

# EBRA

## EUROPEAN BRAIN RESEARCH AREA

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# EBRA Consortium brings together the major brain initiatives and the brain community at large



# We stand together for the Brain

## Members

- ECNP - European College of Neuropsychopharmacology
- EFNA - European Federation of Neurological Associations
- EAN - European Association of Neurological Societies
- EPA - European Psychiatric Association
- FENS - Federation of European Neuroscience Societies
- IBRO - International Brain research Organization
- GAMIAN Europe - Global Alliance for Mental Illness Advocacy Networks
- EANS – European Association of Neurosurgical Societies



# EBC Mission



## Core mission:

to promote brain research and brain health in order to improve prevention, diagnosis, therapy and care and thus improve the quality of life of those living with brain disorders in Europe.

## Main action areas:

- Fostering cooperation with its members organizations
- Promoting dialogue between **scientists, clinicians, patients, industry and society**
- Raising awareness and promoting education on the brain
- Disseminating information about brain research and brain diseases in Europe
- Interacting with the European Commission, the European Parliament and other relevant international institutions





# EBRA's Objectives

Establish connections for efficient collaboration, communication and operational synergies, including transparent procedures and setting up of governance mechanisms.

Foster alignment and better co-ordination of research strategies across the European brain initiatives by developing a **Shared European Brain Research Agenda (SEBRA)** and seek further collaborations and alignment at global level.

Facilitate the **emergence** of research projects in specific areas in **active clusters**, and provide them with support for effective collaboration, including enabling sharing of data and access to research infrastructures

Increase the visibility of the brain research portfolio as a whole and promote the uptake of EBRA results to key stakeholders.



# Why EBRA: The conceptual frame

**Avoid fragmentation**

**Create connections**

**Identify gaps**

**Identify shared priorities**



# EBRA's Coordination focuses on two levels

**At strategic level, EBRA addresses the needs of the brain research portfolio as a whole, across the large research and research funding initiatives, in terms of impact, gap analysis, visibility and future sustainability towards the research and funder communities at European level and globally.**

**At operational level, EBRA responds to the needs of individual projects in the portfolio across a range of critical areas and/or cross cutting issues, helping them to emerge as active clusters and to initiate global initiatives.**



# EBRA's IMPACT

- Support the efforts of the European Union to become a global leader in the area of brain science
- Inform European policies related to structuring Brain research in the next framework programmes