitioners often transition to management roles in programs, or policy making.

Competent Authority for
the recognition of
Professional Qualifications

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Government Department
or Ministry Responsible for
OT Services

Ministry of Labour, Health
and Social Affairs of Georgia

Government Department
or Ministry Responsible for
OT Education

Ministry of Education,
Science, Culture and Sport
of Georgia

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Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057495307215&mibextid=L0OJ4d>

LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/georgian-occupational-therapy-association/>



Germany

Deutscher Verband Ergotherapie e.V. – German Association
 Occupational Therapy Becker-Goering-Str. 26/1, 76307 Karlsbad
 Germany

[Visit Website](http://www.dve.info)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergotherapeutin / Ergotherapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
67,000
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
79.2
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
3,274
- Length of study programme:
3.5 years

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/der.dve/

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Instagram: www.instagram.com/dve_ergotherapie/

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/dve-ergotherapie/>

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergotherapie
 Ergotherapeutin /
 Ergotherapeut/
 Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Ergotherapie und
 Rehabilitation (monthly)
 DVEaktuell (newsletter for
 members only – once every
 two months)
 Newsletter "Aktuelles"
 (weekly)

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.dve.info

Other Information

- 1.7 Beschäftigungs- und Arbeitstherapeutin/Beschäftigungs- und Arbeitstherapeut prior to 1999
- 4.2 Regulated by Federal States/ Federal Ministry of Health (BMG) or Education
- 4.5 CPD is compulsory for OTs in private/independent practice
- 5.2 Federal Ministries of Health. Further information can be found on <http://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/index.php>
- 5.6 There is need for registration. The OT Qualification is regulated by the Federal State Authority.

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Federal ministries of health.
 Further information can be
 found on:
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Federal ministries of health.
 Further information can be
 found on:
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Federal ministries of health.
 Further information can be
 found on:
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/>



Greece

Panhellenic Association of Ergotherapists - Πανελλήνιος Σύλλογος
Εργοθεραπευτών Gavrielidou 8 Athens 11141 Greece

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Occupational Therapist
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
3,000
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
30.2
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
170
- Length of study programme:
4 years

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086502513834

@Πανελλήνιος Σύλλογος Εργοθεραπευτών

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Εργοθερα π εία
Εργοθερα π ευτής/Εργοθερα π εύτρια
(Ergotherapist/Occupational Therapist).
For Occupational Therapy Assistants - Βοηθός Εργοθερα π είας

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.pse.org.gr

Other Information

- 3.8 Criminal records asked for the issuance of the national working license.
- 5.2 Departments of Health, Decentralised Administration of each province/area
- 5.8 Occupational Therapists working in the Public Sector have a set pay scale, according to National Law
- 5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed in Category 86.90.19.05. More information can be found <https://www.scribd.com/document/370188812/4g-Evretirio-Ypiresiwn-a1>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Ministry of Health,
Directorate of Physicians,
other Scientists and Health Professionals
Department B of Scientists and Health Professionals,
Athens, Greece
Email: dey_b@moh.gov.gr

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry Of Health, Directorate Of Physicians, Other Scientists And Health Professionals
Department B' of Scientists and Health Professionals
Kaldani Eleni,
Tel: 00302108208805,
email: dey_b@moh.gov.gr

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs, and Sports,
Directorate of Special Education and training
Ioannis Mpousdounis
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Email: impousdounis@minedu.gov.gr



Iceland

The Icelandic Occupational Therapy Association

Borgartún 27, 2. floor

105 Reykjavík, Iceland

[Visit Website](http://www.ii.is)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
lðjupjálfi
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
422
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
105.7
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
25
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

lðjupjálfun
Occupational Therapy
lðjupjálfi
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

lðjupjálfinn fagblað
<http://www.ii.is/idjuthjalfun/idjuthjalfinn/>

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ii.is

Other Information

5.2 Occupational therapy is a licensed health profession in Iceland and licensure by the Ministry of Health is a prerequisite to practicing in Iceland. Licensure is available to those individuals educated at institutions recognized by The World Federation of Occupational Therapists, pending recognition by The Icelandic Occupational Therapy Association and the Icelandic Directorate of Health.

