

Brain Awareness Week 2026

Introducing the European Partnership for Brain Health

*Empowering and uniting Europe's brain health community
for collaboration, innovation and impact*

Comet, Room 4.4 | 19 March 2026, 08:30 - 13:15

(20, Place Stéphanie, 1050 Bruxelles)

The [European Partnership for Brain Health \(EP BrainHealth\)](#) is a major initiative involving more than 60 participants from 36 countries across Europe and worldwide, co-funded by the European Commission, including primarily national and regional funding organisations, non-funding partners, associated partners, and ad hoc funders contributing to specific calls. It is one of the largest collaborative efforts in brain research worldwide.

As the first public event of the EP BrainHealth since its launch in January 2026, this event aims to introduce and present the vision of the initiative, as well as the concrete plans, support, research, engagement and impact it aims to bring over the next decade and how interdisciplinary collaboration continues to shape the future of brain health research and innovation across Europe and beyond.

Attendees will hear from experts directly involved in the Partnership about upcoming funding opportunities and the intentions to boost dialogue between science and society to ensure research truly serves the needs of patients, caregivers, and communities, addressing today's pressing gaps in brain health and brain research and advancing key EU-level priorities.

The event will provide a unique opportunity for researchers, healthcare professionals, patient advocates, policymakers, and all stakeholders interested in the future of brain research to gain insights into what is ahead in the European brain health research landscape and engage with the wider brain health community.

Draft Agenda

08:30 - 9:30 Welcome Coffee & Registration

09:30 - 9:40 Keynote: Understanding the Brain: Shaping the Future Brain Research Landscape

09:40 - 10:00 Presentation: Introduction to European Partnership for Brain Health (EP BrainHealth) Priorities

- EP BrainHealth key goals, vision and mission for the next 7-10 years
- How the EP BrainHealth contributes to advancing key topics in brain health research and aligns with EU priorities

10:00-10:50 Panel 1: Back to Basics: Conducting research to improve the lives of people - Patient, Citizen, and Societal Engagement in EP BrainHealth

Panel discussion on how the EP BrainHealth and its activities engage science and society and educate in inter-and transdisciplinary research for social innovation

- Aligning societal needs with brain health scientific advancements
- Skills needed for inter-and transdisciplinary research
- EP BrainHealth activities integrating multi- and interdisciplinary research perspectives, and actively involving patients and caregivers

10:50-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:50 Panel 2: From Research to Impact - Translating Research Findings into Innovative Solutions for Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment and Care

Panel discussion on the importance of innovation and how the EP BrainHealth supports the next generation of researchers to accelerate innovation in line with today's needs

- Investing in future generations of researchers and clinicians
- EP BrainHealth overview of calls and funding opportunities supporting transdisciplinary, ethical, innovative, high-quality research, with a focus on gender, social and ethnic inclusion
- EP BrainHealth overview of networking opportunities to translate researcher skills into action

11:50-12:15 Closing Remarks: Outlook on European and Global Collaboration

- EP BrainHealth engagement with relevant policymakers and stakeholders across Europe and beyond to support the integration of evidence-based policies into national brain health strategies and action plans
- The key role of international collaboration in boosting EU competitiveness in brain health and aligning brain health priorities

12:15-13:15: Networking Lunch

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