

# EUROPEAN BRAIN COUNCIL

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### EBC Activities



#### Co-design consultation – Horizon Europe Strategic Plan

EBC would like to thank all organizations and individuals that contributed to the “Horizon Europe Co-design 2021-2024” consultation and highlighted the importance of supporting brain research in Europe. In addition to EBC, **17 members and partners responded** and underlined the need to make Horizon Europe a robust tool for accelerating research into mental and neurological conditions. This input enabled us to make a strong case for including the brain in a more prominent manner amongst the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

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#### EBC at the Research and Innovation Days, 24-26 September 2019

EBC was present at the Research and Innovation Days that were held in Brussels from 24-26 September 2019. This conference, which constituted a crucial step in the Strategic Planning Process, enabled stakeholders from a wide range of disciplines to provide input concerning the priorities, objectives and expected input of the Horizon Europe programme. EBC underlined, amongst other issues, the importance of accelerating brain research, reducing the disease burden of brain disorders, improving the coordination of brain research in Europe and progressing the translation of research results.

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#### Launch of AD Detect and Prevent

EBC is excited to be part of the EU-funded “AD Detect and Prevent” project. The AD Detect consortium, which is led by the Danish digital therapeutics company Brain+, is pursuing the ambitious aim of developing a digital tool to improve the detection of Alzheimer’s disease (AD) prior to the possible onset of dementia and combining this with lifestyle programmes for reducing lifestyle risk related to Alzheimer’s dementia. The involved partners are Brain+, University of Oxford, Aarhus University, University of Nottingham, Alzheimer Europe and the European Brain Council. Visit our Website and follow us on Twitter for further information.

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## EBC holds Strategic Workshop

The 2019 EBC Strategic Workshop was held on 19th September 2019. On this occasion, representatives of scientific societies, patient groups, industries and national brain councils met to exchange perspectives on the strategic priorities of EBC. Consensus was reached on a set of robust aims connected to EU policy and advocacy, therapeutic innovation and future initiatives in the area of brain research. The Strategic Workshop was followed by the EBC Board and General Assembly meetings.

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## EBC Constituency



## 10th IBRO World Congress

The 10th IBRO World Congress in Daegu, Korea, has concluded and was a great success. It was our most attended congress with 4,385 delegates from 89 countries. We greatly appreciated the participation of EBC in the IBRO-UNESCO International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) global engagement and outreach event and in the International Brain Initiative coordinating body meeting and its stakeholder collective breakout session. We also very much appreciated that EBC, FENS and the Cajal Training Programme had exhibitor booths (out of a total of 128 exhibitors).

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## FENS Forum 2020: programme online!

The **scientific programme for the FENS Forum 2020 of neuroscience** is now online!

With 56 parallel symposia, 20 plenary and special lectures, and a full programme of special and networking events, the Forum will provide a great platform to discuss science and learn about new concepts and technological developments. Early registration and call for abstracts open on 1 December 2019. FENS invites its partners to benefit from the Forum to organise events and facilitate discussion across disciplines and topics.

Find out more on the [FENS Forum 2020 website](#) or by visiting the FENS booth #2027 at [SfN 2019 in Chicago!](#)

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## An open letter to EU leaders, calling for increased prioritisation of neurological/brain health in EU policies

The European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA), together with European Brain Council (EBC) and European Academy of Neurology (EAN), has sent an open letter to EU leaders, making a strong case for increased prioritisation of neurological/brain health in EU policies and calling for concrete measures to be undertaken to counteract the increasing burden of brain disorders.

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## Registration is now open for EPA Madrid 2020

Registration for the **28th European Congress of Psychiatry** is now open on the [Congress website](#). Join us in **Madrid, Spain, from 28 to 31 March 2020**, and be a part of the future discussion and educational forums on a range of topics in the field of psychiatry, psychology, social work, and clinical trials!

Remember to **register for EPA 2020 Madrid before 21 January 2020** to take advantage of the most affordable way to attend the Congress with Early Bird registration savings.

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## MEP Alliance for Mental Health, 16 October 2019

The first meeting of the [MEP Alliance for Mental Health](#), organized by GAMIAN-Europe will take place on **16 October in the European Parliament in Brussels between 14.00 and 16.00 in Room JAN 2Q2**. This meeting will serve to strengthen the supporter base of the group as well as focus on the priorities and possibilities for EU-action in relation to mental health. The MEP Alliance for Mental Health aims to bring together MEPs and relevant stakeholders to advocate the development of sound EU policies which contribute to the prevention of mental ill health and ensure appropriate and high-quality services and person-centred care, empowering those affected.

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## EANS2019 Congress

Taking place from 24 to 29 September in the very heart of Dublin, EANS2019 Congress hosted more than 1700 participants from all over the world who enjoyed a rich scientific programme. Karl Schaller took over the EANS presidency from Jesus Lafuente. Karl Schaller stated: "The EANS has become a home to many of us. We are spending some of the most rewarding time of our professional lives during EANS events with some of the finest people we will ever come across in our lives. That is a privilege, and I wish to build on that privilege". Next year EANS2020 will be held in Belgrade while during the Congress, Sofia was named the winning bidder for EANS2022 Congress

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## For your Agenda

16 October 2019 - [Meeting of the MEP Alliance for Mental Health](#), Brussels

17 October 2019 - [EU Health Policy Platform annual meeting](#), Brussels

17 - 18 October 2019 - [Annual Meeting of the International Neuroethics Society](#), Chicago

27 - 29 October 2019 - [World Health Summit](#), Berlin

5 November 2019 - [5th International Systems Biomedicine Symposium - Systems Neuroscience: bridging the scales of the brain](#), Campus Belval, Luxembourg

6 November 2019 - [Meeting of the MEP Interest Group on Brain, Mind and Pain](#), Brussels

7 November 2019 - [Societal Impact of Pain 2019 Symposium](#), Brussels

12 November 2019 - [MULTI-ACT Project Results Event](#), Brussels

12 - 14 November 2019 - [2019 EPF Congress](#), Brussels

27 - 28 November 2019 - EBC Board Meeting and General Assembly, Brussels

30 November 2019 - [18th BSC scientific symposium](#), Leuven

2 December 2019 - [Encephalitis Conference 2019](#), London

5 December 2019 - [EBRA: Year 1 - Project Event](#), Brussels

28 - 31 March 2020 - [28th European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Madrid

11 - 15 July 2020 - [12th FENS Forum of Neuroscience](#), Glasgow

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