

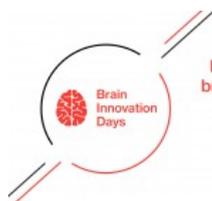
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EBC Activities



Fast-tracking
brain innovation
in times of
COVID-19
27 April 2021
12:30 - 14:00 CET

Relive the 3rd Brain Innovation Days event!

The 3rd Brain Innovation Days digital event took place on 27 April 2021, under the theme "**Fast-tracking brain innovation in times of COVID-19**".

The purpose of this session was to explore the **positive direct and indirect results of COVID-19** pandemic response and research on the brain innovation ecosystem, what lessons have been learned, what countries have come out winning, what advancements have been made and what threats lie ahead – particularly when and if the world returns to the pre-COVID status quo. The session featured testimonials from key opinions leaders, patients, representatives from the EU and WHO level and the industries that were forced to adapt to this rapid change of pace in innovation.

Have a look at the full recording of the event:

[Watch the recording](#)



New Brain Talks episode with icompanion, winner of the Brain Innovation Days Public Award for Best Pitch

Listen to a new episode of Brain Talks, "**icompanion: monitoring MS from your smartphone**" now. icompanion won the Public Award for Best Pitch at the first-ever Brain Innovation Days Pitch Competition, which took place during the second digital session held on 26 January. They have created a free app and web platform that helps people living with multiple sclerosis monitor their condition.

[Listen to the podcast](#)



MEPs call for EU to take lead in tackling brain disorders and EPolicy Roadmap featured in Parliament Magazine

EBC is featured in the latest **Parliament Magazine**, with President **Prof. Monica Di Luca** included with a **Thought Leader** piece, outlining why the establishment of a European brain health strategy is critical to fostering research and innovation, and improving patient care. Her piece was printed alongside an article by MEPs Tomislav Sokol (HR, EPP) and Maria da Graça Carvalho (PT, EPP) highlighting the importance of prioritising brain research in Europe and calling for EU leadership.

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Virtual roundtable held on EBC Policy Roadmap

EBC held a **virtual roundtable** on 20 April to discuss its **Policy Roadmap** 'Brain Health in Europe: Fostering Innovation, Improving Outcomes' and recommendations.

Today, more than ever, EU health stakeholders need to come together and ensure that brain health is at the centre of the Union and its Member States' public health agenda. We need to combine our efforts to foster innovation in research and treatment for mental and neurological disorder and to improve the quality of life of affected patients.

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Registration now open for “Brain and machine: Improving MS care in a digital age” event on 27 May 2021

EBC is pleased to invite you to register & attend the digital event **“Brain and machine: Improving MS care in a digital age”**, to be held on **27 May 2021** at 11:00 CET. The event is supported by Biogen, EBC and EU40 and will explore how digital technologies are reshaping healthcare and multiple sclerosis treatment.

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One Neurology Partnership officially launched

EBC is happy to be part of the **One Neurology Partnership**, launched at the beginning of the month. The One Neurology Partnership is a patient-driven and multi-stakeholder partnership which aims to strengthen neurology-related groups to stimulate collaborative advocacy, action and accountability for the prevention, treatment and management of neurological disorders worldwide.

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EBC at the 29th European Congress of Psychiatry

EBC took part in the **29th European Congress of Psychiatry**, organized by the European Psychiatric Association between 10 - 13 April 2021.

In the framework of the congress, the European Brain Research Area (EBRA) held a **workshop** on the topic "The European Brain Research Area: a catalysing initiative for brain research stakeholders to streamline brain research across Europe".

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Watch the highlights from the MULTI-ACT Final Conference!

Watch the highlights from the **MULTI-ACT Final Conference**, "The MULTI-ACT model: the path forward for participatory governance in health research and innovation", that was held virtually on 23 March 2021!

The MULTI-ACT consortium has produced a governance model, a roadmap for patient engagement and impact indicators along five dimensions to foster stakeholder engagement in health research and innovation; many of which were presented during the conference. Furthermore, the MULTI-ACT online toolbox was presented and will be available to organisations willing to conduct health research with a multi-stakeholder and co-accountable approach.

[Watch the video](#)



Researchers call for more money for mental health research

EBC highlighted the need to increase the investment in mental health research & development in the Science Business article "**Researchers call for more money for mental health research**". Against the staggering €600B per annum cost of dealing with mental health problems, Horizon 2020 invested a paltry €870M over seven years on research into their causes.

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Rewatch the European Brain Research Area (EBRA) workshop on data sharing

The full recording of the European Brain Research Area (EBRA) **workshop** held on 17 March is now available on YouTube. The event was held with EBC, ERA-NET Neuron and Human Brain Project, to better understand how the different research communities work with data.

[Watch the recording](#)

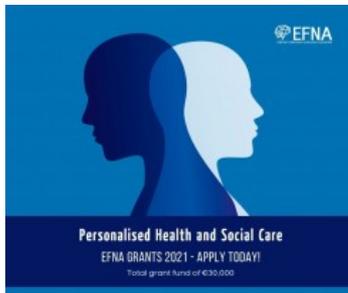


EBC trains early-stage researchers to become a voice for neuroscience research throughout their careers

In the context of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions on Innovative Training Networks funded by the Horizon 2020 programme, EBC organised a workshop on the role of science in the European policy-making process. The workshop addressed to a group of early-stage researchers aimed to empower them with ways to become a voice for neuroscience research throughout their careers. Participants were introduced to the European policy-making environment and EU funding mechanisms. They took part in mock-up sessions engaging with policy makers on different scenarios and could also interact in a panel discussion on career opportunities in science policy and advocacy.

