



Brain Innovation Days

13-14 November 2024
Brussels, Belgium

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.

Three years on, the **4th edition of the Brain Innovation Days** will take place on 13-14 November 2024 in Brussels under the overarching theme [Navigating the Brain Across a Lifetime](#). The main theme will revolve around 5 subthemes: Blossoming Brains: Early Brain Development; Building Brains: Schools and Workplaces; Timeless Brains: Nurturing Resilience, Embracing Change; Holistic Brains: Strategies for Brain Health in a Dynamic Society; Advancements in Neurotechnology: Pioneering Innovations.

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

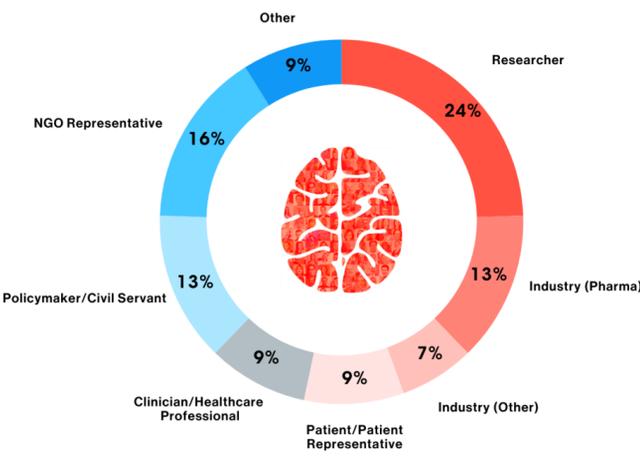
Where leaders in their own fields – researchers, industry, start-ups, policy makers and civil servants, investors, health care professionals and patients – can meet to exchange knowledge, foster collaboration, connect the dots within the wider brain innovation community, inspire policy reform and prioritisation, 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 2023



"Being part of an event like that as a patient is very outstanding, because here we can understand how co-creation, cooperation can be in the future."

Péter Kéri
President
GAMIAN-Europe

"If you're a startup working on anything related to brain health, I think you should not skip the Brain Innovation Days!"

Maarten Van Gorp

Startup Scout & Project Officer
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60+ Speakers



200+ Attendees



50,000+ Native Impressions



Rated 4.3 by Participants

Most Represented Countries in 2023



6 events so far - digital & on site



Over 1400 attendees



180 speakers in the field of brain research



85 countries represented



Countless connections made

What to expect in 2024 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!