



TBrainBoost Newsletter

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1. A word from the Principal Investigator

Dear partners and colleagues,

We successfully launched the TBrainBoost project in September this year and have taken many important steps, including the project strategy. You can already check out our website on www.tbrainboost.si.

You are cordially invited to make a note of the "TBB WORKSHOP 1.0 – From science to startup", which will take place in Koper, Slovenia, from February 12 to 15, 2024.

Please also make a note of the Mobile Brain/Body Imaging (MoBI) conference in Piran, Slovenia, which will take place from June 2 to 6, 2024.

In the current newsletter, we present past activities and go into more detail about future events.

Finally, I wish you a wonderful Christmas season and a new year full of knowledge.

Uroš Marušič



2. Past activities/events

2.1 TBB Kick-off meeting

The project coordinator, Dr. Uroš Marušič from ZRS-Koper, initiated the start of project activities with partners from the University of Muenster (UM), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Alma Mater Europaea – ECM (AMEU), University of Konstanz (UKON), BrainTrip (BT), Subsequent (SQ), TMG-BMC (TMG), and Willibald Gebhardt Institute (WGI). The project is set to run until August 31, 2027 (4 years) with a budget of €1,932,872.50 and aims to bring individuals from diverse backgrounds and environments together to collaborate towards a common goal, guided by clearly defined objectives.

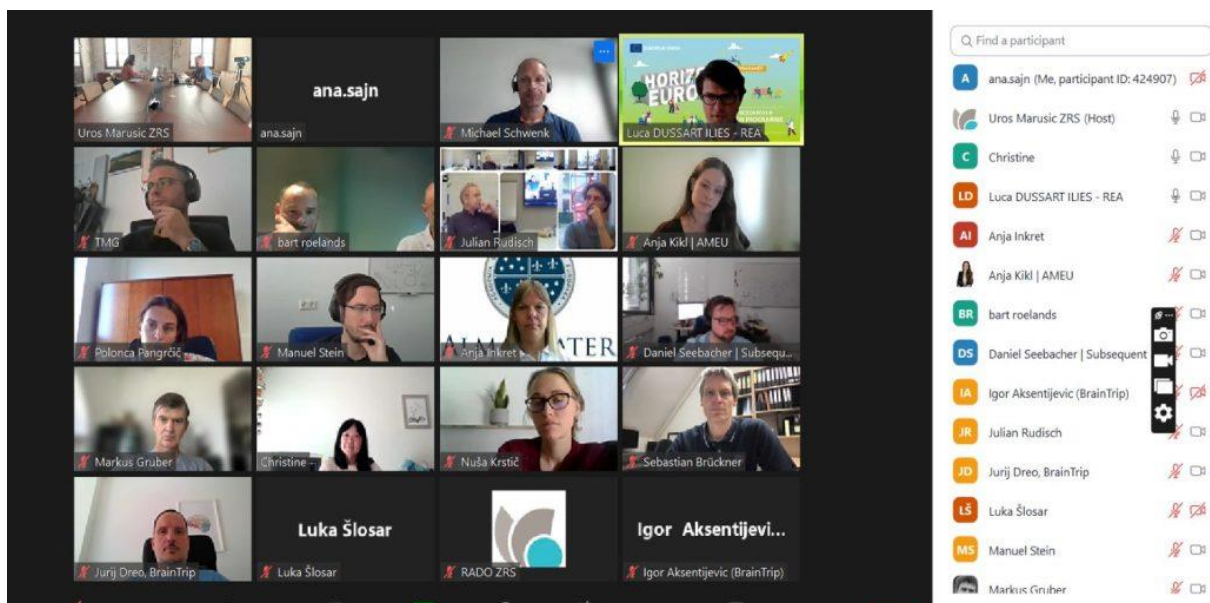


Photo: Ana Šajn, ZRS Koper

In our deliberations, we focused on various aspects, including work packages, secondments, and upcoming events, of which we already been assigned preliminary framework dates. For easier further communication, all partners have been asked to designate main contact persons for project-related communication. The partners participated in the discussion, actively expressing their desires and visions for the project's progression. This collaborative exchange of ideas laid a foundation for our collective understanding and future endeavors.

In addition to these discussions, we have opted to employ Trello as our management tool, leveraging its user-friendly interface and collaborative features to streamline project coordination. For efficient document sharing and collaboration, we will utilize SharePoint, ensuring a centralized and accessible repository for project-related files. Additionally, to facilitate the scheduling of meetings and coordinate availability among team members, we've chosen Doodle as our preferred platform. This combination of tools is intended to enhance communication, organization, and overall efficiency throughout the duration of the project.

2.2 Brain Innovation Days (Brussels, Belgium)

In a significant convergence of scientific minds and industry leaders, the 3rd edition of the Brain Innovation Days unfolded on October 26-27, 2023, captivating participants with its overarching theme, “The Brain in the 21st Century”.