Directorate of health, Katrinartun 2, 105 Reykjavik, email: mottaka@landlaeknir.is

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Directorate of Health of Iceland -
<https://island.is/s/landlaeknir>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health -
<https://www.government.is/ministries/ministry-of-health/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation -
<https://www.government.is/ministries/ministry-of-higher-education-science-and-innovation/>

Email: idjuthjalfafelag@ii.is and thoraleo@ii.is

Tel: +354 595 5186 and +354 895 6310

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/idjuthjalfafelag>

Instagram: [idjuthjalfafelag_islands](https://www.instagram.com/idjuthjalfafelag_islands)



Ireland

Association of Occupational Therapists Ireland (AOTI)
Suite 320, GEC, Taylor's Lane, The Liberties, Dublin, D08 ET2R

[Visit Website](http://www.aoti.ie)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Occupational Therapist
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
3,817
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
70.9
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
125
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Tel: +353 83 0808311

Email: info@aoti.ie

Twitter: @AOTInews

Instagram: @aotiofficial

Facebook: Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland

LinkedIn: Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Irish Journal of
Occupational Therapy
<https://www.emeraldgroupublishing.com/journal/ijot>

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.aoti.ie

Other Information

- The salary indicated above is from the Health Service Executive (HSE). Link to salary scales can be found at https://assets.hse.ie/media/documents/August_2025_Pay_Scales_Version_2.pdf
- Occupational Therapists Registration Board, CORU, George's Court, Infinity building, George's Lane, Smithfield, Dublin D07 E98Y
Website: www.coru.ie | Email: info@coru.ie
- Ireland uses the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Communities, commonly known as NACE, as its standard system for classifying economic activities.

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

CORU,
Occupational Therapists
Registration Board,
Goerge's Court,
Infinity Building,
George's Lane,
Smithfield, Dublin,
D07 E98Y
Email: info@coru.ie
Website: www.coru.ie

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Minister for Health
Department of Health, Block
1, Mezan Plaza, 50-58
Lower Baggot Street, Dublin
1

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Minister for Further and
Higher Education, Research,
Innovation and Science
Department of Further and
Higher Education, Research,
Innovation and Science,
Marlborough Street, Dublin
1



Italy

Associazione Italiana di Terapia Occupazionale (AITO),

Via Angelo Emo 144, 00136 Roma

[Visit Website](http://www.aito.it)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Terapista Occupazionale
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
2,977
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
5.1
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
100
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Terapia Occupazionale /
Occupational Therapy

Terapista Occupazionale /
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Giornale Italiano di Terapia
Occupazionale (GITO) -
<https://www.aito.it/aito/rivista-scientifica>

Newsletter
<https://www.aito.it/newsletter>

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.aito.it

Other Information

- 4 In Italy, post-qualifying education and training for occupational therapists mainly follows two pathways. The first consists of non-university professional courses, such as Bobath or Sensory Integration, which are typically organized by private providers or associations. As these courses are not delivered within universities, teaching staff are not always selected through formal public recruitment processes but are often appointed directly by the organizing bodies. The second pathway consists of university-based postgraduate education, mainly in the form of first-level Master's programmes. These are one-year postgraduate courses delivered by universities and include a final dissertation. However, these programmes are generally focused on specific topics, such as Assistive Technologies or Augmentative and Alternative Communication, rather than on neurological occupational therapy practice. Overall, this highlights the lack of a structured, university-based postgraduate programme specifically dedicated to neurological rehabilitation for occupational therapists..
- 4.4 A PhD is required to become a professor, but to teach undergraduate courses in occupational therapy as an external contracted lecturer, a Master of Science degree is sufficient.
- 5.2 The National Federation of Orders of Medical Radiology Health Technicians and Technical, Rehabilitation and Prevention Health Professions (FNO TSRM and PSTRP), following the reform provided by Law n. 3 of 11 January 2018, represents 18 healthcare professions, 61 provincial and inter-provincial Orders and approximately 180,000 healthcare graduated professionals. In order to carry out their healthcare profession, these professionals must register at the reference Order. Within the Federation, each profession is represented by a National Register



Italy

Associazione Italiana di Terapia Occupazionale (AITO),
Via Angelo Emo 144, 00136 Roma

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

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Terapista Occupazionale
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
2,977
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
5.1
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
100
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Other Information

cdanazionale.tocc@tsrm-pstrp.org

5.8 A clear Career Pathway is only found in the public sector.

5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed in Category 86.95.00 (Physiotherapy Activities). More information can be found on <https://www.istat.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Struttura-ATECO-2025-inglese.pdf>

