



Annual Report TAPAS asociación 2025

The Therapy for All Persons in All Situations: “TAPAS” association is made up by a multidisciplinary team of sanitary and social workers (Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, nurses, psychologists, social workers, teachers in special education) from different countries: Spain, Belgium, Poland.

Our main objective is diffusion of collaboration projects in the field of action of occupational therapy and other related disciplines, as well as support local initiatives and initiatives of investigation.

Board :

President: Patricia Jovellar (Spain)

Secretary: Cristina de Diego (Spain)

International coordinator and accountancy: Luc Vercruysse (Belgium)

Other board members:

Reninka De Koker (Belgium), Evelien De Wachter (Belgium), Jeroen Vos (Belgium), Mieke Iembrechts (Belgium), Agnieszka Ptak (Poland)

Projects:

Zambia : Caleb centre for children with Autism – Kabwe

Bolivia: Comunidad Educativa – Tiquipaya Cochabamba

Bolivia: Parasoll Bolivia, Mental health project Cochabamba

Bolivia: Centro Infantil Inclusivo “Mis Huellitas” (desde 2026) Cochabamba

Nicaragua: Escuela Cristal – Esteli

Nicaragua: Iniciativo Colibri Esteli

Belgium:

Fedasil Klein Kasteeltje – Brussels (Asylum seekers)

Fedasil - Moeskroen (Asylum seekers)

Fedasil – Machelen (Asylum seekers)

Doucheflux – Anderlecht (Homeless people)

Our contact person “on locus”:

Kabwe Zambia: Mrs. Nellie Tembo

Cochabamba Bolivia: Mrs. Celia Ferrufino

Esteli Nicaragua: Mrs. Jahima Diaz Moreno and Mrs. Maria Jesus Centeno

Fedasil center “Klein Kasteeltje” Brussels: Mrs. Floor Stalpaert

Fedasil center Machelen Belgium:

Mrs. Katrien Vanhove, Mr. Jeroen Vandermeersch, Mrs. Janne Coppens and
Mrs. Farah Debraekeleer

Fedasil center Mouscron Belgium: Mr. Mouad Salhi

Doucheflux Anderlecht Belgium: Mrs. Serena Alba and Mr. Jerome Guiot

Students in TAPAS projects + supervision during academic year 2025-2026

(Reninka and Luc)

Bolivia 3 (2 students OT, 1 volunteer speech therapy)

Belgium:

Fedasil Mouscron 1

Fedasil Brussels „Petit Chateau“ 2

Fedasil Machelen 5 (1 student from TUAS Turku Finland)

Doucheflux Anderlecht 1

Until now TAPAS was already sending and supervising **310 students (or volunteers) in total**
in our projects

Research – Interviews

See Bachelor proof supervision.(Luc)

- Kawtar Tilfani: "Occupational therapy sessions to promote resilience in asylum seekers." HOWEST (2025-2026)
- Sheralyn Kelly: "Resilience starts small"A play methodology to support resilience in preschoolers in an asylum centre".
- Manal Bourich: "Which aspects of recovery-oriented work can be applied within the activation process of young adult asylum seekers between the ages of 18-221 to strengthen well-being." Odisee (2025-2026)

Bachelor proof supervision and promotorship during academic year 2025-2026: (Luc)

BAP at Odisee Hogeschool Brussels Belgium:

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BAP at HOWEST Hogeschool Kortrijk Belgium

- Kawtar Tilfani: "Occupational therapy sessions to promote resilience in asylum seekers." HOWEST (2025-2026)
- Jury Bachelor-Proof Presentations (Luc)
 - 09-01-25 Odisee Brussels
 - 12-06-25 Odisee Brussels
 - 05-09-25 Odisee Brussels

International meetings:

