

Strategic Research Agenda



One of the first steps towards realising the aims of JPND was the creation of a Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) to provide a framework for future investment and address how the European research effort can most effectively be harnessed to improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment and patient care for neurodegenerative diseases.

The JPND Research Strategy, which forms the basis of the SRA, was launched on [February 7th, 2012](#).

Five Thematic Priorities for future research have been identified:

- The origins of neurodegenerative disease
- Disease mechanisms and models
- Disease definitions and diagnosis
- Developing therapies, preventive strategies and interventions
- Healthcare and social care

[Download a copy of the JPND Research Strategy here](#)

[Download an Executive Summary of the Research Strategy here](#)

JPND is now implementing its strategy and a first-phase implementation [plan](#) has been agreed for 2012-2014. Click [here](#) for more information.

Translations of the Strategy Executive Summary are available by clicking on the links below:

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The EU Joint Programme - Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND) is inviting calls for proposals from research teams across Europe to increase understanding of the factors that put people at risk of developing neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and also to evaluate health and social care strategies for people living with these debilitating illnesses.

Two Joint Transnational Calls were launched on December 10th, 2012 which will see over 25 million euro made available to applicants from over 20 countries. This investment is part of a series of annual JPND funding initiatives over the next three years, aimed at addressing priority areas identified in the JPND Research Strategy.

Call 1: European research projects for the identification of genetic, epigenetic and environmental risk and protective factors for Neurodegenerative Diseases *

Call 2: European research projects for the evaluation of health care policies, strategies and interventions for Neurodegenerative Diseases *

Both calls are now open, with submission deadlines of March 19th (Call 1) and 21st (Call 2) 2013, respectively.

Further detail on each Call is provided on the JPND website link below:

<http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/initiatives/2012-joint-transnational-calls/open-calls/>

* The JPND diseases are:

Alzheimer's disease (AD) and other dementias, Parkinson's disease (PD) and PD-related disorders, Prion disease, Motor neurone diseases (MND), Huntington's Disease (HD), Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA), Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)