

# BELGIAN BRAIN COUNCIL



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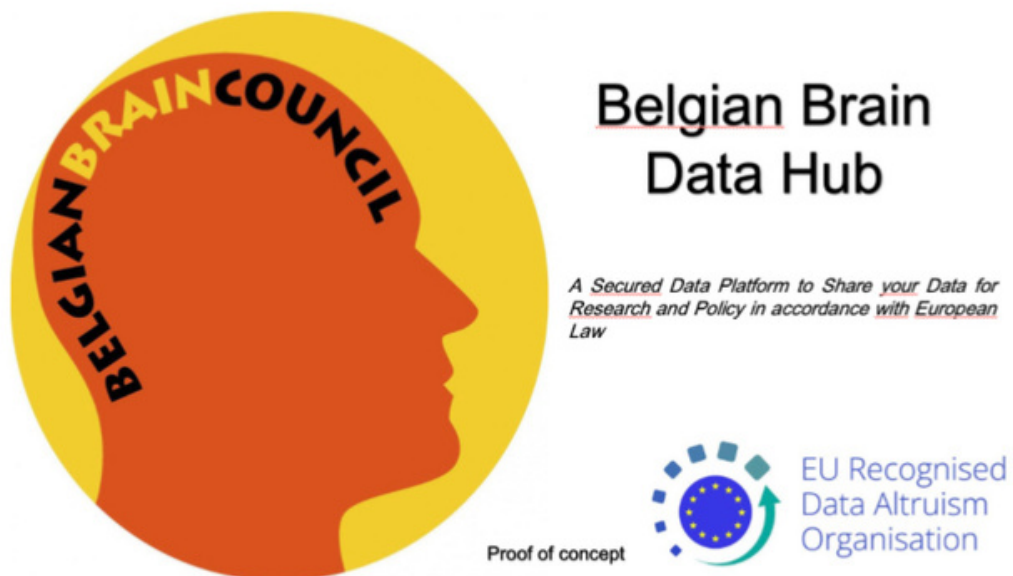
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## General assembly and Belgian Brain Data Hub

The General Meeting on 23 May provided an opportunity to present the continuation of phase 1 of the Belgian Brain Plan to members and invited partners. This was contextualised by the 2 guest speakers, Mr Nick Marly, adviser to the cabinet of the Federal Minister for Health, Mr Frank Vandenbroucke, and Professor Grégory Lewkowicz, Director of the Smart Law Hub, ULB.

The concept of a Belgian Brain Data Hub was described, argued and accepted by the audience. The Power Point presentations by the 2 speakers are available on our website at <https://www.braincouncil.be/events-1>



## **BBC and the abolition of the use of animals in science**

Along with 48 other associations, the BBC supported the European Brain Council in its commitment to science: "Brain research and innovation in the EU in response to recent political developments". This support was echoed among our members, many of whom signed the individual letter of support. To date (12 June 2023), 3,337 people have signed the letter.

The letter is still open for signature: <https://www.braincouncil.eu/pledge-for-science-brain-research-and-innovation-in-the-eu/>

The EBC, in collaboration with the NBCs, organised meetings on 23 May between NBC representatives and their respective MPs. This had a positive effect. We met 30 MPs (25 in person) and most of them were convinced and signed the commitment to science. As a follow-up, the BBC will be organising a visit to pet shops in Brussels for the MEPs.

## BBC and the 9th Academy of National Brain Councils

This year, the academy was held in the salons of the Fondation Universitaire and brought together delegates from 13 countries (BE, HR, ES, FI, FR, GR, IT, MT, PL, PT, SE, TR, RS).



