

European Brain Council

Newsletter - July 2024



EBC Activities



Registration Open for UNGA79 Side Event, “Neuroscience and Society: A Life Course Approach to Brain Health”

Registration is now open for the upcoming EBC-led event, [Neuroscience and Society: A Life Course Approach to Brain Health](#), a high-level two-day event within the Science Summit of the 79th United Nations General Assembly. As part of the **Global Brain Coalition**, the [European Brain Council](#) (EBC), [Brain Capital Alliance](#), [Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative](#), [Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute](#) and [UNICEF](#) will host a two-day, high-level side event at the 79th United Nations General Assembly, in collaboration with partner organisations, in the framework of the [Science Summit at the 79th United Nations General Assembly \(UNGA79\)](#) in New York City on **19-20 September 2024** at [Cure](#).

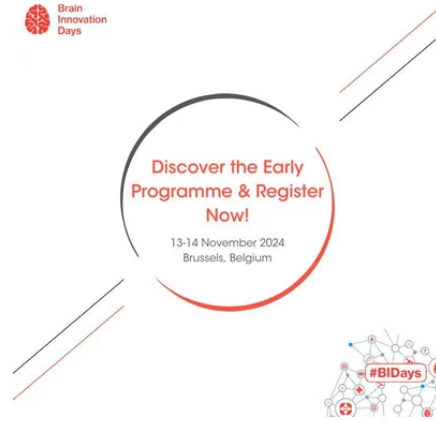
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EBC-led EU Health Policy Platform Thematic Network Webinar "Towards and EU Coordination Plan for Brain Health"

The European Brain Council is leading a DG Sante Thematic Network to develop a Joint Statement aimed at enhancing brain health policies across Europe. An open webinar on September 5th will gather insights and foster collaboration for the statement, with a second draft to be discussed in October. The final Joint Statement will be presented at the EU Health Policy Platform Annual Meeting. Participation is open to everyone to ensure diverse perspectives are included.

Learn More & Register



Discover the Brain Innovation Days Early Programme and Register with an Early Bird ticket!

The Brain Innovation Days early programme is now available! Designed to provide participants with comprehensive insights in their field, it includes a series of panel discussions, expert talks, and networking opportunities, all aimed at fostering professional growth and innovation. Attendees will have the chance to learn from key experts, and collaborate with peers on various projects.

Don't miss your last chance to take advantage of the Early Bird offer for the Brain Innovation Days! This special pricing is available **until 15th of August** and provides significant savings on the registration fee. It's a great opportunity to secure your spot at a reduced rate and ensure you don't miss out on this valuable experience.

Do you have a start-up or business plan set up for the next great brain innovation and are up for some competition? Then the Brain Innovation Days Pitch Competition, made in collaboration with MindSpark 360, a pioneering platform dedicated to enhancing mental health, is the opportunity for you! Pitch your business to join the running for a Jury and/or Public Prize. **The abstract submission portal for the Pitch Competition will close on 31 August at 23:59 CEST.**

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 page!](#)

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**Coordination and Support
Action BrainHealth**

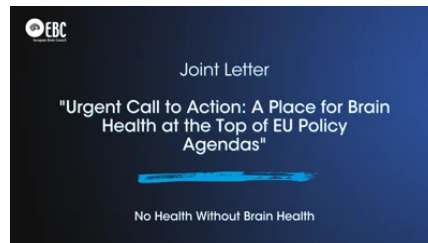
*Open Consultations: Contribute to the
European Partnership for Brain Health*

Contribute to the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the CSA BrainHealth

The Coordination & Support Action (CSA) BrainHealth has launched a Public Consultation on the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for the upcoming European

Partnership for Brain Health (EP BrainHealth). This initiative aims to address the challenges of brain disorders by promoting brain health and enhancing the well-being of individuals with neurological and mental health conditions. The consultation, open from July 17 to August 14, 2024, seeks input from stakeholders and the public to refine the SRIA. The EP BrainHealth builds on previous European initiatives and aims for collaborative solutions in brain health research, prevention, diagnosis, and therapy. Participants can review the SRIA document and provide feedback through an online survey.

