

European Brain Council

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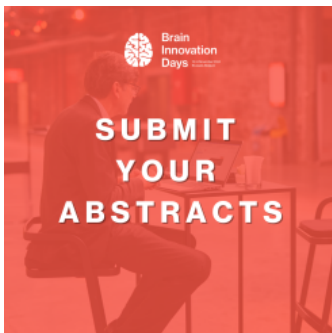
EBC Launches 2023 Annual Report

We are delighted to share with you the European Brain Council (EBC) Annual Report for 2023.

It has truly been an outstanding year for EBC, and we certainly could not have done this without the continued support and collaboration of our Members and Partners, who not only fed directly into the content of all the initiatives of the year but also provided additional platforms, such as during their Annual Congresses, celebrations and events, as well as within internal meetings and networks.

We thank you all for your partnership and continued dedication to work, as a community, to gain recognition of the importance of brain health and that it continues to grow – for the sake of all Europeans – to be recognised as a priority at the political and societal level.

[Read the Annual Report](#)



Submit your Abstract for the 2024 Brain Innovation Days

Abstract submission for the 2024 Brain Innovation Days is open until May 19! We invite all players in the Brain Innovation Community to shape this year's programme:

- **Poster Presentation:** Are you part of an ongoing project that is in the ideation or research phase? Present your work with a Poster Presentation in the Innovation Hall.
- **Innovation Showcase:** Do you have something tangible to showcase, such as a device, an app, technology or software? Showcase it in the Innovation Hall with a dedicated space!
- **Pitch Competition:** Do you have a start-up or business plan set up for the next great brain innovation? Take part in the Pitch Competition and pitch your business to a jury of experts and investors in no more than 180 seconds.
- **Innovative Session:** Do you want to play an active role in shaping the programme? Submit a 30-min. innovative session!

[Submit an Abstract](#)



Vote for "Brain Health and Brain Research Thematic Network" by 21 May!

A call for proposals to select the next Thematic Network leaders was launched back in March, with the deadline of early April. From the 19 proposals that were submitted and evaluated by the European Commission, six made it to this poll. Now the final selection is up to you!

Read the six proposals and vote for your favourite. The top three proposals that receive the most votes will become the 2024 Thematic Networks. Vote for the proposal "Brain Health and Brain Research Innovation", submitted by EBC!

This poll will close on 21 May 2024 at 23.55 CEST, Brussels time.

[Read more and Vote](#)



Join EBC at FENS Forum 2024

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), the Austrian Neuroscience Association (ANA) and the Hungarian Neuroscience Society are delighted to welcome you to the FENS Forum 2024, taking place in Vienna, Austria, from 25-29 June 2024.

Date	Location	Session
25 June 10:00-12:00	Hall B	Mini Conference: Prioritising Brain Health in Youth: Bringing Neuroscience to Society and Informing Policy
27 June 18:00-20:15	TBC	Networking Reception: Enhancing Global Partnerships in Brain Research Speakers: George Barchis, Rebecca Duchesneau, Mahmoud Miano, Dr John Ngai
28-29 June	Exhibition Area	Booth



The FENS Forum is Europe's largest neuroscience congress, covering all areas of neuroscience from basic to translational research. FENS Forum 2024 will feature an exciting programme of plenary and special lectures, scientific symposia, technical workshops, special interest events, career development and networking opportunities and so much more!

EBC looks forward to being part of the exhibition area and holding a Mini Conference on Brain Health in Youth on 25 June (registration for external participants closes on 7 June) and a Networking Reception of Enhancing Global Partnerships in Brain Research on 27 June.

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EBC sessions at the 10th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology

The 10th annual congress of the European Academy of Neurology will take place in Helsinki (Finland) and online on 29 June – 2 July, 2024.

The Overarching Theme for EAN 2024 is 'Neuromodulation: advances and opportunities in neurological diseases', with numerous sessions planned around this important and engaging topic.

As usual, the congress programme will be bursting with Symposia, Workshops, Teaching Sessions, and much more, including some exciting Named Lectures from eminent invited speakers.

EBC looks forward to being part of the exhibition area and holding several sessions, featuring the ongoing projects and initiatives.

