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The MULTI-ACT Project:

*Strengthening the impact of health research
on people with brain diseases*

Policy Brief



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What is MULTI-ACT?

The EU-funded H2020 project, MULTI-ACT, **aims to increase the impact of health research on people with brain diseases**. It is working on creating and implementing a new model of governance, allowing for the effective cooperation of all relevant stakeholders, helping define the scope of health research and innovation as well as new metrics for the evaluation of its results.

Why brain diseases?



**179 million
Europeans
live with
brain
disorders**



**Brain
disorders
cost Europe
over 800
billion euro**



**1 in 3
Europeans
will have
a brain
disorder**

The challenge

Most multi-stakeholder initiatives lack shared measurements of impact and supporting infrastructures needed to enable true alignment of efforts and accountability of results.

Effective and efficient collaboration and cooperation amongst initiatives is often identified as a key success factor to achieve the maximum impact of brain research.

To address and eventually, solve, complex challenges that impact people and society as a whole, it is important to **foster innovation by building effective collaboration** with the involvement of all stakeholders.

Improving and strengthening policy

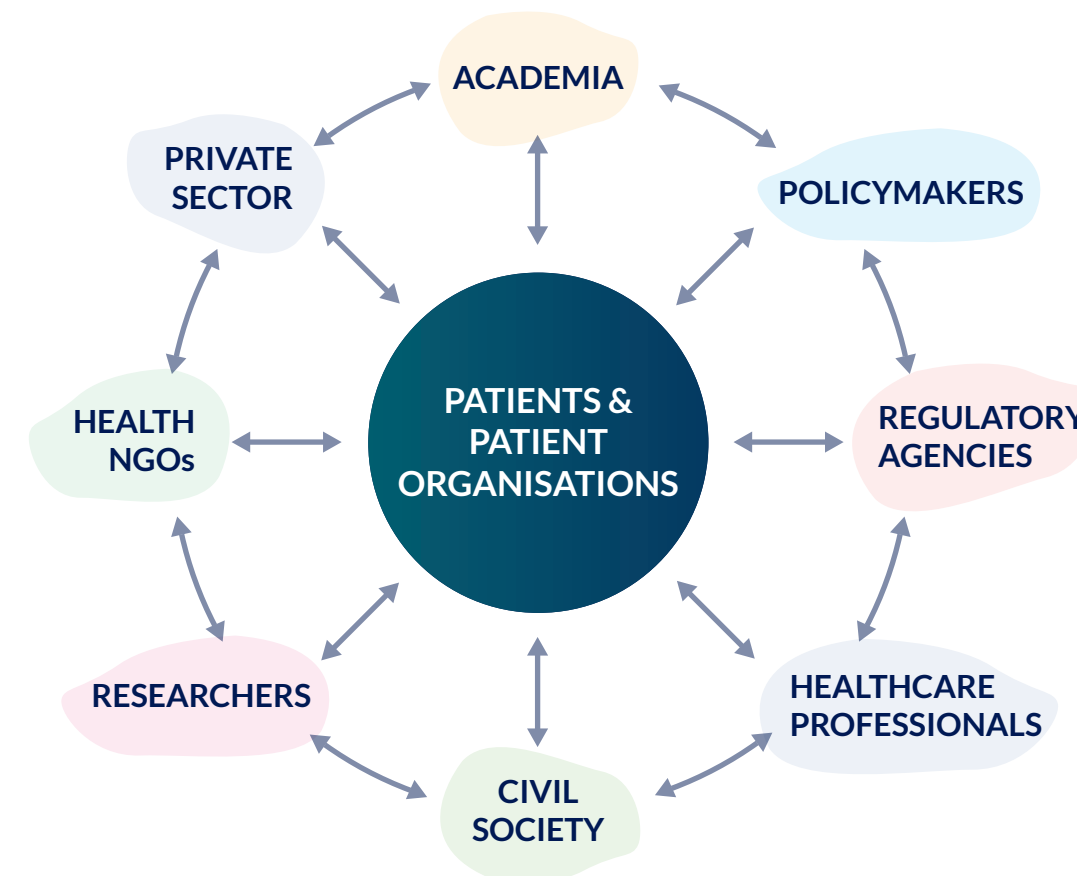
The WHO concluded that **brain disorders account for 35% of the burden of all diseases in Europe**. It is therefore of utmost importance to **develop a research model that produces results that have a real impact on the lives of affected patients and their caregivers**.

This research model needs to be supported and implemented by all relevant and key stakeholders in order to be of most benefit to patients and those affected.

The MULTI-ACT project calls for continued work towards multi-stakeholder EU Research and Innovation pathways, striving for:

- **Sustained Responsible Research and Innovation (“RRI”)** in future framework programmes past Horizon 2020
- A new model allowing for improved effective cooperation of all relevant stakeholders involved along the entire research and innovation pathway, with the involvement of all stakeholders included below.
- Improved shared measurements of impact and supporting infrastructures to enable true alignment of efforts and accountability of results

The MULTI-ACT Solution: A Multi-Stakeholder Approach



Patients are the ultimate recipients of MS research findings and, therefore, key stakeholders. MULTI-ACT foresees patients and patient organizations as key in the Responsible Research Innovation (RRI) process and will use Multiple Sclerosis as its first case study.