

European Brain Council Endorsement Policy

Introduction

1. The EBC is occasionally asked to endorse policy statements or documents created by other organisations, such as learned societies, patient organisations or groups brought together to support particular causes. The EBC has developed a policy and procedure to ensure that its member organisations have adequate opportunity to consider these requests and provide their opinions.

Policy Guidelines

2. The EBC will not support applications for funding at national or EU level unless the EBC is a partner in the proposal.
3. The EBC shall only support initiatives that are consistent with the mission of our organisation and approved by the EBC Board.
4. For approved initiatives, the EBC shall provide official letters of support but will not undertake further advocacy on their behalf.

Process

5. Requests by other organisations shall be included as items for the following EBC Board Meeting so that Board delegates shall have an opportunity to consult their parent organisations if they feel the need.
6. Decisions whether to provide endorsement shall be decided according to a majority vote of delegates at the Board Meeting
7. In the event that the request for endorsement includes a deadline which is incompatible with the dates of our Board Meetings, the proposal shall be emailed to the Board delegates. Replies to the Executive Director indicating lack of support shall be sent within two weeks and shall be the agreed point of view of both delegates of the organisation concerned. The absence of such a reply within the specified period shall be taken as an indication of support. The Executive Director shall communicate the final vote and decision to the Board delegates.

EBC Trademark

8. Requests to use the EBC logo as part of the endorsement shall be considered in the same way. The EBC will initiate the process (12-18 months minimum) to register the EBC logo as a European Union trademark. At that time, the Board will consider an appropriate charge for use of the EBC logo in endorsements.

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