

European Brain Council

Newsletter - May 2024



EBC Activities



No Health Without Brain Health

In the context of the forthcoming European Elections, EBC launched its No Health Without Brain Health campaign on March 7, to increase public and policy awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research and implement priority policy asks from the European brain community and for the 179 million Europeans currently living with some form of brain condition.

The campaign focuses on brain health awareness and priority policy asks, such as the creation of an European Parliament Intergroup on Brain Health and Research and supporting the creation of EU and National Brain plans, in line with ongoing advocacy work such as the [Pledge for Science](#), [Global Call to Action](#) and [2024 EU Elections Manifesto](#).

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EBC's Proposal Chosen for 2024 Thematic Network at European Policy Platform

We are very pleased to announce that EBC's proposal "Brain Health and Brain Research" under the 'Life-time approach to prevention with stakeholders contributing to a comprehensive and multi-sectorial approach on healthy longevity' topic, **has been ranked among the top four in the voting poll and has thus become part of the 2024 Thematic Networks in the EU Health Policy Platform.**

We would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the vote!

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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 approaching 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.

[Read more](#)



The Second Part of the Rethinking Schizophrenia Project Kicks Off!

After the launch of the policy report 'Rethinking Schizophrenia: Beyond the Voices' in March 2024, falling under the 1st phase of the Rethinking Schizophrenia project, we are pleased to announce that the second phase, focusing on the schizophrenia care pathway, officially kicked off.

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 how to improve Schizophrenia Care Pathway and complete our survey.

This will help us to 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! It will allow us to identify the major problems and deficiencies of the care pathway and how it can be optimised.

[Fill in the survey before 13 June](#)



EBC at FENS Forum

The FENS Forum 2024 is fast approaching and EBC looks forward to being part of the exhibition space and holding a Mini Conference and a Networking Reception at the Forum this year.

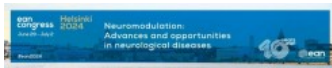
The EBC Mini Conference 'Prioritizing Brain Health in Youth: Bringing Neuroscience to Society and Informing Policy' set to take place on 25 June 2024 at 10:00-12:00, will bring together neuroscientists, clinicians, researchers, policymakers, patients & caregivers to raise awareness on brain health in youth, bridging the gap between research, policy, and society.

All FENS Forum participants can join the Mini Conference without extra registration. **If you are an external participant, in order to join the Mini Conference, you need to register using the form below, before the 7th of June. Registering here will grant you access to the FENS Forum 2024 for the whole day of 25 June 2024.**

The Networking Reception on Enhancing Global Partnerships in Brain Research, featuring a panel discussion with key stakeholders working across continents to unite the brain research community globally, will take place on 27 June 2024 at 18:45-20:15

Additionally, 'Discover the European Brain Council' session will be delivered at the FENS Booth on 26 June 2024 at 13:30-14:15.

[Find out more](#)



EBC at 10th EAN Congress

Date	Location	Session
29 June 11:30-12:30	EAATV	TV Address Session: Towards a European Brain Health Plan
30 June 12:15-12:45	Scientific Theatre	Scientific Theatre: Digital Care Pathways for Rare Brain Diseases. The Case of Phenylketonuria
30 June 15:45-16:15	Scientific Theatre	Scientific Theatre: Towards the European Partnership on Brain Health
1 July 14:00-14:35	Scientific Theatre	Scientific Theatre: Uniting Multiple Sclerosis & Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Innovations through Collaborative Endeavours
29 June 7:00	Poster Presentation	Assessing the Digital Care Pathways Unmet Needs for Rare Brain Diseases
29 June 7:00	Poster Presentation	Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS): Advancing Clinical Decision Making through Wearables



EBC at 10th EAN Congress

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.

