

European Brain Council

Newsletter - May 2025



EBC Activities

Brain Innovation Days: Apply for the Pitch Competition and/or Get a Spot in the Innovation Hall!



Brain Innovation Days

Register now

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 Sunday, 8 June 2025!

Innovators are also invited to showcase their breakthroughs in the [Innovation Hall](#), the event's networking hub. Due to limited capacity, admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Advancing Brain Research in Europe: A Call for Collective Action



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Hosted by MEP Romana
Jerković (S&D, Croatia)



Brain conditions are the leading cause of disability and the second leading cause of death worldwide, yet care and research remain fragmented.

On **26 June 2025**, MEP Romana Jerković (Socialists and Democrats Group) will host a high-level event at the European Parliament in Brussels, uniting key stakeholders to call for a stronger brain research ecosystem in Europe.

[Read more about the event](#)

EBC Launches Phase 3 of Rethinking Schizophrenia



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Bringing together experts, policymakers and patient voices at national level, phase 3 assesses how individual countries can turn policy recommendations into actionable solutions. This phase will spotlight country-specific profiles for Poland, Denmark and Germany, starting with a roundtable in Warsaw (Poland) with the title ["Beyond Mental Health: A Brain Health Approach to Schizophrenia Prevention and Care"](#), on **June 5th** - during the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

EBC Marked European Mental Health Awareness Week 2025



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During the European Mental Health Awareness Week 2025, EBC welcomed the growing focus on mental health at the EU and global levels, while highlighting the need for further action. EBC called for ambitious, collaborative efforts, greater investment in research, and policy reform to ensure that mental health is fully prioritised and integrated into Europe's broader vision for brain health.

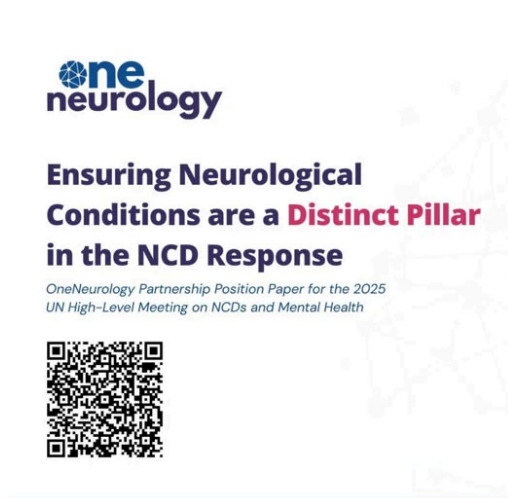
Mental Health Summit: Prevention and Recovery in Modern Society



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Marking Mental Health Week, EBC attended a two-day summit hosted by MEPs Andras Kulja and Zoltán Tarr at the European Parliament. Policymakers, experts, and cultural figures gathered to address mental health prevention and recovery, especially during crises. The event concluded with a focus on youth mental health. Frýdýřic Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, underscored the need for policy innovation and collaboration to keep youth mental health a top EU priority during the evening reception.

EBC Joins OneNeurology in Advocating for Neurological Conditions



[Read more about the Partnership & Position Paper](#)

Ahead of the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases, the OneNeurology Partnership, including EBC, published a position paper titled *“Ensuring Neurological Conditions are a Distinct Pillar in the NCD Response”* calling for neurological conditions to be made a clear priority in global health strategies. Neurological disorders remain the leading cause of disability and the second leading cause of death worldwide, yet are often overlooked.

EBC’s Statement on Life Science Strategy



EBC recently noted that the EU research and innovation ecosystem faced crucial challenges: budget pressures, bureaucracy, and threats to academic freedom, despite strong leadership in life sciences. As the EU prepares for FP10 and new brain health initiatives, EBC stressed the need to support researchers and keep Europe competitive in neuroscience.

[Read More about the Statement](#)

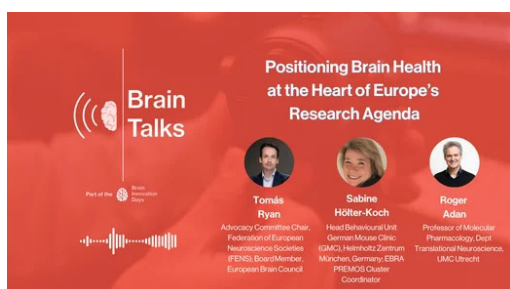
EBC's Statement on the World Health Assembly Resolution on Rare Diseases



The European Brain Council supports the World Health Assembly 'Resolution Rare Diseases – A Global Health Priority for Equity & Inclusion.' This initiative acknowledges rare diseases as a pressing global public health challenge and aligns closely with EBC's work to advance brain health through initiatives such as the Value of Treatment on Rare Diseases, the Rare Brain Disease Ecosystem and the Rethinking Myasthenia Gravis project.

[Read the Statement](#)

New Brain Talks Episode - Positioning Brain Health at the Heart of Europe's Research Agenda



In the newest Brain Talks, host Sam Pauly and guests Tomás Ryan (FENS & EBC), Sabine Hölter-Koch (Helmholtz Munich & EBRA), and Roger Adan (UMC Utrecht) discuss how Europe can secure its place as a global neuroscience leader. The

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conversation highlights the need for investment in fundamental science, digital innovation, patient engagement, and international collaboration.