6.1 The code of Ethics can be found on https://www.tsrm-pstrp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/CD_TOcc-def.pdf

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

The National Federation of Orders of Medical Radiology Health Technicians and Technical, Rehabilitation and Prevention Health Professions (FNO TSRM and PSTRP)

Email:
federazione@tsrm.org

Website: www.tsrm-pstrp.org

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Assessorati Regionali alla Salute

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca

Website:
<https://www.mur.gov.it/it>

Website: www.aito.it

Email: italydelegate@aito.it, segreteria@aito.it

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/Associazione.Italiana.Terapisi.Occupazionali>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/aito_terapistioccupazionali/

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/aito-associazione-italiana-di-terapia-occupazionale-a0a970201/>



Latvia

Latvijas Ergoterapeitu Asociācija – Miera street 28-3, Riga LV – 1001, Latvia

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergoterapeits
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
284
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
15.3
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
30
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergoterapija in Latvian
Occupational Therapy in English
Ergoterapeits in Latvian
Occupational Therapist in English

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergoterapija.lv

Other Information

- 1.9 Regulations on the lowest monthly salary and special supplement for employees in the field of health care, the lowest monthly salary for medical practitioners employed in municipal institutions, state institutions, state and municipal capital companies or public-private capital companies (medical institution), medical practitioners providing health care services paid from the state or municipal budget, medical practitioners providing health care services paid from municipal budgets in municipal educational institutions (medical practitioner). The legislative act distinguishes between the qualification categories of the posts of medical practitioners (certified OT - category 2 (EUR 1607), non-certified OT - category 3 (EUR 1189), which is the lowest monthly salary set.
- 3.8 Pre-employment criminal record check rules apply to employment in the healthcare, social care, and education sectors.
- 5.2 Registration body
Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia - Health Inspectorate
Talejas street 1, Riga, LV-1026. Website: www.vi.gov.lv
- 5.14.1 More information can be found on <https://nace.lursoft.lv/86.90/pareja-darbiba-veselibas-aizsardzibas-joma>



Latvia

Latvijas Ergoterapeitu Asociācija – Miera street 28-3, Riga LV – 1001, Latvia

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergoterapeits
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
284
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
15.3
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
30
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Union of Professional Organisations of Medical Practitioners of Latvia
Miera street 28-3; Riga, LV – 1001, Latvia
e-mail: lappos@lappos.lv
Tel: +371-29410147

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health
Brivibas street 72,
Riga, LV – 1011, Latvia
Phone: +371 7876000
Fax: +3717876002
E-mail: vm@vm.gov.lv
<http://www.vm.gov.lv>

Ministry of Welfare
Skolas Street 28,
Riga, LV-1331, Latvia
Phone: +371 7021 600
Fax: +371 7276 445
E-mail: lm@lm.gov.lv
<http://www.lm.gov.lv>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Health
Brivibas street 72,
Riga, LV – 1011, Latvia
Phone: +371 7876000
Fax: +3717876002
E-mail: vm@vm.gov.lv
<http://www.vm.gov.lv>

Ministry of Education and Science
Valņu street 2, Rīga, Lv - 1050
Phone: +371-7226209
<http://www.izm.gov.lv>

Tel: +371 29414084

Email: asociacija@ergoterapija.lv

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ergoterapija/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/ergoterapija.lv/



Lithuania

Lietuvos ergoterapeutų draugija -Lithuanian Association of Occupational Therapists, Eiveniu 2 Kaunas, Lithuania

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergoterapeutas
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
335
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
11.6
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
30
- Length of study programme:
3.5 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergoterapeutas
Occupational Therapist
Bakalauras (BSc)
Magistras (MSc)

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergoterapija.lt

Other Information

5.2 State Health Care Accreditation Agency under the Ministry of Health, A. Juozapaviciaus g. 9, LT-09311 Vilnius, Lithuania. Website: <https://vaspyt.lrv.lt/lt/>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Ministry of Health Care of Lithuanian Republic

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health Care of Lithuanian Republic

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education, Sports and Learning of Lithuanian Republic

Tel: +37067374528

Email: ergoterapijos@gmail.com

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/LEDraugija>



Luxembourg

Association Luxembourgeoise des Ergothérapeutes ALE
2, rue Thomas Edison
L-1445 Strassen, Luxembourg

