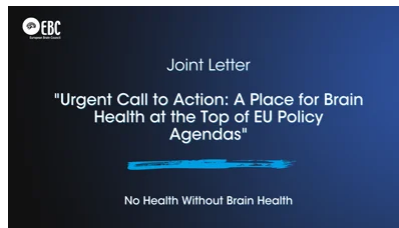


European Brain Council

Newsletter - June 2024



EBC Activities



Support the Joint Letter “Urgent Call to Action: A Place for Brain Health at the Top of EU Policy Agendas”

With the 2024 European Elections now behind us, EBC, its member organisations, and the wider brain community are seeking support for increased prioritisation of brain health on EU health and research agendas.

As part of the No Health Without Brain Health campaign, EBC prepared a Joint Letter to newly elected Members of European Parliament, titled "Urgent Call to Action: A Place for Brain Health at the Top of EU Policy Agendas," calling for the formation of an Intergroup on Brain Health and Research within the new mandate and the continued creation of national brain plans and a comprehensive European brain strategy. More than 70 organisations are now supporting our Call to Action echoing key policy asks from the European Brain community!

[Read the Joint Letter & Support our Call as an Organisation](#)



EBC-led EU Health Policy Platform Thematic Network, “Towards an EU Coordination Plan for the Brain”, officially launches

We are pleased to announce that EBC has been selected to lead one of the DG SANTE Thematic Networks, titled "Towards an EU Coordination Plan for the Brain". This decision underscores the critical importance of brain health, brain capital, brain wealth, and brain economy in shaping EU health, social, and research policies.

Our goals are to enhance the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care of brain disorders, ultimately fostering a healthier and more innovative Europe – while socialising the concepts of Brain Health, Brain Capital, Brain Wealth and Brain Economy. EBC took part in a pitch webinar, hosted by DG SANTE on 24 June 2024, where we presented our proposal alongside other leaders of thematic networks.

We encourage the entire brain community to join us in this initiative by joining the Thematic Network on the EU Health Policy Platform. Your support and collaboration will be crucial to position brain health at the forefront of European health, social and research policy orientations.

Learn More & Join the Thematic Network



Early Bird Registration for Brain Innovation Days 2024 is Now Open!

Registration is now open for the Brain Innovation Days 2024! Join us in Brussels on 13-14 November 2024 at our venue, the EGG, for two days of brain innovation. You can benefit from an Early Bird Rate by registering before 31 July 2024.

By registering, you will have access to on-site matchmaking advantages, a Cocktail Reception on 13 November, the Brain Innovation Days Pitch Competition, an Innovation Hall, inspiring sessions and much more. Join the circle of influence in the brain sector & network with key players in the brain research and innovation field — investors, researchers, clinicians, patient representatives, policymakers and more.

Additionally, we are excited to announce the partnership with MindSpark 360, a pioneering platform dedicated to enhancing mental health across various sectors by facilitating workshops, strategic investments, and partnerships.

Check out the Brain Innovation Days opportunities - there are many ways to get involved in the BIDays. Discover more by looking at our [collaboration and sponsorship opportunities website!](#)

Register for an Early Bird ticket before 31st of July!



RETHINKING
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Patient Pathway: From Diagnosis to Care

The Second Phase of the Rethinking Alzheimer's Project Kicks Off!

Rethinking Alzheimer's Disease, coordinated by EBC, in collaboration with the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), is a research-driven project offering policy recommendations to make tangible changes with the aim to improve the lives of people living with Alzheimer's disease across Europe. The second phase will focus on how we can rethink the way we approach Alzheimer's disease patient pathway from diagnosis to care.

On this occasion, we encourage you to read the "Rethinking Alzheimer's Disease: Detection & Diagnosis" White Paper from the first phase and stay tuned for the upcoming Perspective Paper from the second phase!

[Learn More](#)



Deadline extended to fill out the Rethinking Schizophrenia survey!

Share your insights on how to rethink the way we approach schizophrenia and fill in the Rethinking Schizophrenia survey before 31st of July!

Help us better understand the care pathway of people from the first episode of psychosis and schizophrenia to long-term care throughout the mental health system in different European countries with a focus on youth and young adults!

We invite all healthcare providers (psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, general practitioners, etc.), particularly from the selected countries (Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Spain and UK), to provide their insights on this topic and complete the survey. The survey will help us identify the major problems and deficiencies of the care pathway and how it can be optimised.

