

# European Brain Council

## Newsletter - April 2025



### EBC Activities

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#### Brain Health at the Science Summit at the 80th United Nations General Assembly



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Join the Global Brain Coalition at the Science Summit 2025 at the 80th United Nations General Assembly from 24-26 September 2025 in New York City! Hosted by EBC, the event will build on previous momentum and contribute to the global dialogue on non-communicable diseases, sustainable development, and equitable investment in science and innovation.

#### EBC Launches 2024 Annual Report



[Read the Annual Report](#)

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As we enter another important year for the EBC, we are delighted to take a moment to reflect and celebrate the accomplishments of 2024 through our Annual Report. EBC's mandate continues to grow and expands across the national, European and global levels - and 2024 was certainly a busy and crucial year.

#### Brain Innovation Days: Discover the Early Programme and Apply for the Pitch Competition!



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The programme building is well underway and we are thrilled to share with you a [first glimpse](#) into what you can expect for the 5th edition of the Brain Innovation Days!

Do you have a start-up set up for the next great brain innovation and are ready to put it to the challenge? The call for the [Pitch Competition](#) is open until 8 June 2025!

## EBC Launches 'European Charter for the Development of Responsible Neurotechnologies'



[Read and Endorse the Charter](#)

On April 28, EBC was thrilled to launch the **European Charter for the Responsible Development of Neurotechnologies!** By guiding policy, addressing risks and promoting wellbeing, this charter aims to foster trust & stewardship in neurotechnologies. This Charter was jointly elaborated by diverse stakeholders in the field and its content emerged from collaborative dialogues between public and private sectors.

## EBC Attended the Congress of European Psychiatry 2025 in Madrid!



[Read the Event Highlights](#)

EBC was pleased to attend the 33rd European Congress of Psychiatry in Madrid (Spain), organised by the European Psychiatric Association. Held on April 5-8, the Congress took place under the theme "Towards Real-World Solutions in Mental Health", focusing on the clinical translation and the sharing of good practices.

## EBC Welcomes the EU's Critical Medicines Act



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On March 11, the European Commission presented the much-anticipated Critical Medicines Act, a proposal aimed at strengthening the resilience and autonomy of the EU's pharmaceutical supply chain. EBC welcomes the EU's Critical Medicines Act as a key step toward a stronger and more resilient Health Union.

## Mental Health Summit: Prevention and Recovery in Modern Society



[Learn more & Register](#)

On the occasion of Mental Health Week, MEP Andras Kulja MD together with MEP Zoltan Tarr will host a two-day summit dedicated to mental health and recovery in modern society. EBC is pleased to be part of the evening reception on 20 May, co-organised by MEP Andras Kulja MD and The Parliament Magazine, emphasising the need for an EU Action Plan on Youth Mental Health.

## Beyond Mental Health: A Brain Health Approach to Schizophrenia Prevention and Care



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As part of the third phase of the Rethinking Schizophrenia project, the event **Beyond Mental Health: A Brain Health Approach to Schizophrenia Prevention and Care** will explore how early intervention, innovative treatments and social policy reforms can reshape schizophrenia care across Europe. The event, set to take place on 5 June 2025 in Warsaw, will be held in Polish with the English interpretation.

## Brain Awareness Week Event: Watch the Aftermovie and the Full Event Recording



[Watch the videos](#)

Watch the official aftermovie and the full event recording of the EBC annual Brain Awareness Week event "Brain Health Plans Summit: Towards the Establishment of National Brain Plans in Europe and Beyond"! Hosted by MEP Aurelijus Veryga (ECR, LT), Deputy Coordinator of the European Parliament's Public Health Committee, the high-level event brought key stakeholders together from across the European Union and beyond.

## EBC Takes Part in the European Association Summit & Awards 2025



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The European Association Summit 2025 took place on 10 April at the prestigious TheMerode, in Brussels, bringing together Association professionals from across Europe for a day of learning, networking, and collaboration. Frđđřřic Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, spoke in a session exploring how Associations can break the cycle and think outside the box.

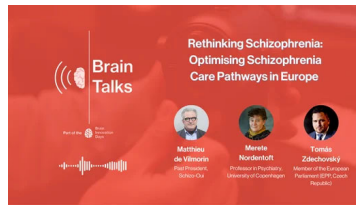
## Save the Date: BRAINTEASER Final Event to Take Place in Turin



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As the BRAINTEASER project approaches its conclusion, its final conference will be held on 3 June 2025 in Turin, Italy, as an official satellite event of the ENCALS 2025 Meeting—the annual gathering of the European Network to Cure ALS.