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Rethinking Schizophrenia: Beyond the Voices Campaign Underway

After the launch of the policy report 'Rethinking Schizophrenia: Beyond the Voices' in March 2024, the #BeyondTheVoices campaign, featuring experts and key opinion leaders involved in the project, is underway.

Despite improvements and innovation in recent years, people living with schizophrenia face variations in access to optimal treatment and care. There is a lot about schizophrenia that is not fully understood and the high-quality care and support needed by people living with this condition is often unavailable.

The Rethinking Schizophrenia project falls under the Rethinking the management of brain disorders series, research-driven projects offering policy recommendations to make tangible changes with the aim to improve the lives of people living with brain disorders, neurological and mental alike, across Europe.

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Use your Vote from June 6-9: 2024 European Elections

On June 6-9, don't forget to use your vote to make sure the voice of our community is heard.

The upcoming 2024 European Election is a crucial milestone for the entire brain community. By participating in the electoral process, we can shape the future of brain health, research, and innovation in the EU, ultimately leading to better outcomes for individuals and societies alike. On this page, you will find relevant materials to help you engage in this process, and making sure the voice of our community is heard.

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Look Back at the 2024 European Psychiatric Association Congress

The 32nd European Congress of Psychiatry took place from 6-9 April 2024 in Budapest.

The speakers of the EBC symposium "Assessing the value of mental health treatments for youth in Europe" shared valuable insights on the Value of Treatment case studies on autism spectrum disorder, depression and anorexia nervosa.

The Rethinking Schizophrenia e-poster featured the recently published policy report "Beyond The Voices", offering tangible policy changes to improve the lives of people living with schizophrenia across Europe.

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'Unconditional' Movie Premiere in the European Parliament

On April 16, EBC had the pleasure of attending an exclusive movie premiere of "UNCONDITIONAL" at the European Parliament.

"UNCONDITIONAL", directed by Richard Lui and produced by Alex Lo tells a story of three families struggling with the challenges posed by Alzheimer's Disease, cancer and post-traumatic stress disorder. It sheds light on the power of unconditional love and gives justice to both the patient and the caregivers perspective.

[Look back](#)



EBC joined the 36th Global Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International

The 36th Global Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International brought together more than 1000 delegates from over 100 countries to share information on achievements, innovations and best practices in dementia research, care and policy, while continuing to address and challenge the perceptions around dementia.

EBC was part of the 2024 ADI Conference this year and held two presentations highlighting the Rethinking Alzheimer's Disease White Paper, calling on policymakers to drive national, EU and international policies that can improve the lives of people living with Alzheimer's Disease.

[Look back at the highlights](#)



EBC attended the "Healthcare needs as drivers for healthcare policy and innovation" High-Level Conference

On April 17-18, EBC attended the high-level conference titled "Healthcare needs as drivers for healthcare policy and innovation". The conference was hosted by the Agence fédérale des médicaments et produits de santé, the NIHDI, and the Centre Fédéral d'Expertise des Soins de Santé.

Despite significant advancements in healthcare, there are still unmet needs and challenges faced by patients. The purpose of the two-day meeting was to address them from a broader public perspective.

The Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2024 has called for the European Commission to develop a strategic plan for the EU that will effectively address the priority needs of patients and society. The overarching aim is to transition from a healthcare system driven by supply to one driven by the actual needs of patients. This plan must consider various types of health interventions and aimed to coordinate public support and incentives at both EU and Member State levels.

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EBC took part in 2024 EMSP Annual Conference

EBC was pleased to take part in the 2024 European Multiple Sclerosis Platform (EMSP) Annual Conference to discuss synergies in advancing brain health, research and innovation at both the European and international level! Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director took part in a session entitled "Commitment to MS and other related rare conditions cure: Advancing research in Europe". The event, led by EMSP, was organized under the overarching theme 'Multiple Sclerosis – toward sustainable and healthier systems in Europe', and took place on 19-20 April 2024.

[Look back at the highlights](#)

EBC Members



European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Congress 2025

FREE PRIZE DRAW

EPNS Congress taking place in Munich, Germany on 8-12 July 2025, with the topic 'A for Acute, B for Brain Health & Science, C for Chronic', be part this unique ABC format to learn, meet and exchange ideas on an international stage.

