

European Brain Council

Newsletter - April 2022



EBC Activities



Visit the extended exhibition “Living with MS during COVID-19: A case for rethinking MS care in the EU”

On the occasion of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week 2022, the national extension of the virtual exhibition “**Living with MS during COVID-19: A case for rethinking MS care in the EU**” brings light to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on multiple sclerosis at country level.

National stakeholders across Europe want to make a difference in how MS care and treatment are delivered. They call for the need to rethink MS and MS care in terms of coordination, integration and prioritisation in order to ensure optimal care for people living with MS in Europe.

[Learn more and visit the exhibition](#)



Deadline extended for the open consultation on the Shared European Brain Research Agenda

The deadline for the Open Consultation on the **Shared European Brain Research Agenda** (SEBRA) has been extended to **15 May 2022**.

The Open Consultation is part of the EBC-coordinated **European Brain Research Area** (EBRA) project, with the aim to provide recommendations on future areas for excellent, innovative, and translational research. Existing strategic research agendas have been taken into consideration and input has been collected from a first set of identified experts in the European brain research area.

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EBC presented at the Conference on Advanced Stem Cell Technologies in Neurology

EBC was invited to present its projects and advocacy work during the ASCTN-Training Conference held on 4-5 April.

[ASCTN-Training](#) is a four-year Horizon 2020 project, funded under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Initial Training Network and Grant Agreement – in which EBC is involved.

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Resources
for Ukraine



Resources for action in Ukraine

Since the war in **Ukraine** began, EBC has been monitoring the situation closely and looking to identify ways it could provide support. The situation on the ground has had – and will continue to have – tremendous impact on the mental well-being of people, as well as immense disruption on regular, life-saving care needs for people living with chronic conditions. Our members have mobilised multiple response efforts, which EBC wants to amplify – discover them now.

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RETHINKING
THE MANAGEMENT OF **BRAIN DISORDERS**

Continued development of Rethinking projects

Despite improvements and innovation in recent years, people living with brain conditions, neurological and mental alike, face variations in access to optimal treatment and care. There is a lot about brain disorders that is not fully understood and the high-quality care and support needed by people living with these conditions is often unavailable.

The aim of the **RETHINKING Projects**, coordinated by EBC, is to develop policy priorities around challenges in brain disorders and present a consensus on what needs to be achieved to resolve the most pressing challenges in brain conditions, today and in the future.

[Learn more about the RETHINKING projects](#)



EBRA featured in Open Access Government

EBRA was featured in the **April edition of Open Access Government**, highlighting results of the Landscape Analysis and exploring the potentials future brain research through the Shared European Brain Research Agenda and brain health partnership.

[Read the article](#)



EBC discusses the global impact of neurological disorders with Economist Impact

Brain disorders add to the burden of non-communicable diseases and therefore call for the development of national brain plans and increased investment. Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, lays out the impact and need for policy action on brain disorders in Europe.

[Watch the video](#)



EBC takes part in the EMSP Conference

EBC was delighted to be invited as a contributor to the **European Multiple Sclerosis Platform (EMSP) Conference**, where EBC Executive Director, Frédéric Destrebecq, took part in the session “MS in Europe: the value of collaboration in shaping evidence-based advocacy” on 29 April, presenting EBC’s work, particularly around the Rethinking MS project.

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EBC participates in the EPNS Congress

The **14th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress (EPNS)** took place under the overarching theme “Precision in Child Neurology” from 28 April – 2 May 2022 in Glasgow (UK) and virtually. EBC Treasurer, Joke Jaarsma, presented on EBC’s work and how it can impact the promotion of child neurology in Europe and a presentation was also given on the Value of Treatment (VOT) case study on phenylketonuria (PKU). EBC was also present with a virtual exhibition stand.

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EBC Members



FENS Forum 2022: late-breaking abstract submission will open on 4 May

The call for late-breaking abstract submission will open from 4 May until 18 May 2022. Take this opportunity to present your very recent research onsite at the **FENS Forum 2022** as poster presentations. Start preparing your abstracts!

Don't forget: you can still save on registration to attend onsite and online the FENS Forum until 24 May. With a cutting-edge scientific programme, the FENS Forum is complemented by lively poster sessions, special interest events, networking and social activities. These will provide numerous opportunities to connect face to face with world-class experts and peers.

[Register here](#)



Deadline approaching for ECNP 2022 abstract submission

The abstract submission deadline for the **35th ECNP Congress** (15-18 October 2022, Vienna, Austria) is drawing steadily closer.

Submit your abstract(s) on or before 10 May 2022 and present your research to Europe's largest audience of clinicians and researchers in applied neuroscience!

Prepare your submission by watching these videos!

[Learn more](#)



EANS 2022 Belgrade – Registration is open!

Join us in the **EANS 2022 Belgrade Congress**. Registration is now open!

We very much look forward to our return to in-person congresses and we invite you to become a part of the largest Neurosurgeons' gathering in Europe and get access to hundreds of lectures, more than 1000 abstract presentations, symposia, masterclasses, roundtables and much more!