## New Brain Talks Episode - Rethinking Schizophrenia: Optimising Schizophrenia Care Pathways in Europe



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In this episode, we are joined by Member of the European Parliament Tomas Zdechovsky, Matthieu de Villemor, Past-President of Schizo-Oui, and Professor Merete Nordentoft, a leading expert in psychiatry at the University of Copenhagen. They shed light on the pressing challenges and opportunities in the care and treatment of schizophrenia across Europe

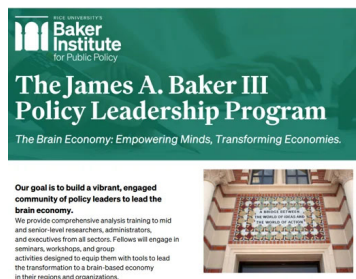
## Building a Digital Future in the Context of Occupational Safety and Health



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On April 3, Frýdřic Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, took part in a panel discussion on 'The Pros and Cons of Digital Transformation' during a Conference organised as part of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

## Brain Economy Leadership Executive Education Program 2025



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Taking place from 7-10 April, EBC took part in the Baker Institute's Brain Economy Seminar. Through expert-led seminars, hands-on workshops, and collaborative activities, participants gained actionable insights and strategic tools to champion the global shift toward a brain-positive economy. Frýdřic Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, participated in the Opening panel discussion on the brain economy.

## EuroNews interview on Creatine in Alzheimer's Prevention

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[Watch the Video \(in Portuguese\)](#)

EBC invited an expert from the European Academy of Neurology (EAN), Dr Kristian Steen Frederiksen, to provide Euronews information about the possible role of creatine in the prevention of Alzheimer's, an issue which has recently been the subject of much internet speculation. Dr. Frederiksen is also involved in the [Rethinking Alzheimer's Project](#), led by EBC.

## EBC is pleased to become a stakeholder of Jade Health



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The main goal of the JADE Health Joint Action is to improve and foster health in the EU Member States by reducing the burden of dementia and other neurological disorders and related diseases, both at societal and personal level.

## Federated Learning for Neurodegenerative Disease Research - A New Path to Risk Reduction & Better Care



Webinar: Federated Learning for Neurodegenerative Disease Research - A New Path to Risk Reduction & Better Care  
Friday 16th of May, 10:30-11:30am CET

[Register](#)

Join us on Friday, 16 May from 10:30 to 11:30 CET as three leading EU-funded projects come together to discuss how federated learning is enabling better, more secure data collaboration to improve risk prediction, diagnosis, and care.

## EBC Members

### FENS 2026 Call for Symposia & Technical Workshops: Deadline extended!



Submit by May 19  
2025

From 4-8 July 2026, Barcelona will host the [bi-annual Forum](#) of the [Federation of European Neuroscience Societies \(FENS\)](#), Europe's premier neuroscience congress.

The FENS Programme Committee welcomes scientists from around the world to submit proposals for Symposia and Technical Workshops, which will form one of the core components of the Forum's scientific programme.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your research, spark new collaborations, and engage with the international neuroscience community!



[Register now](#)

### European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Congress 8-12 July 2025, Munich, Germany

From cutting-edge science to clinical excellence in the field of paediatric neurology, explore key themes including Acute, Brain Health & Science, and Chronic. Engage with world-leading experts, join interactive sessions, and connect with peers from across the globe. Registration now open. Any questions, we would be happy to hear from you: [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info)

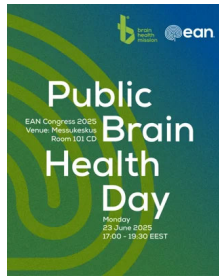


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### Advancing Digital Mental Health Interventions for Schizophrenia: Key Insights from Webinar and Report

On April 17th, **GAMIAN-Europe**, in collaboration with **European Psychiatric Association** and **EUFAMI**, hosted a [webinar](#) focused on the role of **digital mental health interventions** in treating schizophrenia. The session included 8 speakers with a panel discussion, exploring the potential of **AI**, **telemedicine**, and **smartphone apps** in managing symptoms and preventing relapse. The session also featured the launch of GAMIAN-Europe's [report](#), "**Advancing Digital Mental Health Interventions for Schizophrenia**", which delves into the current state and future possibilities of digital tools in schizophrenia care.





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### Public Brain Health Day at EAN Congress 2025 in Helsinki

The European Academy of Neurology (EAN) and the Brain Health Mission announce the Public Brain Health Day, taking place on 23 June 2025, in Helsinki, including expert panels on headaches, dementia, and other neurological conditions, plus sessions on music therapy and autogenic training, open to all, onsite and via livestream, with simultaneous translation in Finnish and English.



[Learn More](#)

### IBRO 2027 World Congress – Host City Announcement & Call for Scientific Program Committee Proposals

After a highly competitive selection process, Cape Town in South Africa has been chosen to host the 12th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience! IBRO now invites its member organizations to submit nominations for individuals to serve on the IBRO 2027 Scientific Program Committee, including for the position of Committee Chair. Help us shape an innovative, inclusive, and high-impact scientific program and reach out to your organization to send your proposals by 16 May 2025!



