

European Brain Council

Newsletter - March 2022



20 years of
promoting
brain research
2002 - 2022

The European Brain Council celebrates its 20th anniversary

Twenty years ago, on 22 March 2002, the European Brain Council (EBC) was formed. To celebrate this milestone, EBC will dedicate 2022 to highlighting the **great achievements of our first 20 years**, spotlighting projects, major moments and key members and visionaries in EBC's foundation.

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EBC Activities

A look back at Brain Awareness Week 2022



Brain Awareness Week 2022 was a busy time period for EBC this year, with a series of **virtual launches** taking place, namely the release of the 2nd Round of the Value of Treatment project results and Calls to Action as well as the Save the Date for the European Brain Research Area Final Conference and the Brain Innovation Days.

[Discover all the EBC Activities](#)



Save the date for the Brain Innovation Days

We are excited to announce that the **Brain Innovation Days** will be back this year, set to take place on **11-12 October 2022 in Brussels**, and we invite you to Save the Date!

This year's event will centre around **Connecting Brains**: bringing together the current and future generations of brain research and innovation.

Key players and experts in the brain space across Europe and beyond will be able to connect through a **networking-friendly programme** and **innovation showcasing**. You can look forward to pre-event and on-site matchmaking advantages, a Welcome Reception on 11 October, the 2nd Brain Innovation Days **Pitch Competition**, an **Innovation Corner**, inspiring sessions and much more. You don't want to miss this!

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Save the date for the EBRA Final Conference

The EBRA project partners are delighted to invite you to **Save the Date for the upcoming Final Conference, which will take place on 11 October 2022 in Brussels**. Collaboration and cooperation in the brain research area remain more important than ever and the EBRA Final Conference will be a major milestone to ensure unification and commitment to the future of brain research in Europe.

More details will follow soon – keep following EBRA for the latest information on the conference.

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EBRA launches open consultation on Shared European Brain Research Agenda

An Open Consultation on the **Shared European Brain Research Agenda** (SEBRA) is currently underway within the EBC-coordinated **European Brain Research Area** (EBRA) project, with the aim to provide recommendations on future areas for excellent, innovative, and translational research. Existing strategic research agendas have been taken into consideration and input has been collected from a first set of identified experts in the European brain research area. Complete the survey before the **30th April**.

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Value of Treatment project releases results on the value of early diagnosis and coordinated care for rare brain diseases

On the occasion of Brain Awareness Week 2022, the **Value of Treatment for Brain Disorders (VOT)** working group released the summaries of case study results. Focused on **rare neurological diseases and neurometabolic disorders Ataxia, Dystonia and Phenylketonuria**, the study looked at early intervention and explored the benefits of coordinated care through the examination of health services, multidisciplinary care patterns (also addressing comorbidity), patient outcomes and costs.

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Value of Treatment project releases results on the value of early intervention and continuity of care for mental disorders

The **Value of Treatment for Brain Disorders (VOT)** working group released a summary and a call to action focused on **Anorexia Nervosa, Autism Spectrum Disorder and Major Depressive Disorder**. The study looked at early intervention and explored the benefits of improved detection, continuity of care and treatment, and collaborative care patterns (also addressing mental disorders with comorbid medical conditions) on outcomes to patients and costs.

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One Neurology releases 3 new podcast episodes

To mark the Brain Awareness Week, the One Neurology initiative shared 3 new podcast episodes, with guests from around the world discussing why neurology must be addressed as one.

Frédéric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, was featured in episode 12, discussing how the WHO Global Action Plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders can be implemented at regional and national levels around the world.

[Listen to the podcast](#)



EBC joins the Care4Autism kick-off meeting

The European Brain Council was invited to speak at the Care4Autism Kick-off Meeting. The Belgian Brain Council -coordinated Erasmus+ project aims to reduce stigma and discrimination through awareness, highlight effective practices in digital health care services and provide support for carers.

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EBC Members



Less than 2 months to go: 14th European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Congress is approaching fast!

From 28 April to 2 May 2022 the paediatric neurology community from European and all around the world meets up in Glasgow. Make the most of this unique opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the rapidly evolving field of child neurology, including basic science, diagnostic methods, and novel treatments. Get your ticket for in-person or virtual participation now!