[Visit Website](http://www.aled.lu)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergotherapeute
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
600
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
88
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
20
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergothérapie, Ergotherapie, Occupational Therapy
Ergotherapeute, Ergotherapeut

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Ergonews ALE
(3 publications per annum)

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.aled.lu

Other Information

- 5.2 Ministry of Health
- 5.6 Changes in Employer
- 6.1 The Code of Ethics can be found on
<https://legilux.public.lu/eli/etat/leg/rgd/2010/10/07/n4/consolide/20181110>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Ministry of Research and Higher Education & Ministry of Health

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Research and Higher Education & Ministry of Health

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Research and Higher Education

Tel: +352 621 796 849

E-Mail: aled@aled.lu

Facebook: Association Luxembourgeoise des Ergothérapeutes

Instagram: Association Luxembourgeoise des Ergothérapeutes



Malta

Malta Association of Occupational Therapists – The Professional Centre, Sliema Road, Gzira, Malta

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Occupational Therapist
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
150
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
26.6
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
10
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.maotmalta.com

Other Information

- 1.7 Professional Lead Occupational Therapist, Executive OT Practitioner, Clinical OT Practitioner, Higher OT Practitioner, Higher OT Practitioner, OT Practitioner, Senior OT Professional
- 4.4 Salary is based on the individual scale. Each grade has different benefits added to salary.
- 5.2 Council of Professions Complementary to Medicine,
181, Melita Str, Valletta
Ms. Jennifer Mallia - +356 2595331

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Malta Further and Higher Education Authority

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Jo Etienne Abela - Minister for Health and Active Ageing

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Allied Health Directorate

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Instagram: @maotmalta



Netherlands

Ergotherapie Nederland

Orteliuslaan 750

3528 BB Utrecht

The Netherlands

[Visit Website](http://www.ergotherapie.nl)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergotherapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
6,000
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
33.2
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
200
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergotherapie
Ergotherapeut/
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Ergotherapie Magazine
(5 times a year)
Nieuwsbrief (every 3 weeks)

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergotherapie.nl

Other Information

5.2 Quality Register
www.kwaliteitsregisterparamedici.nl
Kwaliteitsregister Paramedici, Postbus 19207, 3501 DE Utrecht
E-mail: info@kwaliteitsregisterparamedici.nl, Tel. +31 900 2020 8186.10
5.14.1 More information can be found on <https://www.cbs.nl>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

De Commissie Buitenslands
Gediplomeerden Volksgezondheid – CBGV
Website:
<https://www.bigregister.nl/buitenlands-diploma/cbgv>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport
Website: www.minvws.nl

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap
Website: www.minocw.nl

Tel: +31 302628356

E-Mail: en@ergotherapie.nl

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ergotherapienederland/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ergotherapie_nederland/

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ergotherapie-nederland/>



Norway

Norsk Ergoterapeutene – Stortingsgata 2 0158 Oslo Norway

[Visit Website](http://www.ergoterapeutene.org)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergoterapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
6,040
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
108.5
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
240
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Tel: +47 22059900

E-mail: post@ergoterapeutene.org

Twitter: @Ergoterapeutene.

LinkedIn: @ergoterapeutene Instagram: @ergoterapeutene

Facebook: Norsk Ergoterapeutforbund.

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergoterapi / Occupational Therapy
Ergoterapeut / Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Ergoterapeuten
<https://www.ergoterapeutene.no/>

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergoterapeutene.org

Other Information

- 1.7 Ergoterapispesialist - Specialist in occupational therapy (approved by the Association in 7 areas of practice, with a MSc and professional guidance) Spesialergoterapeut Advanced OT, may be approved as such by the employers, after at least 1 year of further education (60 ECTS)
- 3.6 All post-graduate specialist courses for Occupational Therapists in Norway are interdisciplinary. There is only one Master's programme specifically in Occupational Therapy. Several PhD degrees have been completed with Occupational Therapy as the main field of study.
- 5.2 The Norwegian Directorate of Health <https://helsedirektoratet.no/English>
- 5.14.1 Occupational Therapy falls under category 86.950. More information can be found on <https://www.ssb.no/klasse/klassifikasjoner/6>
- 6.5 The code of ethics for occupational therapists in Norway does not have legal status. The Norwegian Association of Occupational Therapists sets standards for practice through its professional ethical guidelines and professional ethics documents. These guidelines are indicative and are intended to contribute to high professional ethical awareness and professional standards.