EBC looks forward to being part of the exhibition area and holding the following sessions:

- Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS): advancing clinical decision making through wearables, poster presentation
- Assessing the Digital Care Pathways Unmet Needs for Rare Brain Diseases. The Case of Phenylketonuria, poster presentation, 2 July, 12:52
- Toward a European Brain Health Plan, EAN TV Studio Session, 29 June 2024, 11:30-12:30
- Digital Care Pathways for Rare Brain Diseases. The Case of Phenylketonuria, Scientific Theatre, 30 June 2024, 12:15-12:45
- EBC: Towards the European Partnership on Brain Health, Scientific Theatre, 30 June 2024, 15:45-16:15
- Uniting Multiple Sclerosis and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Innovations through Collaborative Endeavours, Scientific Theatre, 1 July 2024, 14:05-14:35

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EBC joined Tech Tour Mental & Brain Health

The very first edition of the Tech Tour Mental & Brain Health kicked off on 2-3 May at the Nova Business School Campus in Carcavelos, Portugal!

The Investment Programme & Event brought together the most promising Mental Health & Brain tech companies, as selected by 40 of the most active investors and corporate partners in the sector.

EBC Deputy Executive Director, Stephanie Kramer, participated in a panel discussion “Is – or how can we make – mental health and brain health a government policy priority?”. She highlighted the importance of placing brain health and research at the top of the European policy agenda.

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Be Open About Animal Research #BOARD24

On 3rd of May the Be Open about Animal Research Day took place, with campaign hashtag #BOARD24, coordinated by the European Animal Research Association (EARA), to raise awareness about research and the use of animals!

On this occasion, Suzanne Dickson, EBC President, discussed the continued need for animal research to understand the fundamental mechanisms of the brain to treat brain disorders, as part of the EBC's Pledge For Science and No Health Without Brain Health initiatives.

[Watch the video](#)



EBC at the European Brain Health Summit 2024

Congratulations to the European Academy of Neurology for another successful and inspiring European Brain Health Summit 2024, which took place on 7th of May in Brussels in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen Mathilde of the Belgians. This was a particularly special occasion as EAN celebrates its 10-year anniversary.

The event focused on the holistic approach to Brain Health addressing the management of neurological disorders, preventive strategies, and public awareness, in line with EAN's work around its Brain Health Mission.

[Read more](#)



EBC at 9th Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

EBC was pleased to attend the 9th Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 9-10 May, alongside a number of meetings and side events to prepare for EBC's participation at the Science Summit of the 79th UN General Assembly.

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10th Academy of the National Brain Councils

The 10th National Brain Councils Academy (NBCAs) was held from 8 to 9 May 2024 in Pula, more precisely on the island of Brijuni in Croatia. This year, the meeting was integrated into the [3rd International Conference on Neurological Disorders and Neurorestoration](#), which took place from 9 to 12 May 2024.

This annual event brought together several representatives from European NBCAs, both online and in person. No less than 11 countries were represented, including Belgium, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Serbia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

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EBC at 77th World Health Assembly

On May 27th, EBC was present in Geneva for the 77th World Health Assembly, which this year focused on the theme All for Health, Health for All. EBC colleagues took part in a number of side events and meetings, including [Rethinking mental health care: harnessing new approaches](#) (led by The Economist) and high-level working session [Systemic Investing for the Brain Economy](#) (led by the [Brain Capital Alliance](#)).

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Coordination & Support Action BrainHealth General Assembly

The first [Coordination & Support Action BrainHealth](#) General Assembly took place on 14th of May in Berlin, bringing together partners, funders, member states, patient organizations, key stakeholders and decision makers from all across Europe.

EBC was pleased to discuss ongoing efforts on global outreach, communication & dissemination, and drafting a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, paving the way towards an European Partnership on Brain Health.

[Learn more about CSA](#)



EBC at Belgian Brain Council Symposium

On May 14 and 15, EBC participated in the [Belgian Brain Council](#) Symposium, where the official inauguration of Altruistic Data Association took place. 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.

EBC was represented by its Executive Director, Frédéric Destrebecq.

Congratulations to the BBC for organizing a successful event!

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EBC at PRIME General Assembly

EBC attended the [5th PRIME General Assembly](#), that took place from 13-15 May in Bologna.