With 179 million Europeans currently grappling with brain disorders, the urgency to address and find innovative solutions to these challenges was at the forefront of discussions. The Brain Innovation Days provided a unique platform for interaction, knowledge exchange, and business development, connecting key players from diverse backgrounds, including researchers, industry leaders, startups, policymakers, investors, healthcare professionals, and patients.

[Find out more about Brain Innovation Days here.](#)

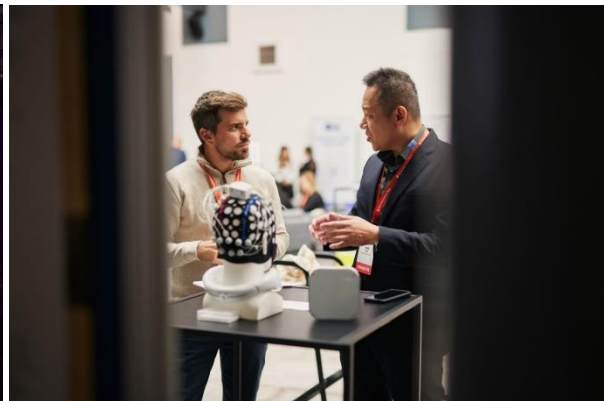


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2.3 Meeting at Sežana incubator (Slovenia)

As part of the preparatory strategy of the TBrainBoost project, ZRS Koper and Inkubator Sežana met on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. The project leader of TBrainBoost, Dr. Uroš Marušič, presented the project activities and invited Inkubator Sežana to collaborate on educational events scheduled from February 2024.

Dorijan Maršič, the director of Inkubator Sežana, outlined the activities of the incubator and offered assistance in achieving the main goals of the TBrainBoost project, including the transfer of knowledge from universities to businesses and the exploration of new opportunities, such as establishing a spinoff company, among others.

The meeting was attended also by Dr. Rado Pišot, the director of ZRS Koper, Dr. Boštjan Šimunič, the head of the Institute for kinesiology research, and Ana Šajn, the head of the project office at ZRS Koper.

We look forward to further cooperation!



Photo: Inkubator Sežana

3. Announcement of upcoming events

3.1 TBrainBoost Workshop 1.0 (12-15 FEB 2024, Koper, Slovenia)

When: February 12-15, 2024

Where: Koper, Slovenia

How: Hybrid (on-line and on-site)

Theme: From Science to Startup - Tips, Tricks and Guidelines

The TBB Workshop 1.0 will be organized as a hybrid (on-site and online contributions) in Koper, Slovenia. In January 2024, we will announce the detailed program, which will include partner presentations, invited speakers and pitches from already successful companies. A special focus will be on the student section, where presentations of best practices will be used to develop and evaluate new ideas in the field of healthy aging.

Stay tuned for more information.

3.2 MoBI 2024 - 5th International Mobile Brain/Body Imaging Conference

The Mobile Brain/Body Imaging (MoBI) Conference brings together researchers from technical and natural sciences and the humanities. The conference fosters scientific communication, networking, and good scientific practices related to MoBI research. By combining mobile brain imaging methods like EEG and fNIRS with motion capture and other data streams, MoBI facilitates the investigation of brain activity during active movement and interaction with the environment. MoBI experiments elucidate the human brain function of actively behaving participants in their embodied and naturalistic states.

We invite you to join us for our in-person conference (June 2-5, 2024) in Piran, Slovenia, hosted by the Science and Research Centre Koper. Located in the Istria region, Piran is a charming city with beautiful beaches and architecture. All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed by members of the scientific committee and fellow attendees.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION 15th JANUARY 2024
(3 weeks to go!)

More information available here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/mobi-2024/home>



June 2–5, 2024, Piran, Slovenia

4. About the TBrainBoost project

The overall objective of the TBrainBoost is to boost international and intersectoral mobility and improve links between academia, business, and society in the field of healthy aging. TBrainBoost will achieve this through a series of secondments between academic institutions and businesses working in the field of healthy aging, and several educational activities. Based on our methodology, researchers from this multidisciplinary field will enhance their entrepreneurial skills and competences while bringing their valuable research expertise to the industry, while R&I talents will gain new insights and skills to create structural changes that are required to set strong foundations for academy-business collaboration for the future. All intersectoral secondments will also put emphasis on benefiting institutions from widening countries, namely empowering talents from Slovenia and Malta with opportunities to learn from colleagues in Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium. Ultimately, the TBrainBoost project will create a reality where scientists and R&I talents from all parts of the spectrum intuitively share knowledge, experience, and skills to boost their personal profiles, work for the benefit of the aging society, and drive our economies.

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