EPNS members who have paid their 2024 EPNS membership fee are automatically entered into a free prize draw.

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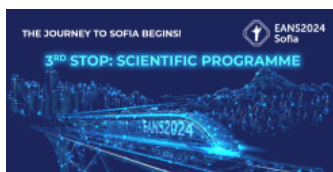


European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Research Meeting 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

Taking place in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 17-18 October 2024, this meeting is a forum for researchers in Paediatric Neurology, where they present their work, ideas, results, creating the possibility for good interaction between researchers and premises for networking, future collaborative research in Europe and beyond. Experienced professionals and young researchers get together, in an environment where interactive, vivid discussions can take place around the presented topics.

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The EANS2024 Congress Scientific Programme is now available

The EANS2024 Congress Scientific Programme is now available. Get an idea of what awaits you in Sofia! What's new: EANS2024 Congress in Sofia unveils its Scientific Programme with exciting features: Keynote lectures by leading scientists, themed Sessions on Innovation, Education, Leadership, expanded scientific content and contemporary research, increased program duration and venue capacity, enhanced networking opportunities, special focused sessions for young neurosurgeons.

Programme is available [here](#). Register with early bird rates until 13 June [here](#).

[Learn more](#)



EANS is accepting applications for the 2025 Training Courses.

EANS is accepting applications for the 2025 Training Courses. The European Training Courses in Neurosurgery, known also as EANS Training Courses, have long been one of the core activities and a major integrative force of the EANS, renowned for their excellence and long tradition starting back in the 1970s. The deadline for applications is 30 September 2024. For more information and details on How to Apply, please visit EANS website.

[Learn more](#)



FENS Forum 2024 regular registration deadline fast approaching!

Don't miss your chance to register! Regular registration for the FENS Forum 2024 will close on 14 May. The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) and its Host Societies, the Austrian Neuroscience Association and the Hungarian Neuroscience Society, are eager to welcome you to Vienna, Austria, from 25-29 June!

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Join the Federation of European neuroscience Societies (FENS) for the FENS Forum 2024 inaugural Neuroethics Hackathon!

Don't miss out on the FENS Forum 2024 Neuroethics Hackathon, supported by the Dana Foundation and designed by the Institute of Neuroethics! If selected, you and a group of peers will be put in the driver's seat to address a series of trials on ethical futures in neuroAI. Register by 14 May!

[Learn more](#)

National Brain Councils



10th Academy of National Brain Councils

The 10th National Brain Councils Academy will take place in Pula (Croatia) on **May 8-9, 2024**.

National Brain Councils (NBCs) are independent and multidisciplinary councils that unite scientific organisations of neuroscientists, psychiatrists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, patients' associations, as well as the pharmaceutical and medical device industry, in order to speak with one strong voice — at the national level — on behalf of the “brain space”.

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Altruistic Data Association Symposium

On May 14 and 15, 2024, the BBC is organizing a symposium that will officially inaugurate the creation of an Altruistic Data Association. This creation is the result of the application of the European Data Governance Act (DGA), which encourages the voluntary sharing of data for altruistic purposes such as scientific research or the improvement of public services. This symposium will present the fruit of our interactions with the political world, scientific experts and the trust placed in the BBC by its 25 patient associations and 22 scientific societies.

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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

8-9 May 2024 - 10th Academy of National Brain Councils, Pula (Croatia)

26 May 2024 - Move for Your Brain: EBC at 20km of Brussels, Brussels (Belgium)

25 June 2024 - Prioritizing Brain Health in Youth: Bringing Neuroscience to Society and Informing Policy, FENS Forum 2024, Vienna (Austria)

27 June 2024 - EBC Networking Reception | Enhancing Global Partnerships in Brain Research, FENS Forum, Vienna (Austria)

29 June 2024 - No Health Without Brain Health, TV Studio Session, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

29 June-2 July 2024 - BRAINTEASER poster, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

29 June-2 July 2024 - Value of Education poster, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

29 June-2 July 2024 - Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS): advancing clinical decision making through wearables (BRAINTEASER poster), EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

