

# Promoting brain research & improving quality of life for those living with brain disease in Europe



## Our Mission

To promote brain research in Europe and to improve the quality of life of those affected by brain diseases



## About the European Brain Council (EBC)

The European Brain Council is a non-governmental organisation comprising the major stakeholders in the field of brain research and brain disorders in Europe. Established in March 2002, EBC focuses on the promotion of brain research and research on brain diseases as a route to improving the quality of life for those 127 million Europeans living with brain diseases.

### EBC will achieve this by:

- Collaborating with our member organisations;
- Interacting with the European Commission, European Parliament and other relevant EU and international institutions;
- Promoting education in brain related topics;
- Disseminating information about brain research and brain diseases in Europe;
- Promoting dialogue between scientists and society.



## EBC Members

### Ordinary members:

- The European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS)
- The European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP)
- The European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA)  
– *representing European citizens with neurological diseases*
- The European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS)
- The European Psychiatric Association (EPA)
- The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)
- The Global Alliance for Mental Illness Advocacy Networks (GAMIAN-Europe)  
– *representing European citizens with psychiatric illness*
- Industry has elected representatives from Orion Pharma, Pfizer, Medtronic and BrainLAB

### Associate members:

- The European Academy for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (EACAP)
- The European Accreditation Committee in CNS (EACIC)  
– *developing continuing medical education in CNS*
- The European Federation of IASP Chapters (EFIC)  
– *part of the International Association for the Study of Pain*
- The Federation of European Psychophysiology Societies (FEPS)

### Observers:

- The European Dana Alliance for the Brain (EDAB)  
– *enhancing public understanding of the importance of brain research*
- EBC-WHO Liaison Officer

## EUROPEAN BRAIN COUNCIL'S (EBC) RESEARCH PILLARS

Research is the foundation of improved diagnosis, treatment and care. EBC has three research strands, which outline the burden of brain disease, the resources needed to improved the situation and what topics demand European research:

- The Cost of Disorders of the Brain in Europe found that 127 million Europeans are living with brain disorders in Europe and that the costs (direct and indirect) associated with this exceeded €386 billion in 2004
- Allocation for Brain Research in Europe (RABRE) looked at the current levels of funding for brain research and brain disorders in the European Union
- EBC's Consensus Document brings together a broad range of research themes – ranging from molecule to man – that experts and patient groups affiliated with the European Brain Council believe constitutes the research needed in Europe in the coming decade

All these documents are available on the EBC website listed below.



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