

Global Partnerships in Brain Research
Science Summit at the 77th United Nations General Assembly
26 September 2022, The Experience Room at 55 Hudson Yards, New York City

In the framework of the [Science Summit at the 77th United Nations General Assembly](#), the European Brain Council and Cohen Veterans Bioscience are pleased to convene a meeting on **Global Partnerships in Brain Research** with leaders in neuroscience, to highlight existing global partnerships and explore collaboration and alignment for the future.

Background

Enhancing global collaboration in the domain of research and innovation is key for effectively addressing today's societal challenges and improving the health and well-being of citizens. This is particularly true for brain disorders, including both neurological and mental conditions, which are widespread and highly disabling diseases that are often difficult to treat. The EU has demonstrated its ability to be an important interlocutor in promoting international research collaboration in a wide range of areas, ranging from problems connected to climate change to issues such as agriculture and energy, which is expected to deliver promising results in the near future. It is therefore crucial to explore how global research collaboration can support brain research in a meaningful way, to the benefit of patients across the globe.

Various initiatives aimed at reinforcing global research collaboration, including in the brain research space, have been launched in recent years. The EBC-led Horizon 2020 project establishing a European Brain Research Area (EBRA) aims to reduce fragmentation in brain research and foster synergies through enhanced coordination of brain research efforts at the EU and global levels. The Brain Health Nexus, led by Cohen Veterans Bioscience, was formed with the mission to build a new paradigm of international collaboration to unleash science and technology to optimise brain health and prevent brain disease.

In light of this, the forthcoming event – with key players around the table – aims to explore how global research collaboration can support brain research going forward and how best to align existing global efforts. The meeting will enable an exchange of views addressing key questions, including: *What kind of measures should decision-makers take in order to boost research collaboration at the global level? How can synergies between research schemes be reinforced to benefit brain research? What should be the role of academics, foundations, industry and policy stakeholders in linking current brain research initiatives and foster collaboration that goes beyond the large-scale brain initiatives?*

Programme

The event will take place on the afternoon of Monday, 26 September, and will combine a roundtable discussion and networking reception, in an effort to encourage concrete discussions for collaboration, knowledge and experience sharing as well as outreach and education of existing collaboration and pathways for collaboration for scientists. The proposed agenda is:

12:00-13:00	Welcome Lunch
13:00-13:20	Welcome and Introduction by Frédéric Destrebecq, European Brain Council
13:20-13:40	Tour de Table
13:40-14:10	The European Brain Research Area: A model for collaboration in brain research - looking towards the future European Brain Council and the European Brain Research Area
14:10-14:30	Brain Capital Alliance
14:30-14:50	Brain Health Nexus
14:50-17:00	Roundtable Discussion Moderated by Magali Haas, Cohen Veterans Bioscience
17:00-19:00	Networking Reception