Register now and benefit from the low early registration rates, that become even lower for EANS members. We look forward to welcoming you in Belgrade.

[Register here](#)



Patient involvement in Brain Health: Safeguarding the future of Brain Health for patients

In recent months, discussions on brain health have much focused on how to bring brain research and brain health on the European agenda. Patient organisations have also been very active in bringing their views to the discussion, however, increasingly find that with the increase in research in brain health and innovation, patient involvement was not optimally represented and relatively little impact on patient care and diagnosis can be seen.

Three leading European patient organizations in the field, Alzheimer Europe, the European Federation of Neurological Alliances (EFNA) and GAMIAN Europe, have come together to organise a meeting that will underline to the brain health community why engaging patients in the discussion on brain health is crucial.

The virtual event, "Patient involvement in Brain Health: Safeguarding the future of Brain Health for patients", will take place on 12 May at 14:00-16:30 CET. Click for more info:

[Register now](#)

National Brain Councils



Belgian and Serbian Brain Councils kick-off a new Erasmus+ project

The Belgian and Serbian Brain Councils have joined a new Erasmus+ project, entitled “Exchanging good practices in e-health care for adults with Parkinson’s and their family caregivers in Europe (e-Care4PD)”. They are accompanied in the project consortium by the Greek association EPIONI and project coordinators the Parkinson’s Association Madrid.

The project kicked-off in person and online on 14 March and the partners all organised a series of activities on World Parkinson’s Day (11 April) to mark the day and launch of the project.

[Follow the project](#)

EBC Members & Industry Partners

The European Brain Council is a network of key players in the “Brain Area”, with a membership encompassing scientific societies, patient organisations, professional societies and industry partners.

Find out the latest from our [Members](#) and [Industry Partners](#)!

For your Agenda

EBC Events

10 May 2022 – [8th Academy of National Brain Councils](#), Brussels (Belgium)

4 - 7 June 2022 - [EBC at the 30th European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Virtual

4 June 2022 - [European Brain Research Area \(EBRA\) at the 8th European Psychiatric Association \(EPA\) Forum](#), Virtual

27 June 2022 - [EBC Value of Treatment \(VOT\) Study – A Comparison of Optimal Management vs Current Management of Chronic Pain](#), EAN Congress, Vienna (Austria)

28 June 2022 - [20 Years of Advocacy for the Brain](#), EBC Special Session, EAN Congress, Vienna (Austria)

28 June 2022 - [European Brain Research Area \(EBRA\) session at EAN Congress](#), Vienna (Austria)

11 July 2022 - [The European Brain Research area: Building a Brain Health Partnership](#), Special Interest Session, FENS Forum, Paris (France)

12 July 2022 - [Brain capital and the young generation](#), Special Interest Session, FENS Forum, Paris (France)

11 October 2022 - [European Brain Research Area Final Conference](#), Brussels (Belgium)

11-12 October 2022 - [Brain Innovation Days: Connecting Brains](#), Brussels (Belgium)

Events of Interest

25 April - 4 May 2022 - [BCI & Neurotechnology Spring School 2022](#), Virtual

4-6 May 2022 – [8th Annual European Stroke Organisation Conference](#), Lyon (France)

12 May 2022 - [Patient involvement in Brain Health: Safeguarding the future of Brain Health for patients](#), Virtual

31 May 2022 - [European Brain Health Summit](#), Virtual

4-7 June 2022 - [30th European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Virtual

25-28 June 2022 – [8th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology](#), Vienna (Austria)

27 June-1 July 2022 - [11th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products \(ECRD 2022\)](#), Virtual

26-29 June 2022 - [The Brain Conference: Genetics and mechanisms of complex disorders: highlighting migraine](#), Rungstedgaard (Denmark)

30 June - 3 July 2022 - [NEURO 2022](#), Okinawa (Japan) & Virtual

4 - 8 July 2022 - [XVI Workshop on Neurobiology of Epilepsy \(WONOE 2022\)](#), Talloires, France

7-8 July 2022 - [European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students \(ENCODS\)](#), Paris (France)

9-13 July 2022 – [FENS Forum](#), Paris (France)

4-8 September 2022 – [32nd International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology](#), Geneva (Switzerland)

5-8 September 2022 - [CLEF 2022 Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum](#), Bologna (Italy)

27-30 September 2022 – [26th Congress of the European Sleep Research Society](#), Athens (Greece)

15-18 October 2022 – [35th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology \(ECNP\) Congress](#), Vienna (Austria) & Virtual

16-20 October 2022 - [European Association of Neurosurgical Societies \(EANS\) Congress](#), Belgrade (Serbia)

18-19 October 2022 - [Brain Health Nexus: Galvanizing the brain health ecosystem](#), Washington D.C. (USA)

9-13 September 2023 - [11th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience](#), Granada (Spain)

7-10 October 2023 - [36th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology \(ECNP\) Congress](#), Barcelona (Spain)



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