



Innovative Medicines Initiative

# Introductory remarks

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**Brain diseases and cognitive decline are a challenge –**

**research and innovation  
are necessary**



**The costs of mental health problems  
are huge and continue to grow –**

**but resources for research and  
innovation are scarce and going down**



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**Unlocking the secrets of how the  
brain works is about health –**

**but it could also open up a whole new  
universe of economic opportunities**



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**Since 2007, the EU has invested  
over €1.9 billion in brain research –**

**but we need a more decisive  
effort to combat brain diseases**



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**Horizon 2020 and 'IMI2' are in the pipeline –**

**we must make the best use of them!**