29 June-2 July 2024 - Assessing the Digital Care Pathways Unmet Needs for Rare Brain Diseases: The Case of Phenylketonuria (Value of Education poster), EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

30 June 2024 - EBC Scientific Theatre, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

1 July 2024 - EBC Scientific Theatre, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

5-9 August 2024 - Health Gains and Socio-Economic Impacts of Multimodal Management of Diabetic Neuropathic Pain Poster, IASP 2024 World Congress on Pain, Amsterdam (Netherlands)

5-9 August 2024 - Health Gains and Socio-Economic Impacts of Structured Interdisciplinary Management of Fibromyalgia Syndrome Poster, IASP 2024 World Congress on Pain, Amsterdam (Netherlands)

5-9 August 2024 - Health Gains and Socio-Economic Impacts of Structured Interdisciplinary Management of Chronic Primary Low-Back Pain Poster, IASP 2024 World Congress on Pain, Amsterdam (Netherlands)

19-20 September 2024 - Brain Health at the Science Summit at the 79th United Nations General Assembly: A Brain Strategy to Rethink the World, New York (United States)

13-14 November 2024 - Brain Innovation Days: Navigating the Brain Across a Lifetime, Brussels (Belgium)

Events featuring EBC

14-15 May 2024 - Belgian Brain Council Symposium: Altruistic Data Association, Brussels (Belgium)

16 May 2024 - HealthTech for Patients - Inside Mental Health: Causes and Environment, Online

22 May 2024 - European Association Summit & Awards 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

26 May 2024 - Brussels 20KM Run, Brussels (Belgium)

25-29 June 2024 - FENS Forum 2024, Vienna (Austria)

29 June-2 July 2024 - 10th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Helsinki (Finland)

25 August - 1 September 2024 - Walking the Talk for Dementia, Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

18 September 2024 - 'Brain Economy for One Health' - Science Summit at the 79th United Nations General Assembly, New York (USA)

21-24 September 2024 - 37th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) Congress, Milan (Italy)

1-4 October 2024 - Lausanne XI: Where Leaders Converge to End Alzheimer's Disease, Lausanne (Switzerland)

8 October 2024 - Side Event at the 2024 G7 Health Ministerial Meeting: Advancing

Global Collaboration for Dementia and Healthy Aging, Ancona (Italy)

13-17 October 2024 - Congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS), Sofia (Bulgaria)

5-8 April 2025 - 33rd Congress of the European Psychiatric Association (EPA), Madrid (Spain)

21-24 June 2025 - 11th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN), Seville (Spain)

8-12 July 2025 - 16th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress (EPNS), Munich (Germany)

11-14 October 2025 - 38th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology Congress (ECNP), Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

5-9 October 2025 - Congress of the European Association of Neurological Societies, Vienna (Austria)

Events of Interest

9-12 May 2024 - 3rd International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration, Croatia

11-16 May 2024 - 16th World Congress of the International Neuromodulation Society, Vancouver (Canada)

14 May 2024 - BRAINTEASER Community of Practice Webinar: Living with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis – ALS, Online

15-16 May 2024 - 12th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products, Brussels (Belgium)

15-17 May 2024 - 10th European Stroke Organization Conference, Basel (Switzerland)

25 May 2024 - Rethinking mental health care: harnessing new approaches, Geneva (Switzerland)

6-9 June 2024 - 2024 European Elections, European Union

27-28 June 2024 - 10th European Alcohol Policy Conference (EACP), Ljubljana (Slovenia)

12-15 September 2024 - European Psychiatric Association Summer School, Strasbourg (France)

24-27 September 2024 - 27th Congress of the European Sleep Research Society, Seville (Spain)

1 October 2024 - World Sleep Forum: 7th Think Tank: Sleep health and the burden of sleep disorders, Lugano (Switzerland)

17-18 October 2024 - European Paediatric Neurology Society Research Meeting, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

14-17 November 2024 - 24th World Congress of Psychiatry, Mexico City (Mexico)

5 December 2024 - Swiss Brain Health Plan 2nd Stakeholder Meeting, Bern (Switzerland)



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