[Learn More & Take the Survey](#)



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 75 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](#)



Last chance 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 August!

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.

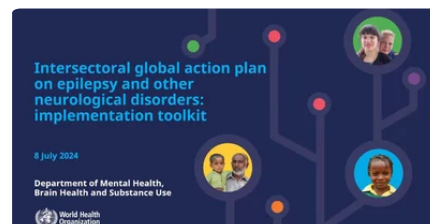
[Read more & complete the survey](#)



Side Event at the 2024 G7 Health Ministerial Meeting: Advancing Global Collaboration for Dementia and Healthy Aging

EBC is pleased to collaborate with the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative (DAC) who will be hosting an event titled “**Advancing Global Collaboration for Dementia and Healthy Aging**” on October 8, 2024, in Ancona, Italy. This event will take place on the sidelines of the 2024 G7 Health Ministerial meeting. It aims to address the pressing global health challenge of dementias, including Alzheimer's disease, which significantly impact health systems, societies, and individuals. DAC will highlight the urgent need for action and showcase progress in policy, scientific innovations, and improved care pathways. However, please note that requesting registration does not guarantee admission to the event.

[Learn More & Register](#)



Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders: Implementation Toolkit

World Health Organization has published a new implementation toolkit to the Intersectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders (IGAP), outlining specific

actions and resources for countries to improve services for people with neurological disorders in preparation for meeting IGAP's targets for 2031.

The implementation toolkit is the go-to resource for those involved in shaping neurology policies and services. It is primarily intended for use by policy-makers at national and subnational levels as well as programme managers and service planners across various sectors such as health, social services, education, environment, finance, employment, justice and housing. The toolkit is designed to correspond to the IGAP strategic objectives, focusing on 5 strategic areas.

Listing specific steps as well as 90 tools and resources, the toolkit allows plans for IGAP implementation to be customised according to the context of the country, recognising the advances in neurological disorder care that may have already been made in that setting.

[Download the Toolkit](#)

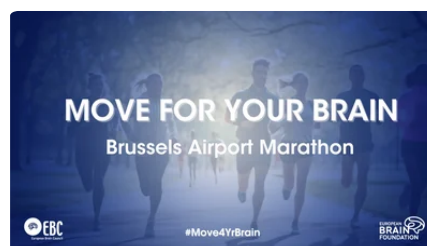


Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

On 1 July 2024, Hungary took over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The presidency of the Council rotates between EU member states every six months. The presidency chairs meetings at every level in the Council, helping to steer the EU agenda.

Among others, the priorities of the Hungarian Presidency include the competitiveness of EU, rare diseases and building inclusive research ecosystem.

[Learn More](#)



Join EBC at the Brussels Airport Marathon!

The goal of the Move for Your Brain campaign is to promote and emphasise the importance of policies and practices addressing brain health from a holistic perspective.

Watch the recently released [video](#) where Hassan Fadli, a Move for Your Brain campaign ambassador and a triathlete leading the 5 Ironmans Beat Alzheimer's initiative, together with Thomas Roos, a retired professional triathlete and a scientist, share their insights on the benefits of regular physical exercise for the brain.

As part of the campaign, Move for Your Brain team will take part in the [Brussels Airport Marathon](#) run on November 3, a sport event dedicated to handisport, runners and walkers. You can join our team and register to the run marathon, half-marathon or 7 km.

[Learn More & Register](#)



Press Release
**Empowering healthcare
with AI: BRAINTEASER at
the forefront of innovation**



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BRAINTEASER project is at the forefront of healthcare advancements, utilising Artificial Intelligence (AI) models to analyse diverse data sources, including clinical data, patient questionnaires, activity data, and air quality measurements. By harnessing AI-driven insights, BRAINTEASER Project aims to uncover new methods for managing the chronic diseases Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Multiple Sclerosis (MS). BRAINTEASER AI models produce various outputs. Critical insights are exclusively available to healthcare professionals via the Clinical Dashboard, ensuring sensitive information is managed by experts. Meanwhile, patients can access data impacting their care through the Patient App, empowering them to manage their health.