[Learn more and register here](#)



FENS Forum 2022 Online and Onsite Registration open!

Both online and onsite registration for the FENS Forum 2022 are now open. Thousands of people have already registered early to attend the FENS Forum in person on 9-13 July in Paris, France. To encourage the broadest participation possible, this year's event will also include virtual features. Discover them here, and remember you can save on registration until 24 May 2022!

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The Brain Conference: Genetics and mechanisms of complex disorders: highlighting migraine

Chaired by Peter Goadsby (US) and Jes Olesen (DK), this Brain Conference focuses on how recent discoveries on migraine may inform the investigation of other complex disorders. Run in an intimate setting, Brain Conferences are the best place to catch up with your peers and discover the latest advances in migraine research! Register before the deadline on 10 April 2022.

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Brain & Spine – APCs waived for submissions until 31 May 2022!

Did you know that until 31 May 2022, submission at the EANS – EUROSPINE journal “Brain and Spine” is free of Article Processing Charges?

Brain and Spine, the official scientific journal of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) and the Spine Society of Europe (EUROSPINE), is a peer reviewed open access journal for scientific manuscripts concerned with pathophysiology, diagnostics, prevention, surgical and non-surgical interventions for structural pathological-anatomical alterations of the nervous system and axial skeleton. Brain and Spine accepts high quality papers from a wide variety of research areas, such as basic science at a molecular level, translational research and clinical epidemiology through to population health at a societal level.

[Learn more and submit your paper now](#)



New survey to assess diagnosis and care pathways of people living with neurological disorders

EFNA recently launched a survey on 'Assessing diagnosis and care pathways of people living with neurological disorders in Europe'. The survey has been developed with the aim of identifying, reporting and beginning to address the varied challenges facing all affected by neurological conditions, either as patients or caregivers.

The survey is open to anyone in Europe who is over the age of 18 and living with a neurological disorder, or who is carer to someone living with a neurological disorder. It is available in 8 languages.

The survey can be accessed until April 19.

[Complete the survey](#)



EPA Statements and Actions with regard to the conflict in Ukraine

The conflict in Ukraine is having a tremendous impact on the mental and psychosocial wellbeing of people. In the past weeks, the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) published three statements to announce a set of actions undertaken to support healthcare professionals and persons affected by this situation. The three EPA statements were released on [28 February](#), [9 March](#) and [18 March](#).

The EPA is also collecting key resources on coping with trauma and humanitarian emergencies. These resources are made available on the EPA website, in the dedicated "[EPA Trauma Resource Centre](#)".

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35th ECNP Congress 2022 - abstract submission

Share your research with Europe's largest audience in applied and translational research!

On the congress website you will find all info, including video's to help you write the perfect abstract. The deadline for submission is 10 May 2022.

[Submit your abstract here](#)

EBC Members & Industry Partners

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

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

7-9 April 2022 - 11th EANS Annual Young Neurosurgeons' Meeting and Research Course, Florence (Italy)

20-21 April 2022 - XVI European Patients' Rights Day, Virtual

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

29 April 2022 - EBC Session "MS in Europe: the value of integrated and personalized health and social care approaches", EMSP Congress, Madrid (Spain) & Virtual

29 April 2022 - EBC Session "How can EBC promote child neurology in Europe?", EPNS Congress, Glasgow (UK)

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

4-7 June 2022 - 30th European Congress of Psychiatry, Budapest (Hungary) & Virtual

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

28 June 2022 - EBC Special Session at EAN Congress, Vienna (Austria)

28 June 2022 - European Brain Research Area (EBRA) session at EAN Congress, Vienna (Austria)

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

30 June - 3 July 2022 - NEURO 2022, Okinawa (Japan) & Virtual

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

11 July 2022 - The European Brain Research area: Building a Brain Health Partnership, Special Interest Session, FENS Forum, Paris (France)

12 July 2022 - Brain capital and the young generation, Special Interest Session, 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)

11 October 2022 - European Brain Research Area Final Conference, Brussels (Belgium)

11-12 October 2022 - Brain Innovation Days: Connecting Brains, Brussels (Belgium)

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

18-19 October 2022 - Brain Health Nexus: Galvanizing the brain health ecosystem, Washington D.C. (USA)

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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