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Launch of the European Brain Council Consensus Statement on European Brain Research

The European Brain Council Consensus Statement on European Brain Research will be launched in Brussels on 18 March.

The statement presents proposals for future research programmes and describes the needs and achievements of research in Europe. It calls on the European Commission to take more action, given the societal emergency in Europe caused by brain disorders.

The document was put together by European Brain Council members and partners, including FENS – The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies.

FENS president Monica Di Luca stresses the importance of establishing clear research priorities: “This consensus document represents the effort of different organisations which believe that brain research deserves higher priority on the EU agenda; it will provide policy makers with the tools to understand brain research’s key needs.”

The document urges the European Commission to come forward with a European plan to tackle brain health in a collaborative, integrated and comprehensive manner. It also calls on European Union member states and associated countries to implement public health programmes addressing brain health in order to better coordinate research and foster strategies for prevention, early detection, diagnosis and adequate treatment.

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