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Helsedirektoratet (The Norwegian Directorate of Health)
Helsedirektoratet Postboks 220, Skøyen 0213 Oslo
Email: postmottak@helsedir.no
Website: <https://www.helse-direktoratet.no/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health and Care Services
Postboks 8011 Dep 0030 Oslo
Email: postmottak@hod.dep.no
Website: <https://depkatalog.no/filter/hod>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education and Research
Postboks 8119 Dep 0032 Oslo
Email: postmottak@kd.dep.no
Website: <https://depkatalog.no/filter/kd>



Poland

Polskie Stowarzyszenie Terapii Zajęciowej

Al. Jana Pawła II 78, Kraków, Polska

[Visit Website](http://www.pstz.org.pl)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Terapeuta Zajęciowy / Occupational Therapist
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
11,500
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
30.6
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
90
- Length of study programme:
2 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Terapia Zajęciowa /
Occupational Therapy
Terapeuta Zajęciowy;
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.pstz.org.pl

Other Information

- 1.2 750 Occupational Therapists have received training under a bachelor's degree according to WFOT Standards. More OTs work in Poland who have received post-secondary school training according to different standards.
- 4.7 Occupational therapists registered in the central register of medical professions are required to undertake continuous education. They must collect 200 educational points within 5 years.
- 5.14.1 More information can be found <https://klasyfikacje.stat.gov.pl/Pkd2025>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Ministry of Health

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministerstwo Zdrowia,
Miodowa Street, Warszawa

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministerstwo Nauki i
Szkolnictwa Wyższego

Tel: +48 12 683 15 40

E-Mail: biuro@pstz.org.pl

Facebook: PSTZ



Portugal

Associação Portuguesa de Terapeutas Ocupacionais,
 Rua Ernesto da Silva Nº 8 1500-055 Lisboa

[Visit Website](https://www.ap-to.pt/)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Terapeutas Ocupacionais
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
2,974
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
28.6
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
140
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Tel: + 35 1217 666 57

E-Mail: apto.portugal@gmail.com

Instagram: @apto_1960

Facebook: www.facebook.com/APTO.Portugal

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Terapia Ocupacional /
 Occupational Therapy
 Terapeutas Ocupacionais/
 Occupational Therapists

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

<https://www.ap-to.pt/>

Other Information

3.8 Criminal Records are only required for public sector

5.2 Administração Central do Sistema de

Saúde Av. João Crisóstomo, nº 11

1000-177 Lisboa Portugal

Tel: 0351 21 792 55 00; 0351 21 792 56 90 | FAX: 21 792 58 48

Email: geral@acss.min-saude.pt | www.acss.min-saude.pt

5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed under 22.69.1 "Other Health Professionals". More information can be found on <https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/decreto-lei/9-2025-907097147>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Administração Central do
 Sistema de Saúde

Av. João Crisóstomo, nº 11

1000-177 Lisboa Portugal

Tel: 0351 21 792 55 00 ;
 0351 21 792 56 90

Email: geral@acss.min-saude.pt

Website: www.acss.min-saude.pt/

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministério da Saúde /
 Ministry of Health

Av. João Crisóstomo 9 - 6º

1049-062 Lisboa

Tel: 0351 213 305 000

E-Mail: gms@gms.gov.pt

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministro da Educação,
 Ciência e Inovação

Morada: Av. Infante Santo,
 n.º 2, 1350-178 Lisboa

Tel.: 217 811 800



Romania

Professional Association of Occupational Therapists from Romania,

str. Podgoria nr.210, Oradea, Bihor, 410184, Romania

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Terapeut Ocupațional
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
270
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
1.4
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
95
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Terapie Ocupationala
Terapeut Ocupațional

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Buletin informativ
(<http://www.terapieocupationala.ro/buletin-informativ/>)

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.terapieocupationala.ro

Other Information

1.8 Association is working on recognition of the profession by law

5.141. More information can be found on <https://caen.ro/clase/caen-8695-activitati-de-fizioterapie>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

