

# Development of multiple sclerosis policy report and national brain plans with a focus on MS, a European Brain Council & Health Policy Partnership 2018–2019 Joint Project

**Multiple sclerosis (MS) affects over 770,000 people in Europe.**<sup>1</sup> As a chronic, progressive neurological condition, MS has a significant social, health and economic impact on the people affected and their families.

**People living with MS in Europe face many challenges accessing high quality care and support.** Building upon the 2017 Value of Treatment report from the European Brain Council<sup>2</sup>, the project aims to create greater visibility for the unmet needs experienced by those with MS and will focus upon:

- Diagnosis and personalised treatment and care
- Multidisciplinary approach to care
- Participation in daily life.

## Key outputs from the project include:

- A **pan-European policy report** focusing on the challenges faced by those with MS and practical policy actions to address them
- **Comparisons of care and support across 10 European countries**
- **Country profiles providing an in-depth analysis of MS care** in Denmark, Italy, Spain and Romania
- **National brain plan templates with a focus on MS.**

The policy report and national brain plan templates will be launched on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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