Register before May  
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### 38th ECNP Congress: Early Bird Ticket Deadline is Approaching!

The [38th ECNP Congress](#) will take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on 11-14 October 2025, and virtually. Participate as part of the nearly 7,000 psychiatrists, neuroscientists, neurologists and psychologists from around the world in Europe's largest meeting for applied and translational neuroscience. Register by **21 May** for in-person participation and **pay less!**

## National Brain Councils

### Update from the Spanish Brain Council



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At the occasion of the [presentation of the Spanish Brain Plan](#), Her Majesty Queen Letizia of Spain reaffirmed her commitment to advancing brain health through this ambitious initiative. The Spanish Brain Plan marks a transformative step in prioritising brain health nationally. This plan will be publicly presented on May 28th, 2025.

## For your Agenda

### EBC Events

5 June 2025 - Beyond Mental Health: A Brain Health Approach to Schizophrenia Prevention and Care, Warsaw (Poland)

21 June 2025 - Funding the Future of Brain Research in Europe: Towards a European Brain Health Partnership, TV Studio Special, 10th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Helsinki (Finland)

25-26 September 2025 - Brain Days @UNGA80 Science Summit, New York City (United States)

15-16 October 2025 - Brain Innovation Days - The Adaptive Brain in a Fast-Evolving World, Brussels (Belgium)

## Events featuring EBC

19-20 May 2025 - Mental Health Summit: Prevention and Recovery in Modern Society, Brussels (Belgium)

21 May 2025 - Science and Research: Driving Progress Towards Global Health Goals, A Side Event at the 78th World Health Assembly, Geneva (Switzerland)

25 May 2025 - Move for Your Brain Team at 20km of Brussels, Brussels (Belgium)

3 June 2025 - BRAINTEASER Final Conference, Turin (Italy)

12 June 2025 - National, Regional and International Plans for Brain Health: Bridging the Gaps, Bern (Switzerland)

21 June 2025 - National Brain Plans & An EU Coordination Strategy, 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, TV Studio Special Session, Helsinki (Finland)

21-24 June 2025 - 11th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN), Helsinki (Finland)

24 June 2025 - Collaboration Towards Health Promotion for the Brain, 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, TV Studio Special Session, Helsinki (Finland)

3 July 2025 - European Policy Centre: Innovation Across the Lifecycle of Brain Health, Brussels (Belgium)

8-12 July 2025 - 16th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress (EPNS), Munich (Germany)

9 July 2025 - Advocacy Training for Child Neurology and Brain Health, 16th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress, Munich (Germany)

27 September 2025 - Move for Your Brain Team at the T24 Mont-Blanc Passy Race, Passy (France)

5 October 2025 - Research in European Neuroscience, Congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, Vienna (Austria)

5-9 October 2025 - Congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, Vienna (Austria)

11-14 October 2025 - 38th European College of Neuropsychopharmacology Congress (ECNP), Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

28-31 March 2026 - 34<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Psychiatry, Mental Health: Improving Care and Expanding Horizons, Prague (Czech Republic)

4-8 July 2026 - FENS Forum 2026, Barcelona (Spain)

## Events of Interest

16 May 2025 - Federated Learning for Neurodegenerative Disease Research - A New Path to Risk Reduction & Better Care, Online

16 May 2025 - Webinar on Prevention of NCDs, Online

16-17 May 2025 - EMSP Annual Conference, Prague (Czech Republic)

20 May 2025 - JADE Health Workshop - Optimising Outreach: Communication and Dissemination Strategies for Dementia-related projects, Online

3-5 June 2025 - Gene4Neuro, Pamplona (Spain)

3-6 June 2025 - ENCALS (European Network to Cure Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) Meeting 2025, Turin (Italy)

4-6 June 2025 - 20th International Forum on Mood and Anxiety Disorders (IFMAD), Budapest (Hungary)

16-19 June 2025 - FENS Regional Meeting, Oslo (Norway)

23 June 2025 - Public Brain Health Day, Helsinki (Finland)

24 June 2025 - Swiss 3Rs Day 2025: Advancing the 3Rs in Neuroscience, Zurich (Switzerland)

24-31 August 2025 - Walking the Talk for Dementia: Rethinking the Future of Dementia, Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

11-12 September 2025 - Tech Tour: Mental and Brain Health, Porto (Portugal)

1 October 2025 - AI in Health Summit, London (England)

5-8 October 2025 - 25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Psychiatry, Prague (Czech Republic)

6-7 November 2025 - EARA Conference 2025: Shaping the future of animal research communication, Berlin (Germany)

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