

Advancing Global Science Collaboration for Brain Health

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About

The [European Partnership for Brain Health \(EP Brain Health\)](#) is a major initiative involving over 55 partner institutions from more than 30 countries across Europe and beyond, co-funded by the European Commission.

Launched in January 2026, the EP Brain Health is a ten-year partnership with a total planned budget of approximately €500 million. It is one of the largest collaborative efforts in brain research worldwide.

The partnership shares a common vision of improving brain health for everyone, using scientific knowledge to promote brain health throughout lifetime. It aims to prevent and treat brain diseases, as well as improve the wellbeing of people living with neurological and mental health conditions in Europe and globally.

The partnership will strengthen transnational collaboration as well as increase and better align investments in brain-related research and innovation. Its mission is to promote the translation of research findings into tailored solutions for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care, accessible to all.

Concept Note

Brain health is a global challenge that transcends borders, requiring coordinated and sustained international collaboration across research, policy, healthcare and innovation. As scientific advances accelerate and geopolitical dynamics evolve, strengthening global partnerships has become essential to maximise impact, avoid duplication and ensure that knowledge translates into meaningful outcomes for patients and societies worldwide.

Within this context, the European Partnership for Brain Health aims to position Europe as a key actor in the global brain health and research landscape. Building on insights from the CSA BrainHealth and ongoing stakeholder mapping efforts, the Partnership seeks to connect leading initiatives, foster dialogue and align priorities across regions.

This webinar contributes to this ambition by creating a platform for science collaboration and global exchange, bringing together key stakeholders from Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia-Pacific and beyond. Taking place on 18 June 2026, the webinar 'Advancing Global Science Collaboration for Brain Health' will explore challenges and opportunities in strengthening international science collaboration in brain health, with a focus on fostering synergies across regions, aligning research and policy priorities, and advancing a coordinated global approach to maximise impact and innovation.



Programme

09:00-09:05 Welcome & Introduction

Frédéric Destrebecq, Executive Director, European Brain Council

09:05-09:15 Introduction to the European Partnership for Brain Health

Friederike Bathe, EP Brain Health Coordination Office (DLR)

09:15-09:25 Setting the Stage: Europe's Role in Advancing Global Brain Health Collaboration

Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit for International Cooperation, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission – TBC

09:25-09:35 The EP Brain Health as a Platform for Global Collaboration

Frédéric Destrebecq, Executive Director, European Brain Council

09:35-10:20 Panel Discussion: From Dialogue to Delivery, Strengthening Global Collaboration on Brain Health

Agustín Ibañez, Director, BrainLat Institute

Louise Parr-Brownlie, Co-Lead in New Zealand, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit for International Cooperation, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission – TBC

Mahmoud Bukar Maina, Wellcome Trust Career Development Fellow, Biomedical Science Research and Training Centre (BioRTC), Yobe State University, Nigeria, and Sussex Neuroscience at the University of Sussex, UK

Yukiko Goda, Chair, International Brain Research Organization Asia-Pacific Regional Committee

10:20-10:30 Conclusion

Frédéric Destrebecq, Executive Director, European Brain Council