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EBC Activities

RETHINKINGMS
IN TIMES OF COVID-19

EBC launches “RETHINKING MS in times of COVID-19” on the occasion of World Multiple Sclerosis Day

On the occasion of World Multiple Sclerosis Day (30 May 2021), EBC released its new policy paper, “**RETHINKING MS in times of COVID-19**”, part of the main report “RETHINKING MS in Europe”, a research-driven project offering tangible policy changes to improve the lives of people living with MS across Europe.

[Read more](#)



Virtual exhibition “Living with MS during COVID-19: A case for rethinking MS in the EU” officially open

Through this unique virtual exhibition, you will be able to view portraits of people supporting EBC’s RETHINKING MS call. The portraits feature people living with MS, clinicians, care givers, policymakers and industry representatives who want to make a difference in how MS care and treatment are delivered in Europe.

[Read more](#)



One week left to register for the Value of Treatment 2 Synthesis Meeting

There is only one week left to register for the upcoming **Value of Treatment for Brain Disorders Research Project “Case studies on Rare Diseases and Mental Disorders” Virtual Synthesis Meeting** to be held on **8 June 2021** at 13:00-17:30.

[More Info & Registration](#)



Registration open for “Patient safety and informed consent: The importance of good off-label use practices”

The European Brain Council is pleased to invite you to register for the digital event **“Patient safety and informed consent: The importance of good off-label use practices”** to be held virtually on **17 June 2021 at 14:30 – 16:00 CET**.

The purpose of this event is to allow an exchange of ideas and experience among stakeholders and local actors, to understand which paths to take in individual Member States and to allow a continuous exchange of ideas and information on the **off-label use of medicines**.

[More Info & Registration](#)



Digital event “Brain and machine: Improving MS care in a digital age”

EBC Executive Director, Frédéric Destrebecq, was part of the digital event **“Brain and machine: Improving MS care in a digital age”**, held virtually on 27 May 2021. The event was organised by The Economist and supported by Biogen, EBC and EU40.

This digital gathered biotechnology leaders, policymakers, medical professionals, advocacy groups and patient advocates to examine how the digital revolution is transforming health-care delivery.

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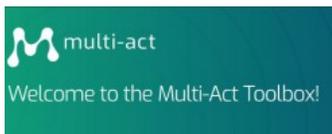


Event Report: EBC Policy Roundtable on Brain Health in Europe: Fostering Innovation, Improving Outcomes

On 20 April 2021, the European Brain Council held a virtual Roundtable to formally launch its [Policy Roadmap 'Brain Health in Europe: Fostering Innovation, Improving Outcomes'](#).

The roundtable was hosted by the European Brain Council and co-hosted by MEP **Maria da Graça Carvalho** (EPP, Portugal) and MEP **Tomislav Sokol** (EPP, Croatia). The panel and the audience comprised of an array of key stakeholders, with representatives from the European Parliament, the European Commission, the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**, the scientific and clinical community, patient organisations and industry.

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MULTI-ACT launches a Digital Toolbox

The **MULTI-ACT Digital Toolbox** is a web-based tool designed and developed by the MULTI-ACT Consortium, with the technical support of the partner **INTRASOFT**, to facilitate the application of the **Collective Research Impact Framework (CRIF)** and interaction among stakeholders. The toolbox enables easy navigation through the MULTI-ACT knowledge base and is an integral part of the MULTI-ACT project outcomes

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Become an official endorser of the OneNeurology Initiative

Under the **OneNeurology Partnership**, international neurological organisations and regional umbrellas are uniting to make neurology a global public health priority. It is a **multi-stakeholder, patient-focused 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.

[Read more](#)



Brain Innovation Days - Community Survey

Eight months since the launch of the Brain Innovation Days Digital Session series, the BIDs Team would like to hear from you!

We kindly ask for a few minutes of your time to let us know your thoughts about the **Brain Innovation Days** - past, present and future. Your suggestions and feedback will help shape future content and ensure that the **community's interests** are reflected at the Brain Innovation Days.

[Share your feedback](#)

EBC Members



7th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology - Virtual 2021

Register now for EAN 2021 Virtual Congress. EAN Student members can participate for free if they complete their membership application by 31st May, 2021. This year's congress features a selection of sessions with subtitles in Russian and Spanish, as well as TV channel with programming on advocacy in neurology, history of neurology in Vienna and more!

[Register here](#)



ME/CFS in Europe – A Roundtable of European Stakeholders and Policymakers

Following joint planning sessions, the European ME Alliance (EMEA) and EFNA are arranging a multi-stakeholder, roundtable meeting on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME/CFS) in Europe. The event will take place on June 9, 13:00 – 16:00hrs CET.

The meeting will bring together a variety of initial stakeholders in Europe, including clinicians, researchers, policymakers, industry and patient representatives from EMEA's members, in order to create a better understanding of the many unmet needs and the devastating impact of ME/CFS on patients and families across generations. It will also include discussions on the implications of Long COVID – including similarities to ME/CFS.

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App & Innovation Challenge

EPNS is pleased to launch the submission page for its App & Innovation Challenge, to take place at the EPNS Congress 2022. The 14th EPNS Congress not only offers a great platform for scientific findings but also encourages companies and other organisations to give a stage to their latest apps and innovations. You are invited to submit your app and innovation for a short presentation.

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OneNeurology Global Advocacy Workshop

The OneNeurology campaign is searching for effective advocates at national and regional levels to get involved, in working with them to develop their response to the first draft of the GAP, and to advocate at all levels for a plan that addresses the real burden of neurological disorders.

If you are interested in learning more and getting actively involved, the OneNeurology Partnership will host, on June 29th 2021, a virtual Global Advocacy Workshop.

[Read more](#)

National Brain Councils

7th National Brain Councils Academy

15 April 2021 (15:00 - 17:00 CET)

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.

[Watch the highlight video](#)

For your Agenda

3 June 2021 - [Next generation tools to manage Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Multiple Sclerosis \(open co-design workshop\)](#), BRAINTEASER, Virtual

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

9 June 2021 - [Myalgic Encephalomyelitis in Europe: A Roundtable of European Stakeholders and Policymakers](#), Virtual

9-11 June 2021 - [EMSP 2021 Annual Conference](#), Virtual

17 June 2021 - [Patient safety and informed consent: The importance of good off-label use practices](#), Virtual

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

21 June 2021 - [EBC Scientific Theatre Session at EAN Congress – The Value of Treatment Project: The Value of Early Coordinated Care for Patients Affected by Rare Neurological Diseases](#), Virtual

22 June 2021 - [EBRA at EAN Congress: Special Session 14: The European Brain Research Area](#), Virtual

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

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

29 June 2021 - [OneNeurology Global Advocacy Workshop](#), 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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