[Read the Press Release](#)



Discover the EU4Health Integration and Impact Initiative!

New EU4HEALTH Integration and Impact Initiative

We're happy to announce that the EU4Health Integration and Impact Initiative has been granted to tackle pressing public health challenges in Europe! Starting in June 2024, this 12-month project will address healthcare disparities, improve access to therapies, enhance diversity in clinical trials, and bridge gaps in paediatric cancer care and brain health, while advocating for a holistic approach and promoting the One Health perspective. The consortium for the EU4Health Integration and Impact Initiative project includes the I3h Institute (I3h ULB), One Sustainable Health for All Foundation (OSH Foundation), Childhood Cancer International Europe (CCI Europe), and the European Brain Council (EBC).

[Learn More](#)



EBC at IASP 2024 World Congress on Pain

EBC participated in the International Association for the Study of Pain 2024 World Congress on Pain, with three poster presentations featuring the Value Of Treatment case study on Chronic Pain disorders on 6th of August in Amsterdam.

The Value Of Treatment project aims to examine health gains and socio-economic impacts resulting from optimised healthcare interventions in comparison with current care or inadequate treatment and converge data evidence to policy recommendations on how to improve the care pathways.

Mark Nuijten, a medical doctor, a health economist and one of the experts involved in the project, presented the final results of the study.

[Learn More](#)



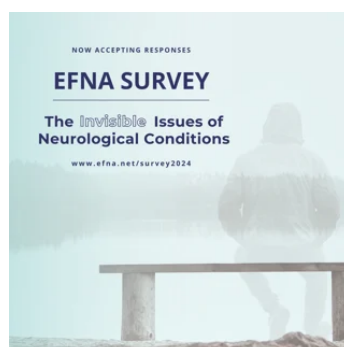
EBC Joins the Call to Action on the Implementation of the EU Joint Clinical Assessment for ATMPs

Cancer Patients Europe (CPE), in collaboration with the Alliance for Regenerative Medicine and Fondazione Telethon, has launched a Call to Action on the implementation of the EU Joint Clinical Assessment (JCAs) for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs).

With the support of more than 30 signatories, we are urging the HTA Coordination Group and JCA assessors to ensure that JCA methodologies do not hinder patient care and the innovation of ATMPs in Europe.

[Learn More](#)

EBC Members



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 Impact Factor for ENP Journal

New ECNP's journal [European Neuropsychopharmacology](#) (ENP) impact factor is **6.100** (up from 5.600)! The journal is in the top decile for psychiatry, clinical neurology, pharmacology and pharmacy, and neurosciences. Congratulations to Eduard Vieta, editor-in-chief, and the ENP team!

[Learn More](#)



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](#)



Maximizing IBRO's Impact with Streamlined Funding Programs

IBRO is excited to announce a transformative reorganization of its funding opportunities! This reorganization is designed to better support the global neuroscience community by simplifying and strengthening IBRO programs with a view to ensuring the global impact of its activities. IBRO's goal is to align funding initiatives more closely with its mission to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in neuroscience globally. Learn more about the practical implications of this reorganization and save the dates for upcoming opportunities.

[Read the Article](#)

For your Agenda

EBC Events

5 September 2024 - [Thematic Network Webinar: Towards and EU Coordination Plan for Brain Health](#), Online

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)

24 September 2024 - [Rethinking Schizophrenia: Beyond the Voices](#), 37th ECNP Congress, Milan (Italy)

13 October 2024 - [Building Brain Health in Europe](#), EANS Congress, Sofia (Bulgaria)

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 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

12-15 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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