

# Societal Impact of Pain

*Introduction to the network of National Brain Councils (NBCs)*

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National Brain Councils (NBCs) act as national platforms uniting societies that have a stake in brain research, i.e. brain researchers, patients, clinicians, industries, etc. Many of their initiatives aim to promote research into mental and neurological conditions and improve the lives of people living with brain disorders.

The network of NBCs is coordinated by a liaisons' groups of 4 councils (Belgium, France, Spain and Serbia). They act as observers to the Board of the European Brain Council (EBC) and work towards coordinating and aligning the joint advocacy initiatives launched by EBC and the NBCs.

NBCs are playing a key role in reinforcing and supporting EBC's advocacy on Horizon Europe. In particular, EBC is working closely with the NBCs on making a strong case for the adoption of a "Brain Health" partnership and ensuring that brain research is included amongst the priorities of the Strategic Plan of Horizon Europe.



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