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EBC Members



EFNA launch 2021 grants scheme on theme of Personalised Health and Social Care

EFNA launched a call for applications to its 2021 grants scheme, this year with a focus on 'personalised health and social care'.

Personalised medicine is a medical model that aims to provide tailor-made prevention and treatment strategies for defined groups of individuals. This usually involves genomics, information technology and patient empowerment. However, EFNA feel it's important to go beyond medicine only and look toward personalised health and social care – tailoring medical management and patient care to the needs of the individual.

Up to 10 projects will be funded from a total grant fund of €30,000.

Deadline for applications: Friday, June 18th 2021.

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The EPA thanks the over 3,300 participants at EPA Virtual 2021

The EPA would like to thank the over 3,300 participants from over 100 countries who joined the 29th European Congress of Psychiatry from 10-13 April.

All areas of the virtual Congress platform will remain accessible until 13 July. Click here to access over 100+ different sessions of symposia, plenary lectures, workshops, courses and more.

We invite those who missed the virtual congress to register and access the full scientific programme on the virtual Congress platform.

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FENS Forum 2022: submit your symposium and technical workshop proposals!

The call for symposia and technical workshops for the FENS Forum 2022 is open! Don't miss this opportunity to share your research and shape the scientific programme of Europe's premier neuroscience meeting: with 56 symposia across four days, there is enormous scope to showcase your field!

Full list of themes and submission at: <https://forum.fens.org/proposal-submission/>

Discover some of the reasons why you should submit a proposal: <https://forum.fens.org/why-submit-a-proposal/>

Submission deadline: 20 May 2021

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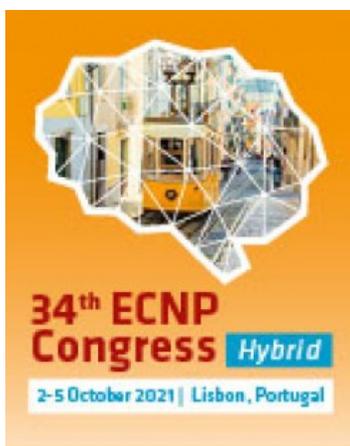


Applications are currently open for the IBRO Meetings Support program!

The IBRO Meetings Support program supports funding requests from symposia, short courses, workshops, and meeting organizers on important topics in neuroscience within the Pan-European Region. Applicants can also apply for the IBRO-PERC National Neuroscience Societies Partnership Initiative which aims to reinforce the link between IBRO's Pan-European Regional Committee (PERC) and the national neuroscience societies that are affiliated with IBRO-PERC.

Deadline: 13 May 2021

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34th ECNP Congress Hybrid - Submit your abstract by 18 May

Share your research and boost your career, by submitting an abstract for the 34th ECNP Congress Hybrid, 2-5 October 2021 in Lisbon, Portugal!

It is also possible to submit a non-standard abstract. For example clinical cases, literature reviews and research proposals.

Make sure to check the special benefits for abstract submitters and the details on free registration for Early Career Scientists.

The deadline for abstract submission for poster presenters is 18 May 2021.

Do not miss this opportunity to be part of Europe's largest meeting in applied brain research!

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National Brain Councils



7th Academy Meeting of National Brain Councils – Event report & highlights video

The 7th Academy Meeting of National Brain Councils was held virtually on 15th April 2021.

Prof. Monica Di Luca, President of the European Brain Council, started the meeting with words of welcome to the participants, followed by an Opening Address by MEP Tomislav Sokol (HR, EPP) on the perspective of a European Health Union. Pierre Delsaux, Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, delivered his keynote speech and replied to the questions from the audience, focusing on the key role of Member States in developing and establishing a European brain health agenda.

The Academy Meeting closed with a presentation by several National Brain Councils, showcasing the latest policy developments in their countries.

[Read more & watch the highlights video](#)

For your Agenda

6 May 2021 - [EU-UK transfers of data: implications for the European healthcare sector](#), Virtual

20 May 2021 - [EBC Board & General Assembly Meetings](#), Virtual

20 May 2021 - [Intimacy and sex after stroke: how to start the conversation](#), Virtual

27 May 2021 - [Brain and machine: Improving MS care in a digital age](#), Virtual

3 June 2021 - [Patient safety and informed consent for the use of off-label medicines](#), Virtual

8 June 2021 - [VoT2 Synthesis Meeting](#), Virtual

19-22 June 2021 - [EAN 7th Congress](#), Virtual

23-24 June 2021 - [European Research and Innovation Days](#), Virtual

25-27 August 2021 - [FENS Regional Meeting](#), Virtual

1-3 September 2021 - [7th European Stroke Organisation Conference](#), Virtual

2-5 October 2021 - [ECNP Congress](#), Lisbon (Portugal) & Virtual

3-7 October 2021 - [EANS Congress](#), Hamburg (Germany)

12-13 October 2021 - [Brain Innovation Days: United for Brain Innovation](#), Brussels (Belgium)

7 December 2021 - [Encephalitis Conference 2021](#), Royal College of Physicians, London (UK) & Virtual

2-5 April 2022 - [30th European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Budapest (Hungary)

28 April-2 May 2022 - [14th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress](#), Glasgow (UK)



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