- 9-15 februari 2025: Meeting with mrs. Nellie Tembo from Caleb Center Kabwe Zambia in Leuven Belgium (Luc, Reninka, Wim, Sarah, Lotte):
We did professional visits to:
 - Ons Tehuis Brabant, Kampenhout; initiative for Adults with Autism or/and mental retardation.
 - De Twijg, Wijgmaal; Primary school
 - Matadi school, Heverlee; Inclusive school
 - Vila'ket, Nederoverheembeek: School for special education
 - Kampenhoeve, Kampenhout: Autiproject and donkey farm (animal assisted therapy)
 - Odisee University of applied sciences: team Occupational Therapy
- 28/0 till 03/03/2025 Board meeting and General Assembly in Zaragoza Spain (Board members Patricia, Cristina, Luc and members Angel, Hugo, Annemie)

National meetings:

- 10/1/2025 PREBP (Professional Reasoning and Evidence Based Practice) Jury Odisee (Luc)
- 16/1/2025 Team meeting (Luc, Nina and team Douchefflux) Housing First initiative and TAPAS project Anderlecht Brussels.
- 29/01/2025 PXL Hasselt art-therapy meets Occupational Therapy PXL Hasselt (Luc)
- 21/02/2025 Meeting with team Fedasil "Petit Chateau" Brussels (Floor, Reninka, Luc)
- 25/03/2025 Seminar "Children in asylum centers: experience tool. Odisee campus Schaerbeek (Luc)
- 25/03/2025 Meeting General assembly "Ergotherapie Vlaanderen" (Luc)
- 24/06/2025 Meeting General Assembly "Ergotherapie Vlaanderen" (Luc)
- 31/08/2025 PREBP (Professional Reasoning and Evidence Based Practice) Odisee: Interview with student (Luc)
- 11/09/2025 Meeting team Fedasil Mouscron in preparation of BAP and internship student HOWEST (Luc, Kawtar, Siska and HOWEST colleagues)
- 25/09/2025 TAPAS meeting with volunteer TAPAS project Cochabamba Bolivia (Josse, Reninka, Luc)
- Meeting about possible collaboration Internationalisation « De Twijg » Primary school Wijgmaal (Luc, Sarah)

Guest courses – workshops

- 19/03/2025 Odisee university of applied sciences – Brussels, “Occupational therapy in asylum centers” (Luc)
- 21/03/2025 VIVES university of applied sciences, “Occupational therapy in asylum centers” (Luc)
- 23/04/2025 Thomas More university of applied sciences-Geel, “Concepts of Occupational Sciences” (Luc)
- 19/09/2025 Guestlecture HOGENT university of applied sciences, “Looking for Belonging: Occupation based work in asylum centers” (Luc)
- 19/09/2025 Workshop HOGENT university of applied sciences, “Occupational therapy in asylum centers” (Luc)
- 03/10/2025 Odisee university of applied sciences Brussels, “Focusing on Psycho-social aspects of being a refugee or homeless”(Reninka, Luc)
- 10/10/2025 Presentation of our TAPAS projects to 2nd year OT students Odisee university of applied sciences Schaarbeek. (Reninka, Luc)

Presentations – Poster presentations

- 12-05-25: Presentation of TAPAS projects on the “Ergotherapy goes international”- fair: Odisee, Terranova Brussels (Luc)

Sponsoring projects:

We were able again to offer some sponsor money thanks also to Primary school “De Twijg” Wijgmaal Belgium to three of our projects; The project in Tiquipaya Bolivia (€1000), Caleb centre for autistic children Kabwe Zambia (€1500), Hope of Glory school Kabwe Zambia (€500), Escuela Cristal Esteli Nicaragua (€1000)and Iniciativo Colibri Esteli Nicaragua(€500) .

Visits: *see also “international meetings”.*

- in February 2025 we had the visit of Nellie Tembo, director of Caleb Centre Kabwe Zambia. We could offer her different inspiring visits to Belgian projects for autism and ASS. Nellie offered the OT students of Odisee university of applied sciences a presentation about the Caleb centre project in Kabwe Zambia.
- She was also a guest speaker at the Teachers conference “De Twijg” : Primary school Wijgmaal .

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Luc Vercruysse, International coordinator TAPAS association