1. Dominika Suchonova, European BC
2. Jose Luis Lanciego, IBRO
3. Christina Dalla, Hellenic BC
4. Merja Voutilainen, Finland
5. Amantha Aluth, Belgian BC
- 5b. Monika Huang, European BC
6. Suzanne Dickson, European BC
7. Stephanie Kramer, European BC
8. Dieyenaba Faye, European BC
9. Eleonora Varntourian, European BC
10. Hugo Hermantin, European BC
11. Vootele Vöikar, Finland
12. Dinko Mitrecic, Croatian BC
13. Vinciane Quidbach, European BC
14. Roland Pochet, Belgian BC
15. Reeta Hinttala, Finland
16. Florence Vorspan, French BC
17. Benoît Marchal, PicAps
18. Frédéric Destrebecq, European BC
19. Jerome de Barros, EU DG Santé
20. Sasa Radovanovic, Serbian BC
21. Snežana Knežević, First Counselor of the Serbian Mission to EU
22. Pavle Andjus, Serbian BC
23. Mara Dierssen, Spanish BC
24. Nerses Bebek, Turkish Neuroscience Society & National Brain Action Group
25. Giuseppe Pignataro, Italian Society for Neuroscience
26. Luca Remonda, Swiss Federation of Clinical Neurosocieties
27. Juan Lerma, Spanish BC
28. Leszek Kaczmarek, Polish BC
29. Malgorzata Kossut, Polish Brain Council
30. Gertrude Buttigieg, Maltese Office of the Commissioner for Mental Health
31. Irene Kesisoglou, Sciensano

The 10th NBCs Academy will be in Pula (Croatia) on May 8-9, 2024 hosted by Pr. Dinko Mitrecic

## Dr Ri De Ridder in the spotlight

The Executive Committee of the Belgian Brain Council congratulates Dr Ri De Ridder, a valued supporter of the BBC, on the Life Time Achievement Award presented at the 23rd International Conference on Integrated Care (ICIC23) held in Antwerp in partnership with the Flemish Agency for Health and Care.



## BBC and Mediaplanet

On 20 June, MediaPlanet, known for its thematic campaigns in the content areas of health, lifestyle, technology, business and causes, will publish the article "*BBC prepares altruistic data platform to build brain registry*" as an appendix to Le Soir.

## BBC and the European Parliament

**The BBC has been registered (no. 712814020585-47) since 9 February 2016 as an ASBL in the transparency register of the Commission, the Consilium and the European Parliament, and is regularly updated.**

As of 12/06/2023, the register contains 12,292 registered persons, of which 3,399 are ASBLs. The transparency register is a database listing organisations, associations, groups and individuals who are engaged in activities designed to influence EU policy and decision-making.

The current Secretary General, Roland Pochet, has obtained accreditation for access to the European Parliament.

## News from our members

- **TAKEDA** has joined BBC has participant



- The **BCNBP** is holding its national day on 23 June on the theme WHY WE SLEEP at the Bibliothèque Nationale, bd de l'Empereur, Brussels. Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnwfN2T--7w2MNWUIVDXRjg2DtIjq-j83wgnqn3cAksjgLFg/viewform>

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The logo for the Belgian Brain Council, featuring a red silhouette of a human head in profile, facing right, with the words "BELGIAN BRAIN COUNCIL" written in a circular path around the head.

**The BBC is present on these following social medias:**



## Dates to remember

**3 June  
Belgian Pain Society  
Meeting**

**8 June  
EUROPEAN HEALTH TASK  
FORCE SUMMIT**

**19 June  
Belgian Stroke Council  
General Assembly**

**23 June  
BCNBP National Day: WHY  
WE SLEEP**

**September  
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Continue**

**22 september  
Belgian Stroke Scientific  
Workshop UZ Brussel**

**17 November  
Belgian Society of  
Pediatric neurology  
Congress**

**8-9 May 2024  
10th NBCs Academy in  
Pula (Croatia)**

### **Composition of the Executive Committee for the period 2021-2022**

President : Professor Laurence RIS

Secretary General: Professor Roland Pochet

Vice-Presidents: Professor Chris Bervoets, Dr Gianni Franco, Baron Charles van der Straten-Waillet

Treasurer: Baron Charles van der Straten-Waillet

Secretary: Mrs Lia Le Roy