CNRED
Website:
<https://cnred.edu.ro/en/contact-us/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Labor and Social Protection
Website: www.mmuncii.ro;
<http://www.mmuncii.gov.ro>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education
Website:
<https://www.edu.ro/contact>

Tel: +0040742411977

Email: tocupationala@gmail.com



Russia

Russian Professional Association of Ergotherapists

COTEC Associate Member

195271, 72A Kondratievsky prospekt,

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergotherapist
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
350
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
0.2
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
25
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Специалист по эргореабилитации (эргоспециалист). Specialist in Ergorehabilitation

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergotherapy.ru

Other Information

1.7 Эрготерапевт/Ergotherapist

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Serbia

Drustvo radnih terapeuta Srbije, Sokobanjska 13,
11000 Beograd, Serbia,

[Visit Website](http://www.drts.rs)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Radni terapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
150
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
2.3
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
30
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Tel: +381112062580

Email: officedrts@gmail.com

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Radna Terapija, Радна
Терапија
Strukovni radni terapeut,
струковни радни терапеут

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.drts.rs

Other Information

- 1.2. Data is only available from health sector remit, no clear information from social sector.
- 4.2 For theoretical subjects, academic level is required but for practice placement, a Bachelor degree is sufficient
- 5.2 Komora medicinskih sestara i zdravstvenih tehnicara republike Srbije; ул. Пилота Михајла Петровића 5а, 11000 Београд
тел/факс: 011/3562107 011/3562108 | office@kmszts.org.rs | <http://www.kmszts.org.rs/>
- 5.7 A job description is not available by law, but in various other documents and rule books
- 6.5 Association has a code of ethics and standards of practice but it is not obligatory by law to have them.

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Ministry of Health of
Republic of Serbia,
Nemanjina str,
Belgrade.. Serbia

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Depending on field of work
3 ministries are responsible:
Ministry of Health, Ministry
of Social Welfare and
Ministry of Justice

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education of
Republic of Serbia,
Nemanjina str Belgrade
Serbia



Slovenia

Slovenian Association of Occupational Therapists – Linhartova 51
1000 Ljubljana Slovenija

[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Diplomirani delovni terapevt
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
688
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
32.4
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
45
- Length of study programme:
3 years

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DelovnaTerapija>

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Delovna terapija
Diplomirani delovni terapevt / Graduate occupational therapist / occupational therapist
Bachelor, abbreviated: BSc.

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Slovenska revija za delovno terapijo

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.zdts.si

Other Information

- 3.5 The length of Occupational Therapy Educational Programmes was erroneously listed in previous publications as 4 years – This should read 3 years.
- 5.2 Ministry of Health
Štefanova 5
SI-1000 Ljubljana
T: +386 1 478 6001 | F: +386 1 478 6058 | E: gp.mz@gov.si
- 5.9 A Job Systematisation is in place with descriptions and criteria for all grades of practice
- 5.10 The Ministry of Health carries out professional supervision with advice

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

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 Consejo General de Colegios de Terapia Ocupacional,
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[Visit Website](http://www.consejoterapiaocupacional.org)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Terapeutas ocupacionales
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
10,049
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
20.5
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
1,050
- Length of study programme:
4 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Terapia Ocupacional
 Terapeuta Ocupacional
 Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

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Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.consejoterapiaocupacional.org

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo
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Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministerio de Sanidad, servicios sociales e igualdad,
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 Website: www.msssi.gob.es

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte
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131 54 Nacka, Sweden

[Visit Website](http://www.arbetsterapeuterna.se)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Arbetsterapeut
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
12,934
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
122.6
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
382
- Length of study programme:
3 years

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Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Arbetsterapeut,
/Legitimerad
Arbetsterapeut, /Leg.
Arbetsterapeut/
Registered Occupational
Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

Arbetsterapeuten
<https://www.arbetsterapeuterna.se/tidningen/>

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.arbetsterapeuterna.se

Other Information

5.2 National Board of Health and Welfare

<http://www.socialstyrelsen.se/english>

5.14.1 Occupational Therapy is listed under category SNI 86.9. More information can be found on

<https://snisok.scb.se/8695>

6.1 The Code of Ethics can be found on <https://www.arbetsterapeuterna.se/foerbundet/webbutik-och-gratismaterial/etisk-kod-foer-arbetsterapeuter/>

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

The National Board of Health and Welfare

Website:
<https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/en/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Website:
<https://www.government.se/government-of-sweden/ministry-of-health-and-social-affairs/>

