

# EUROPEAN BRAIN COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER - November 2021

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### EBC Activities



#### New EBC Executive Committee elected

We are pleased to announce that as of 1 January 2022, a **new Executive Committee**, elected at the Board Meeting on 17 November 2021, will begin their mandate, with the terms of the current members coming to an end.

In addition, a General Assembly and annual Strategic Workshop brought our members together on 17-18 November — in Brussels and virtually — to discuss the ongoing work of 2021 and the future plans for 2022.

Find out more about the meetings and the new members of the Executive Committee:

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#### Creating synergies and showcasing innovation: Brain Innovation Days 2021

After almost 2 years of planning and three digital events, the first-ever, in-person **Brain Innovation Days**, led by EBC, took place on 12-13 October 2021 in Brussels.

Relive the event and have a look at the [official aftermovie](#), the [photo gallery](#) and [recorded live talks!](#)

[Visit the Brain Innovation Days website](#)



#### Making brain health a priority in Europe: 1st European Brain Summit

The **European Brain Summit**, organised by EBC and EBRAINS, was the occasion for leading researchers and policy makers to present their vision of the future of European brain research in the context of the European Health Union and to highlight innovative solutions and latest technological advancements.

Almost 200 registered participants joined the meeting on-site and over 1000 followed the live stream from across Europe and beyond.

Have a look back at key moments of the Summit in the [pictures gallery](#) and [rewatch the session now!](#)

[European Brain Summit in Pictures](#)



## EBC holds event on “Best practices for patient safety: An EU-wide view on the use of medicines off-label”

The European Brain Council was pleased to hold the digital event, “**Best practices for patient safety: An EU-wide view on the use of medicines off-label**”, on 30 November 2021.

In 2016, the [Declaration for Good Off-Label Use Practice](#) was launched, supported by a coalition of European organisations dedicated to ensuring that high standards of patient care are upheld and that progress in medical research and innovation is achieved.

The purpose of this event was to bring together patients, clinicians and policy makers to ensure greater awareness of the use of medicines off-label through the exchange of ideas and best practices from different European countries.

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## A harmonised EU approach to the off-label use of medicines?

The Executive Director of the European Brain Council, Frédéric Destrebecq and MEP Cyrus Engerer (S&D, MT) featured in **Parliament Magazine** to outline how European patients can benefit from a properly regulated off-label medicine framework.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us how important coordination among countries is when responding to health threats. It also revealed the crucial role the EU can play in promoting joint health responses that fully respect each Member States’ role in governing their health systems.

[Read the article](#)



## Value of Treatment featured at the 11th Conference of the International Society for Affective Disorders

On the occasion of the **11th Conference of the International Society for Affective Disorders (ISAD2021)**, Dr. Rebecca Strawbridge, had a presentation on "Cognitive Interventions for Affective Disorders: what can we do and how might it help?".

The presentation took place on behalf of the major depression working group as part of the health economics and outcomes research project, Value of Treatment, coordinated by EBC.

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## EBC at the Virtual Pain Education Summit

EBC took part in the **Virtual Pain Education Summit**, organised by the European Pain Federation EFIC on 4-6 November 2021. Visitors of the Summit had a chance to learn more about the ongoing EBC projects such as the European Brain Research Area (EBRA), the Brain Innovation Days, the Value of Treatment and many more.

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**EBC Members**



## 14th European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Congress: 28 April – 2 May 2022

Hybrid event in Glasgow, UK and virtual.

Provides an opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the rapidly evolving field of child neurology, including basic science, diagnostic methods, and novel treatments. Network with colleagues and partners all focused on delivering the best possible care for children with neurological disorders.

Preliminary Programme: <https://epns-congress.com/programme/>

Minimising the environmental impact. With an ambition to contribute towards a safe and healthy environment, the EPNS Congress supports the sustainability statement of the congress venue, Scottish Event Campus (SEC) location of COP26

The EPNS looks forward to welcoming you to our Congress!

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## COVID19 Survey, Mind@work and Mental Health in the digital world of work

What has been the impact of COVID-19 on mental health care and services? How has the pandemic affected the mental health of clinicians and patients? Through its new **survey** developed in collaboration with the European Psychiatric Association, GAMIAN Europe seeks to answer these questions. The survey is aimed at clinicians who provided mental health services during this challenging time, as well as people with pre-existing or recently diagnosed mental health conditions. The [survey](#) is now available in 8 languages! Share it with your network and fill it out by December 20!

