



Brain Innovation Days

26-27 October 2023
Brussels, Belgium

The Brain in the 21st Century

What are the Brain Innovation Days?

The Brain Innovation Days launched virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, kicking off one full year of a packed brain innovation agenda, building up to the 1st on-site event in 2021. The concept of the Brain Innovation Days – led by the [European Brain Council](#) – comes from within both the scientific and business communities, fusing together to showcase the potentials within the brain space.

Two years on, the **3rd edition of the Brain Innovation Days** will take place on 26-27 October 2023 in Brussels under the overarching theme [The Brain in the 21st Century](#), centred around building resilience and better brain health for future generations and increasing our brains' readiness to adapt to an ever-changing environment.

Over **179 million Europeans currently live with a brain condition** and **one in three Europeans are set to live with a brain disorder** at some point of their life – **neurological and mental** alike. Though these numbers continue to steadily increase, treatments available remain insufficient and research is disproportionately underfunded compared to other disease areas.

However, work continues within the brain space and **innovation in the space is promising**, paving the way to the ultimate goal: improving the lives of people affected by and living with brain conditions. This event, and the community built around it, is **the platform to boost interaction, facilitate knowledge exchange and business development, connect the dots with key people, potentiate investments, foster dialogue and showcase ongoing innovation and progress being made in the space**, particularly in Europe.



Why the Brain Innovation Days?



Engaging the entire brain community

An idea born out of exchange between leading organisations in brain research and brain-related start-ups, and the need to better integrate the various brain communities in the wider ecosystem.



Accelerating innovation

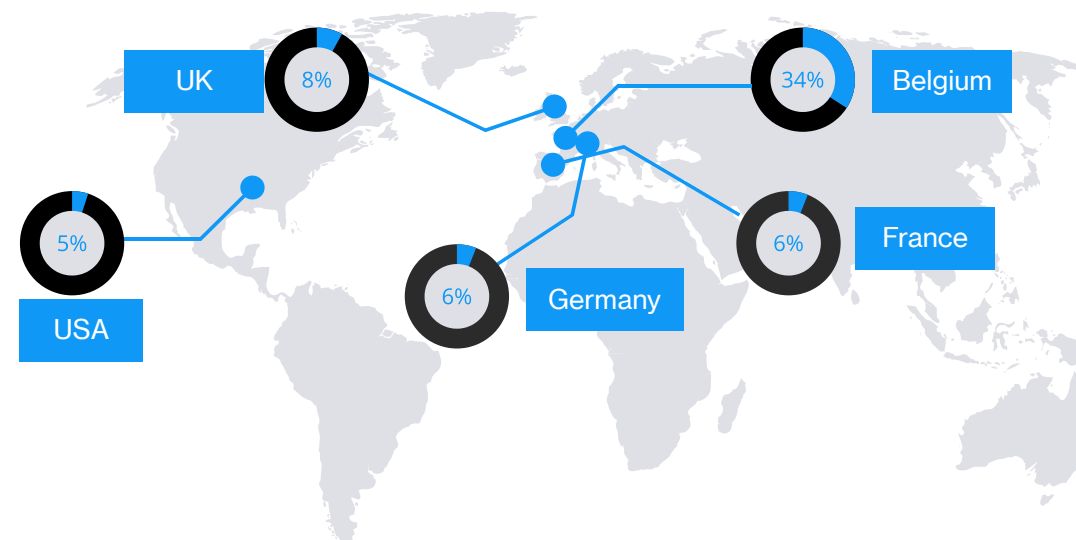
Where leaders in their own fields – researchers, industry, start-ups, policy makers and civil servants, investors, health care professionals and patients – can meet to exchange knowledge, foster collaboration, connect the dots within the wider brain innovation community, inspire policy reform and prioritisation, and potentiate/accelerate investment and business opportunities.



Showcasing the best of the ecosystem

To provide opportunities for the wider brain community in Europe to showcase their work to a diverse audience, allowing for exposure of their work and/or business, in-person matchmaking and networking opportunities, especially for stakeholders without day-to-day interaction that may be relevant to each other.

Key Takeaways from 2022



Top Countries Represented in 2022

Sectors represented

Researchers 36%
Healthcare professionals 15%
Start-ups 10%
Other 14%

Industry 8%

NGOs 8%
Patient organisations 5%
Investors 2%
Policymakers 2%



"I think that Brain Innovation Days is a wonderful event to demonstrate the best of European brain innovation."

Harris Eyre

Lead
Brain Capital Alliance

"We really need to see more innovation in the brain health space because there are still major unmet needs for people living with neurological disorders across Europe."

Donna Walsh

Chief Executive Officer
International Bureau for Epilepsy



Laura-Joy Boulos

L'Oréal-UNESCO
International Rising
Talent 2020



The Brain Innovation Days are much needed. They bring together all these different actors, all these different players, into one place and we finally get to discuss together and build a common vision that is, again, much needed.



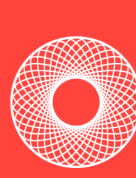
5 events so far -
digital & on site



Over 1200
attendees



120 speakers in the
field of brain research



85 countries
represented



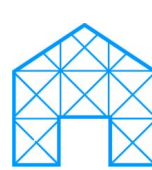
Countless
connections made

What to expect in 2023 and beyond



KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Attend a number of **sessions presented by experts**, focused on the latest cutting-edge work underway. These will take place throughout the day in the form of panels, round tables, inspiring Brain Talks and How-To Sessions – without taking away from the networking time.



SHOWCASING OPPORTUNITIES

Explore the latest in brain innovation by visiting our [Innovation Hall](#), set up for companies to showcase their tangible tools and devices and for researchers to present posters. The 3rd Brain Innovation Days [Pitch Competition](#) will also take place – finalists will battle it out on stage to be awarded Best Pitch by a jury of experts and the public.



COMMUNITY BUILDING

Meet new people and **build your brain network** – the Brain Innovation Days put a heavy focus on bringing the community together to foster interaction and build connections for the benefit of the brain! Find an investor for your idea/company, meet a researcher with similar work, learn more from patients living with a brain condition, connect with industry and learn about their pipelines... and plenty more!