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

Ministry of Education and Research

Website:
<https://www.government.se/government-of-sweden/ministry-of-education-and-research/>



Switzerland

Ergotherapie-Verband Schweiz
Association Suisse d'Ergothérapie ASE
Haus der Verbände
Bollwerk 15
Case postale
3001 Berne
[Visit Website](#)

General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Ergotherapeutin
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
3400
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
38.1
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
180
- Length of study programme:
3 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Ergotherapie/ergothérapie/ergoterapia
Ergotherapeutin / Ergotherapeutin MSc FH, (= Occupational Therapist MSc University of Applied Sciences)

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

ERGO (6 times a year)

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

www.ergotherapie.ch

Other Information

- 1.7 dipl. Ergotherapeutin / dipl. Ergotherapeut (Occupational Therapist. This designation still refers to the education before the upgrade to Bachelor level)
- 5.2 National Register for People working in Health professions

Competent Authority for the recognition of Professional Qualifications

Swiss Universities

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Services

Bundesamt für Gesundheit BAG

Government Department or Ministry Responsible for OT Education

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General Information

- Recognised professional title:
Occupational Therapist
- Number of practising OTs in the country:
47,167
- Number of practising OTs per/ 100.000 head of population:
68.2
- Number of qualified OTs every year:
2,400
- Length of study programme:
2-4 years

Recognised professional title for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy practitioners

Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapist

Title(s) of the Periodical/Journal

British Journal of Occupational Therapy (BJOT). Published monthly.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/bjot>

OTnews. 6 Publications/year
<https://www.rcot.co.uk/news/otnews>

Association Website Domain (Website Link)

<https://www.rcot.co.uk>

Other Information

- This includes learners registered on BSc (Hons) and MSc pre-registration programmes. This data is for the academic year 2024/25. In the UK we use the term pre-registration (as opposed to undergraduate). Undergraduate refers to those who are completing an undergraduate award (i.e. BSc level) but we also have a MSc option for those who have already completely an undergraduate degree in any subject which gains them access to study occupational therapy at MSc level. For this reason we collectively refer to those studying a qualification that enables them to register as an occupational therapist as pre-registration learners.
- In addition to our self-employed members, many of our members also work privately and in employment. We do not have access to these figures. Therefore the figures we provide are an estimate of the number of occupational therapists in the UK working solely in a self-employed capacity.
- This figure is based on information provided on [nhsemployers.org](https://www.nhsemployers.org) (Band 5). A large proportion of early career occupational therapists are employed by the NHS, however many are employed by the social care sector and a range of other employers. The four nations in the UK also have variations on their entry level salary.



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- 3.5 3 years full time BSc, 4 years full time BSc (Scotland only), 4 years part time BSc, 2 year MSc/PgDip. BSc (Hons) Degree Apprenticeship programmes are between 3 and 4.5 years. MSc (pre-registration) Degree Apprenticeship programme is 2 years
- 4.3 It is not possible to distinguish from data available, whether PhD is in Occupational Therapy or another Discipline.
- 4.5 Additional courses (not new courses) - MSc advanced clinical practice; MSc advanced professional practice in occupational therapy; enhanced clinical practice apprenticeships <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/enhanced-clinical-practice-apprenticeships/ahp-enhanced-practice-0>
- 5.1 Only those with a recognised occupational therapy qualification can call themselves an occupational therapist (protected title)
- 5.2 Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
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Email: registration@hcpc-uk.org | <http://www.hcpc-uk.org/apply/international>
- 5.3.1 CPD audit every 2 years for a percentage of profession. All OTs must complete professional declaration relating to Practice, Insurance cover and CPD. In the UK, we do NOT use the term CPD points as our CPD is outcome focused (not quantified) - so although we have selected Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points - the use of the word points means this is not accurate from a UK perspective.
- 5.11 More information can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-industrial-classification-of-economic-activities-sic>



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- 6.6 RCOT reviews our Professional standards of practice, conduct and ethics for occupational therapy every five years. It is currently being reviewed and updated, with the new version launching in July 2026. The last version was published in 2021. RCOT's standards reflect HCPC's standards of conduct, performance and ethics which cover a wider workforce, and do have legal standing.

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Scotland: Scottish Executive Health
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Wales: Department for Health and Social
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Scotland: NHS Education for Scotland

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