PRIME Horizon2020 is an EU-funded research project that explores insulin-dependent mechanisms underlying both somatic and brain disorders for better prevention and care. EBC currently supports dissemination activities to increase the project visibility.

[Learn more about PRIME](#)



EBC at 12th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products

The 12th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products (ECDR), organised by [EURORDIS-Rare Diseases Europe](#) in collaboration with Orphanet took place on 15th and 16th of May.

By bringing together people with rare diseases, patient advocates, policy makers, healthcare industry representatives, clinicians, regulators and Member State representatives, EURORDIS harnessed the power of this extensive network to shape goal-driven rare disease policies of the future.

Vinciane Quoidbach, EBC Research Project Manager, took part in a panel discussion on the vital interconnection between physical and mental health, for people living with a rare condition.

[Learn more](#)



EBC at HealthTech for Patients

HealthTech For Patients (HTFP) serves as a platform for patients to express their needs and discover innovations in healthcare by reuniting health innovation stakeholders. The goal is to put the patient at the center of innovation. This event aims to bridge the gap between healthcare professionals and patients, establishing an open exchange platform that enables professionals to better understand the perspectives, needs, and experiences of patients.

This year's edition took place on 16th of May under a theme is "Inside Mental Health: Causes and Environment".

EBC Executive Director, Frédéric Destrebecq, gave a keynote speech on Clinical Aspect of "The Impact of Illness on Mental Health: From Screening to Post-Treatment"

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EBC at European Association Summit

EBC was pleased to join the European Association Summit, organized by ESAE - European Society of Association Executives and gathering over 200 Association professionals, to discuss ways to address the decline in financial resources of medical associations with Davi Kaur (European Society for Emergency Medicine) and Antoine Druetz (EY Law Belgium).

[Learn more](#)



EBC at Annual Scientific Congress on "Brain Health: Rethinking the Diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders"

On 28th of May EBC had the pleasure of attending the Annual Scientific Congress on "Brain Health: Rethinking the Diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders" in Rome.

EBC Executive Director, Frédéric Destrebecq, participated in a panel discussion where he spoke about the "No Health Without Brain Health" advocacy campaign, particularly pertinent with the approaching EU elections.

We extend our congratulations to the the Italian Multiple Sclerosis Society for successfully gathering 150 specialists in one place to collaboratively discuss the current state of the field.

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#Move4YrBrain team at 20km of Brussels

On 26th of May, the #Move4YrBrain team completed its first challenge of 2024 by running and walking the 20km of Brussels to promote the benefits of physical activity for brain health!

Stay tuned for the next challenge and save the date for the Brussels Airport Marathon (with Half Marathon and 7km options), set to take place on 3 November 2024!

[Learn more about the Move For Your Brain campaign](#)



Value of Treatment Study Published in European Psychiatry

Read the freshly published study on "Quantifying the economic value of earlier and enhanced management of Anorexia Nervosa for adults in England, Germany and Spain: improving the care pathway"! Anorexia Nervosa (AN) is a very serious illness. One third of people develop severe, enduring, illness, adversely impacting quality of life with high health system costs. The study, falling under the EBC-led Value of Treatment project, assessed the economic case for enhanced care for adults newly diagnosed with AN.

[Read the Scientific Article](#)

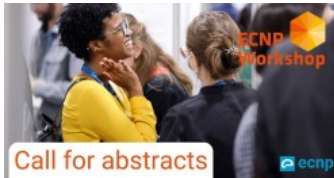


EBC Contributes to the Aspire4Rare Global Report

EBC was pleased to contribute to the Aspire4Rare Global Report, released on 28 May. Aspire4Rare engages a multi-disciplinary group of experts in rare diseases from policy, health, research, and patient advocacy backgrounds across Europe and the U.S.. The Aspire4Rare report is a tool built around a new global framework designed to assess and measure the effectiveness of rare disease policies – are they improving the time to diagnosis, is care improving, are new treatments becoming available?

