

# EUROPEAN BRAIN COUNCIL

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### EBC Activities



#### EBC launches statement "Counting down to zero"

The proposal of the European Commission for the "Horizon Europe" programme, which was published in June 2018, included an indicative budget of €94.1 billion. Within this budget, €7.7 billion is proposed to fund the "Health" cluster which will support health research. EBC believes that these amounts are insufficient to tackle today's health challenges and launched the statement **"Counting down to zero: Towards a future with underfunded health research?"** which calls on the EU institutions to adopt a more robust 9th Framework Programme.

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#### A Brain Mission in Horizon Europe: EBC at 11th FENS Forum

The 11th FENS Forum was held on 7th-11th July in Berlin, Germany. On this occasion, EBC held the session "Structuring the future of brain research in Europe" which explored how the "Horizon Europe" programme can accelerate brain research across Europe and how to bring attention to the current barriers that affect basic and translational research. What is more, EBC was present at the exhibition to promote its **Brain Mission** and engage with the Forum delegates.

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#### World Brain Day 2018

"Clean Air for Brain Health" was the theme of this year's World Brain Day held on 22nd July. This theme was chosen in order to raise awareness on the impact of air pollution on many neurological diseases. The World Federation of Neurology highlighted that airborne pollutants account for 30% of acute stroke cases worldwide on this occasion. What is more, EBC shared the brain mission statement **"Understand - Fix - Enhance: The Space Race of the 21st Century"** which provides guidance on developing a mission related to the brain.

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#### Caring for Carers: Young Carers in a Changing World, Athens 28 September 2018

EPION! will organize the conference "Caring for Carers: Young Carers in a Changing World", which will revolve around caregivers, on September 28th at 15:30 PM at the office of the European Parliament in Athens, Greece. The event will be held under the auspices of the Ministry of Health in Greece, the World Federation for Mental Health, the Hellenic Psychiatric Association and EBC. The conference will feature prominent scientists such as Prof. of Psychiatry George Christodoulou, Dr. Dimitrios Kontis, Dr. Kalliopi Panagiotopoulou, Mr. Panagiotis Chondros (EPAPSY) and Mr. Alexandros Oikonomou (EDRA). Entry is free, the registration form can be accessed below.

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## Results of EFNA's Survey of Young Europeans with Neurological Conditions

In celebration of World Brain Day 2018, the European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) has released results of its recent Survey of Young Europeans with Neurological Conditions. Between March 12th and May 15th 2018, 1368 responses to the survey were received from 39 countries. Almost 80% of the respondents were female, with the majority of the responses coming from Multiple Sclerosis, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Chronic Pain and Migraine.

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## FENS Anniversary 1998-2018: interviews with FENS presidents

FENS is pleased to present a series of video-interviews that were produced on the occasion of the 20th anniversary celebration of FENS in 2018. In interviews with past and current presidents of FENS, the videos focus on key events and activities from FENS history. The videos, that are now available online, were officially launched at the FENS Forum 2018 in Berlin.

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## 4th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology

The 4th congress of the EAN, organised in cooperation with the Portuguese Society of Neurology, took place in Lisbon, Portugal. In the course of around 90 scientific sessions, international experts presented and discussed important trends and highlights of modern neurological research and therapy as well as new scientific findings. The congress was attended by 6766 neurologists from 102 countries worldwide. The success of the Lisbon congress spurs us on towards the 2019 congress in Oslo, Norway (June 29th – July 2nd, 2019).

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## IBRO at IBI Workshop and FENS Forum

In July, IBRO participated in an International Brain Initiative (IBI) Workshop and the FENS Forum. The IBI workshop established working groups and a set of strategic priorities, objectives and actions to help ensure large-scale investments in brain research will benefit people everywhere. IBRO highlights from the FENS Forum included support for the International Brain Bee and a Global Advocacy Networking Reception featuring EBC President, Monica Di Luca, and Founding Executive Director of TWAS, Mohamed Hassan.

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## Submit your research to EPA 2019 Warsaw

Abstract submission is open for EPA 2019 Warsaw until 25th September 2018. View the [list of abstract topics](#) on the Congress website and make your submissions by the deadline. And don't forget: The EPA is handing out Travel Grants to deserving abstract submitters! Check out the application criteria and submit your Travel Grant application along with your abstract.

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## ECNP Workshop for Early Career Scientists in Europe

The next ECNP Workshop for Early Career Scientists in Europe will take place on 7th-10th March 2019 in Nice, France. The three-day workshop, that takes place every year, is a great opportunity for early career scientists in Europe to come together with research leaders to discuss the latest advances and perspectives on specific topics related to brain disorders. Early career scientists may apply for this workshop by submitting an abstract. The deadline for abstract submission is 17th October 2018.

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## For your Agenda

17 - 21 September 2018 - [HBP School - The Brain Simulation Platform of the Human Brain Project](#), Palermo

19 - 21 September 2018 - [Limitless! Augmentation of Brain Function](#), Lausanne

23 - 28 September 2018 - [Medicine Quality & Public Health conference](#), Oxford

24 - 26 September 2018 - [10th IUHPE European Conference and International Forum for Health Promotion Research](#), Trondheim

24 - 25 September 2018 - EBC Strategic Workshop, Brussels

25 September 2018 - [VoT Policy roundtable on the economic cost of Alzheimer's in Europe](#), Brussels

25 September 2018 - [Matching Health Needs and Pharmaceutical Research – How to set the research agenda for public health](#), Vienna

26 - 28 September 2018 - [Aging of memory functions: Where are we now?](#) Bordeaux

28 September 2018 - [Caring for Carers: Young Carers in a Changing World](#), Athens

6 - 9 October 2018 - [31st ECNP Congress](#), Barcelona

8 - 9 October 2018 - [Annual Health Care Summit 2018](#), Geneva

21 - 25 October 2018 - [EANS2018 - the 18th European Congress of Neurosurgery](#), Brussels

29 - 31 October 2018 - [28th Alzheimer Europe Conference](#), Barcelona

21 November 2018 - EBC Industry Day, Brussels

21 - 22 November 2018 - EBC General Assembly & Board Dinner Meeting, Brussels

28 November - 1 December 2018 - [11th European Public Health Conference](#)  
[Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe](#), Ljubljana



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