GAMIAN Europe is part of the **Mind@Work Project!** This non-profit initiative aims to raise awareness of mental health in the workplace by collecting the stories of young adults about how they manage with work mentally. The stories collected will be developed into a co-created documentary podcast series and shared on social media to create wider discussion. [Share your story!](#)

The European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs has recently decided to draft an Own-Initiative report entitled '**Mental Health in the digital world of work**'. The MEP Alliance for Mental Health and the Coalition for Mental Health and Wellbeing co-organised a virtual kick-off meeting aiming at gathering experts' thoughts on the issues that should be addressed by the report. The meeting, attended by six experts, was chaired by MEP and Rapporteur Maria Walsh. Have a look at the meeting's [report!](#)

[Visit the GAMIAN-Europe website](#)

## FENS Forum 2022 & Brain Conference "Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States"

Mark your calendars: the call for early registration, abstract submission and FENS/IBRO-PERC travel grant applications opens on Wednesday 1 December 2021. FENS and the [Société des Neurosciences](#) are looking forward to welcoming the neuroscience community to Paris (France) on 9-13 July 2022! Visit the [FENS Forum 2022 website!](#)

Chaired by Adrian Bird (UK) and Anne Schaefer (DE and US), the [Brain Conference "Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States"](#) will feature the latest research covering genetic and epigenetic mechanisms responsible for creating and maintaining the integrity of the brain. FENS members benefit from special rates! Apply before the early registration deadline on 2 December.

[Visit the FENS website](#)



## ECNP New Frontiers in Digital Health Meeting 2022

The [ECNP New Frontiers in Digital Health Meeting](#) is an essential platform for focused, high-level exchange at the intersection of research science and new treatment development.

The next meeting will take place on 20-21 March 2022, in Nice, France.

This meeting is designed for stakeholders from IT, pharma and medical devices industry, regulators, and patient and family associations who are interested in discussing how digital health is going to change the way clinical trials are run and the use of digital therapeutics for brain disorders.

The core topic of the 2022 meeting will be 'Decentralised clinical trials'.

Application for this meeting is now open. More information on the meeting, the programme and how to apply is available on the [ECNP website](#).

The deadline to apply is 7 December 2021.

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## EFNA launch e-learning series on EU Funding

As part of EFNA's Training Initiatives for Neurology Advocates [TINA] programme, a new [series of e-learning modules](#) has been launched, on the theme of EU Funding.

The EU provides funding for a broad range of projects and programmes covering almost all areas. Navigating all these programmes and applying for funding can be quite a daunting process! In this series of modules, you'll be guided step by step and provided you with all the information you need. The five modules cover:

- [The Recovery Plan for Europe](#)
- [Horizon Europe](#)
- [EU4Health](#)
- [Erasmus+](#) and
- [The EU Cohesion Policy](#)

[EFNA's e-learning modules](#) are free to access, though registration is required. Participants will be able to access personalised certificates of completion following each module.

[Learn more & register](#)

The European Brain Council is a network of key players in the “Brain Area”, with a membership encompassing scientific societies, patient organisations, professional societies and industry partners.

Find out the latest from our [Members](#) and [Industry Partners](#)!

## For your Agenda

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

10 December 2021 - [FENS Friday EBRA webinar](#), Virtual

17 December 2021 - [OneNeurology European Summit](#), Virtual

7–9 March 2022 - [2nd Expert Summit on the Future of Deep Brain Stimulation](#), Würzburg (Germany)

20-21 March 2022 - [ECNP New Frontiers in Digital Health Meeting](#), Nice (France)

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

3-6 April 2022 - [The Brain Conference: Establishment and Maintenance of Brain Cell States](#), Rungstedgaard (Denmark)

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

4-6 May 2022 – [8th Annual European Stroke Organisation Conference](#), Lyon (France)

25-28 June 2022 – [8th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology](#), Vienna (Austria)

26-29 June 2022 - [The Brain Conference: Genetics and mechanisms of complex disorders: highlighting migraine](#), Rungstedgaard (Denmark)

9-13 July 2022 – [FENS Forum](#), Paris (France)

4-8 September 2022 – [32nd International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology](#), Geneva (Switzerland)

27-30 September 2022 – [26th Congress of the European Sleep Research Society](#), Athens (Greece)

15-18 October 2022 – [35th ECNP Congress](#), Vienna (Austria) & Virtual

9-13 September 2023 - [11th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience](#), Granada (Spain)

7-10 October 2023 - [36th ECNP Congress](#), Barcelona (Spain)



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