[Read the report](#)

EBC Members



Call for abstracts - ECNP Workshop on Applied Neuroscience

The annual ECNP Workshop in Nice offers 100 Early Career Scientists ([ECS](#)) a chance to engage with Europe's leading researchers in applied neuroscience across three days of lectures, discussion sessions and direct exchange in experimental and clinical research on disorders of the brain.

If you wish to attend the next ECNP Workshop, 20-23 March 2025, Nice, France, we encourage you to [submit your abstract](#) to apply.

The deadline for abstract submission is **24 October 2024** at 17.00 CEST (Central European Summer Time)

[Learn more](#)



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.

[Learn more](#)



European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Research Meeting 2024

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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.

[Register here](#)



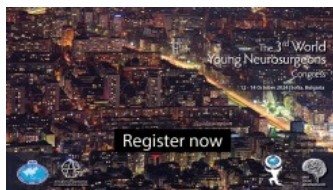
The EANS2024 Congress Line-up of Keynote Speakers is now available

The EANS2024 Congress preparations are in full swing, and EANS is thrilled to announce a brand-new feature of this year's EANS Annual Congress: An exceptional line-up of Keynote Speakers.

The EANS2024 Annual Congress, set to take place from October 13 to 17 in the historic city of Sofia, aims to bring together more than 2000 leading neurosurgery experts, researchers, and innovators from Europe and beyond. The congress theme "Innovation, Education, Leadership" reflects the need to thoroughly discuss the future of neurosurgery in connection with rapid technological advancements. Join EANS in shaping the future of neurosurgical education, training, and treatment, cultivating the next generation of leaders in Europe and all over the globe.

Early registration deadline expires on **13 June**.

[Register here](#)



EANS is accepting applications for the 2025 Training Courses

The 3rd World Young Neurosurgeons Congress, partially overlapping with the EANS2024 Sofia Congress, is jointly organised by the YNS Committees of the EANS and the ACNS. The abstract submission is complete and registration is now open. Representatives from all Continental Societies are welcome and invited to the Congress to meet each other. Special registration fees are available for all young neurosurgeons.

Discover this exciting event and join us in Sofia for a memorable experience! Young neurosurgeons from different continents are invited aiming to create a global workforce to help young neurosurgeons across the globe update their knowledge on modern and cutting-edge techniques and strategies in neurosurgery.

[Register here](#)

National Brain Councils



BBC symposium: Brussels, Capital of Altruism for Mental Health and the Brain

A symposium organised by the Belgian Brain Council (BBC) brought together political decision-makers, scientific experts, doctors, lawyers, representatives of patient associations, members of the European Commission, the WHO, the Belgian National Order of Doctors, the Belgian Health Data Agency and the Brain Councils.

The symposium closed with the creation of the European Brain Data Hub (EBDH), an altruistic data organisation. The EBDH facilitates the voluntary sharing of data to improve research, public policy and healthcare.

The EBDH's existence is based on the alliance of law and IT, offering patients a secure electronic platform.

[Learn more](#)



Evaluation of the Erasmus E-Care4PD Project

A few days ago we received the response of the closing of the e-Care4PD project, which involved partners such as the Parkinson Madrid Association (Project Coordinator), Serbian Brain Council, EPIONI (Greece) and the Belgian Brain Council, the report included a detailed evaluation of the project by the Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education (SEPIE). This evaluation was based on the final report and the documentation submitted to justify the overall development of the project. The project obtained a score of 92 out of 100, standing out for its relevance and the impact achieved in the community of people with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers.

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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

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 - Toward a European Brain Health Plan, EAN TV Studio Session, 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)

30 June 2024 - Digital Care Pathways for Rare Brain Diseases, The Case of Phenylketonuria, Scientific Theatre, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

30 June 2024 - EBC: Towards the European Partnership on Brain Health, Scientific Theatre, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

1 July 2024 - Uniting Multiple Sclerosis and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Innovations through Collaborative Endeavours, Scientific Theatre, EAN Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

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)

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

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

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

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 Neurological Societies, Vienna (Austria)

Events of Interest

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

19 June 2024 - 2024 EU4Health Stakeholders' Conference, Brussels (Belgium) and Online

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)

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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