[Read more & complete the survey](#)



Digital Care
Pathways for Rare
Brain Diseases

EBC Publishes 'The Value of Education – Digital Care Pathways for Rare Brain Diseases: The Case of

Phenylketonuria (PKU)' Study Insights

On 28th of June, the International Phenylketonuria Day, EBC has released Study Insights on "The Value of Education: Digital Care Pathways for Rare Brain Diseases research project – The Case of Phenylketonuria".

The opportunities offered by data and digital health are multiplying. While barriers remain to unlocking their full potential, we are at an unprecedented moment of change. The European Health Data Space and the AI Act hold the promise of shaping a digital ecosystem that can accelerate the shift towards patient-centred, outcomes-focused, and sustainable healthcare in Europe, and improve patient safety and reduce avoidable harm. Patient care is undergoing a significant transformation, and three key factors – data, patient education and inclusivity – are at the forefront of this change. To gain a deeper understanding of these trends, we examined both patient and provider views. These insights offer a glimpse into the future of patient care.

[Read the Report](#)



EBC at #1VoiceSummit 2024

EBC was pleased to be invited and attend the 2024 [#1VoiceSummit](#), an annual event taking place from 10th until 12th of June in Copenhagen, bringing together Lundbeck and the patient advocacy community on brain health, policy makers and key opinion leaders.

The objective of the #1VS is to build a stronger advocacy community to support brain health, centred around the needs and voices of those with lived experience. It provides a unique opportunity to meet peers, learn from one another and identify areas of collaboration.

[Learn more](#)



Coordination & Support Action BrainHealth: Webinar for Global Players in the Brain Space

On 19th of June, a webinar was organised by the [Coordination & Support Action BrainHealth](#) to foster dialogue and collaboration among global stakeholders in the field of

brain health. The speakers and the participants shared their perspectives on the roles and contributions that international organisations can bring to the future European Partnership for Brain Health.

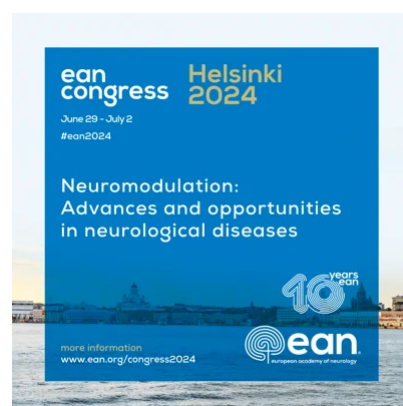
[Learn more](#)



Look back at the 2024 FENS Forum

EBC was delighted to participate in the 2024 Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) Forum. This year's Forum, held from 25-29 June in Vienna, brought together over 7,000 neuroscientists from around the world to discuss the latest research and foster collaboration. EBC held a Mini Conference on Prioritising Brain Health in Youth and a Networking Reception on Enhancing Global Partnerships in Brain Research. EBC was also part of the exhibition space where congress attendees had a chance to learn more about the ongoing projects and upcoming events.

[Look at the FENS Forum Highlights](#)



EBC at the 10th EAN Congress

EBC was delighted to participate in the 10th European Academy of Neurology Congress (EAN) which took place under the overarching theme "Neuromodulation: advances & opportunities in neurological diseases" from 29 June until 2 of July in Helsinki (Finland). This year's Congress has reached record-breaking attendance with more than 7,000 onsite attendees, 2,000 virtual participants and a record number of 2,777 submitted

abstracts. EBC was pleased to be part of the exhibition space and hold three Scientific Theatres, two poster presentations and a TV studio session.

EBC at the EAN Congress Highlights



Brain Talks: The Integration of Mental and Somatic Health

In the latest Brain Talks episode, Sam Pauly sat down with Silke Matura & Simone Macri from the EU-Funded PRIME Horizon2020 project to discuss the mechanisms underlying insulin multimorbidities.

The increasing number of people living with two or more chronic disorders poses an urgent need to better understand underlying mechanisms to improve prevention and care throughout the life course.

P.S. The podcast is taking a summer break. See you in September!

Listen to the podcast on any platform!

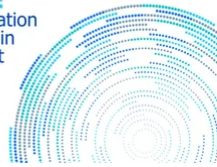


BRAINTEASER CoP webinar: Living with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

Advances in digital technology are helping us to predict the onset of a disease, how it will progress, or which is the best treatment option for a particular person. In other words, technology allows us to shift to person-centred healthcare, and what's more, digital tools can help us from the comfort of our homes. Want to know more? Watch the recording of the webinar on "Living with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis", organised by the BRAINTEASER project and featuring key experts in the field.