EBC participating in the EAN Advocacy Training for Neurology and Brain Health



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On 5 May, EBC participated in the EAN Advocacy Training for Neurology and Brain Health. Frýdýric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, contributed as a speaker, sharing EBC's expertise on brain health advocacy and public policy. This collaboration highlighted EBC's ongoing commitment to advancing brain health across Europe.

EBC Takes Part in the Second General Assembly of the CSA BrainHealth in Riga



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The second General Assembly of the [Coordination and Support Action \(CSA\) BrainHealth](#) took place on 13 May 2025 in Riga, hosted by the University of Latvia and the Latvian Council of Science, bringing together European experts to discuss research priorities, funding, translating science into care, and citizen engagement for the future European Partnership for Brain Health. EBC Executive Director Frýdýric Destrebecq contributed to the dialogue on building a stronger future for brain health across Europe.

EBC Engaged at the Neurological Sciences Conference in Milan



EBC was pleased to participate in the Neurological Sciences Conference, on the 13th of May, in Milan. Frīdīric Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, delivered an online plenary session on Brain Health and the Strategic Research Agenda of the European Commission, sharing EBC's vision for advancing neurological research and policy in Europe

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EBC Proudly Engaged at the World Health Assembly 2025



During the World Health Assembly (WHA) in May 2025, EBC was proud to contribute to discussions on advancing global health priorities. The event emphasised the need for universal health coverage, health equity, resilient health systems, and innovation. EBC Executive Director Frīdīric Destrebecq participated in an Interactive Q&A Session alongside leading experts, addressing key topics such as health financing, reducing health inequalities, and aligning investments with climate and innovation goals.

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EBC Addressing Global Brain Health at Brain Capital Conference in Houston, Texas



On May 21, 2025, EBC was proud to take part in the Brain Capital Conference in Houston, Texas. Frýdýríc Destrebecq, EBC Executive Director, contributed to a roundtable on global brain health challenges and strategies, highlighting the importance of international best practices and public-private collaboration to advance brain health and economic resilience worldwide.

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Move for Your Brain Team Takes Part in 20km of Brussels



On May 25th, 2025, EBC joined the 20km de Bruxelles as part of the [#Move4YrBrain_campaign](#), promoting the benefits of physical activity for brain health. Despite the rain, the team was inspired by the crowd's energy. Thank you to all who supported us!

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EBC Members



Call for papers: Neuroscience special issue on Eating Disorders, from nutritional and behavioral alterations to genes

[Neuroscience](#), the flagship journal of the [International Brain Research Organization](#), invites articles to the special issue 'Eating disorders, from nutritional and behavioral alterations to genes' by **29 September 2025**. This special issue will include papers on the spectrum of eating disorders, from anorexia nervosa to binge-eating induced obesity, from

Submit by September 29

behaviors to genes. The issue will accept original research papers, and reviews. Basic preclinical (animal and human) and clinical studies are welcome as long as there is a strong neuroscience component



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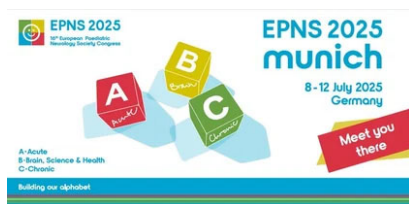
Interview with Eveline Crone - Keynote speaker at the 38th ECNP Congress

Don't miss this exclusive interview with Keynote Speaker **Eveline Crone**, the Netherlands, titled "*Growing up in a complex society*." [Read the interview](#)

Join us for her [Keynote Lecture](#) at the 38th ECNP Congress 2025 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

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.



[Find out more](#)

Engage with world-leading experts, join interactive sessions, and connect with peers from across the globe.

Early bird registration is available **until 23 June 2025**.

Any questions, we would be happy to hear from you: info@epns.info

National Brain Councils

Spain Launches National Brain Plan



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On 28 May 2025, Spain launched the Plan Español del Cerebro (PEC), a major step forward in addressing brain health. Developed by the Spanish Brain Council and presented in Madrid, this national strategy brings together experts, patient organisations, and healthcare professionals to coordinate action against brain disorders.

The PEC sets a comprehensive framework aligned with WHO goals and EBC's call for national brain plans across Europe. EBC welcomes this bold initiative and continues to support similar efforts across the EU.

For your Agenda

EBC Events

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)

26 June 2025 - Advancing Brain Research in Europe: A Call for Collective Action, Brussels (Belgium)

24-26 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

9-10 June 2025 - THE REAL SUMMIT: The Intersection of Finance & Mental Health, London (England)

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

12 June 2025 - Time to Mobilise Action in Support of the Wider Myasthenia Gravis Community, Brussels (Belgium)

14 June 2025 - G7 Canada Brain Economy Summit, Calgary, Alberta (Canada)

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

3 July 2025 - 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)

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

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

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

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

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

30 October 2025 - SFCNS Swiss Brain Health Plan - 3rd Stakeholder Meeting, Lausanne (Switzerland)

28-31 March 2026 - 34th 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

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 June 2025 - Showcasing the main results and conclusions on research into dementia risk reduction - The Lethe Project, D sseldorf (Germany)

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

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

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

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

3 December 2025 - Encephalitis Conference 2025, London (England)

3-5 December 2025 - ECNP Workshop on Clinical Research Methods, Barcelona (Spain)

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