In the recent EU-funded project carried out by Matrix (2013), the cost to Europe of work-related depression was estimated to be €617 billion annually. A new report by EU-OSHA examined the costs of work-related stress in Europe demonstrating huge costs that ultimately affect national economies and society. Find out more in Articles of interest section.

Draft agenda of the Research Working Party Meeting (Council Register)
Research Working Party Meeting will take place on July 7. Items on the agenda include:
- Work programme of the Italian Presidency
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Research and innovation as sources of renewed growth

Provisional agendas for Council meetings, July 1 - December 31 2014
Please find here the provisional agendas for Council meetings, during the second semester of 2014 (under the Italian Presidency).

Minutes - Horizon 2020 Programme committee configuration ‘Research infrastructures’ - June 12 2014
The Horizon 2020 Programme committee configuration ‘Research infrastructures’ met on June 12 2014. Please find the meeting agenda and the summary record of the meeting (including a list of participants) here.

Calculating the cost of work-related stress (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, EU-OSHA)
A new report by EU-OSHA examines the costs of work-related stress and shows that, contrary to popular belief, it costs far more to ignore stress than to address it.

Depression in the workplace - answer to a Parliamentary Question (European Parliament)
26 June 2014; Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris (PPE)

Europe, a fresh start (Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union)
The document details the guidelines and policies that the Italian Government intends to pursue in the next six months, in every area and sector within the EU Council competence.

Martin Schulz re-elected President of the European Parliament (European Parliament)
MEPs re-elected Martin Schulz as President of the EP on Tuesday morning for another two and a half year term. The 58-year old German MEP will lead Parliament until January 2017. He won 409 out of 612 valid votes cast in the first ballot.

Health spending starts to rise but remains weak in Europe (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD)
In Europe, health spending continued to fall in 2012 in Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain, as well as in the Czech Republic and Hungary. In Greece, health spending in real terms was 25% lower in 2012 than in 2009, primarily driven by cuts in public spending.

Commission urges governments to embrace potential of Big Data (European Commission)
Data collection and exploitation is a growing phenomenon; in response to industry and grassroots demands the European Commission is today calling on national governments to wake-up to this “big data” revolution.

Incoming European Parliament appoints its new research committee (Science Business)
Former Prime Minister of Poland, Jerzy Buzek, is expected to be announced as chairman of ITRE next week.
What’s in store for 2015? *(Healthcare Economist)*

PwC’s Health Research Institute projects what is going to happen to health spending in 2015. According to their annual report, Medical Cost Trend: Behind the Numbers.

Have your say on the future of science: public consultation on Science 2.0 *(European Commission)*

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on ‘Science 2.0’, in order to gauge the trend towards a more open, data-driven and people-focused way of doing research and innovation.

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**Forthcoming events:**

On 9 July the European Commission organises a stakeholder conference on Horizon 2020: Public-private innovation partnership launch calls.

On July 27 - August 1 *Neurobiology of Brain Disorders; Neurodegeneration and Aging-Related Disorders of the Nervous System* conference will take place in Girona, Spain.

On 20 September the EPDA’s 2nd European Unity Walk is being held in Luxembourg.

On 1-3 October the 17th European Health Forum Gastein is taking place in Bad Hofgastein, Austria.

On 16-18 December the European Conference on Youth Mental Health from Continuity of Psychopathology to Continuity of Care that will take place in Venice, Italy.

**EBC specific meetings:**

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