Watch the recording of webinar

**JOINT
DECLARATION:**
Prioritizing innovation
and patient care in
the battle against
essential tremor



EBC Signed Joint Declaration on Essential Tremor

Back in March 2024, EBC and Insightec Europe GmbH met in the EU Parliament, together with patient advocacy groups and members of the EU parliament, to raise awareness and advocate for people living with essential tremor, to acquire equal access to care across the European Union.

Today, we are proud and truly happy to see how many have joined the cause and have signed the Joint Declaration to prioritise innovation and patient care.

[Learn more](#)



EBC is looking for an Events & Communications Intern!

The European Brain Council is hiring an Events & Communications Intern! The intern work with a team dedicated to promoting brain research in Europe, collaborate on diverse projects and develop your skills.

Role: Events & Communications Intern
Duration: September 2024 – March 2025
Location: Brussels, Belgium
Application Deadline: 5 July 2024

Don't miss out on this opportunity to come and work with us!

[Learn more](#)

EBC Members

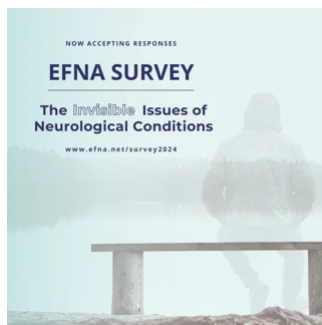


Support EFNA's Call to Action for Rare Neurology!

The European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) recently led a multi-stakeholder group in developing the [Rare Neurology Charter](#). The Charter outlines high-impact policy solutions with the potential to transform the lives of patients. Building multi-stakeholder support for the identified policy solutions creates a strong platform to address and engage European and national policymakers on an action plan to transform the lives of patients.

Please sign the [Call to Action for Rare Neurology](#) to show your support for the Charter and its recommendations. The Call to Action will be used to encourage engagement from policymakers ahead of Rare Disease Day 2025, through the [MEP Interest Group on Brain Health and Neurological Conditions](#).

[Learn more](#)



New Survey on the Invisible Issues of Neurological Conditions

The European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) has launched a [Europe-wide survey on the invisible issues affecting neurology patients and caregivers](#) (for example pain, stigma, sleep problems). Data generated through this survey can be used to create awareness of these issues and to advocate for change to address them.

The survey is open to anyone over the age of 18 who is living with a neurological condition, or who is carer to someone living with a neurological condition, residing in Europe. It is available in 8 languages: [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Italian](#), [Polish](#) and [Romanian](#).

Please share the survey with your network!

[Fill in the survey](#)



New Brains-On-Brains Podcast — Immunology meets psychiatry

Listen to **Marion Leboyer**, France, as she explores the role of genetics in psychiatric disorders and describes her work on autism genetics and immunoneuropsychiatry and what precision psychiatry means for patients and for the future direction of the field. Check out the latest episode on [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#) and [Apple](#).

The Brains-On-Brains podcast tackles crucial issues in neuroscience and mental health research as [ECNP Early Career Scientists](#), like Aiste Lengvenyte, France, interview established experts.

Listen to the complete series



Registration Now Open for the European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Research Meeting 2024

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.

Learn more



Registration Now Open for the European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Fellowships 2025

EPNS is delighted to announce that the application period for EPNS Fellowship 2025 is now open! In 2025, the EPNS is thrilled to be able to offer 8 fellowships. The closing date for all applications is 15 September 2024 at which point the EPNS Fellowship Selection

Committee will consider all applications. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by the end of December 2024.

For 2025, each successful candidate will be awarded 6,000 Euros, except the recipient of the Aicardi Fellowship who will be granted 8,500 Euros.

[Learn more](#)

For your Agenda

EBC Events

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)

24 September 2024 - Towards the BrainHealth Partnership, 37th ECNP Congress, Milan (Italy)

3 November 2024 - EBC Takes Part in Brussels Airport Marathon, Brussels (Belgium)

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

Events featuring EBC

5-9 August 2024 - IASP 2024 World Congress on Pain, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

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)

3 November 2024 - Brussels Airport Marathon Run - #Move4YrBrain, Brussels (Belgium)

26-27 November 2024 - Future of Health Europe Summit, London (United Kingdom)

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 Neurosurgical Societies, Vienna (Austria)

Events of Interest

12 July 2024 - Conference on "Migraine Friendly Workplace: fostering inclusive and supportive environments", Brussels (Belgium)

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)

16-18 October 2024 - NIPS Non Pharmacological Intervention Society Summit, Paris (France)

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

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

2-3 December 2024 - Encephalitis Conference, London (United Kingdom) and Online

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

20-23 March 2025 - ECNP Workshop on Applied Neuroscience, Nice (France)

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