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**Priority question for written answer P-003203/26
to the Commission
Nina Carberry (PPE)
(4 August 2026)**

Subject: Update on Horizon Europe funding for Alzheimer's disease and dementia research

In its previous answer to Written Question E-003066/2022 ⁽¹⁾, the Commission outlined its support for research into Alzheimer's disease and dementia under Horizon 2020. However, the figures provided only covered funding up to 2020 and did not quantify investment under Horizon Europe, which began in 2021.

More than 7 million people currently live with dementia in the EU, a figure projected to reach 14 million by 2050.

Can the Commission therefore clarify:

1. How much Horizon Europe funding has been committed and disbursed since 2021 for research that specifically concerns Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, broken down by year and by funding instrument?
2. How many projects have been funded, and how much of the total relates specifically to Alzheimer's disease compared with other forms of dementia?
3. How much additional funding is planned for dementia research during the remainder of Horizon Europe?

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**Answer given by Ms Zaharieva on behalf of the European Commission
(7 October 2026)**

The EU remains firmly committed to supporting research and innovation on neurodegenerative diseases, given their major and growing impact on patients, carers and health systems across the EU.

1. Under Horizon Europe (HE), the Commission has continued to prioritise Alzheimer's disease and other dementias as a major public health challenge. Since 2021, a total of over EUR 440 million was committed (of which over EUR 301 million for Alzheimer's disease versus over EUR 138 million for other dementias), whereas around a total of EUR 187 million was disbursed (of which EUR 96 million for Alzheimer's disease and EUR 91 million for other dementias). For a further breakdown per funding programme, and committed and disbursed amounts per year as of 2021, we refer the Honourable Member to the annex.
2. 255 projects in total have been funded of which 197 on Alzheimer's disease and 58 projects on other dementias.
3. The European Partnership for Brain Health ⁽¹⁾, launched this year, with an EU contribution of EUR 150 million over 2026-2036, includes neurodegenerative diseases as one of its focus areas. In the remaining years of the current 2021- 2027 HE, the 2026-2027 HE Work Programme on Cluster 1 'Health' ⁽²⁾ includes a EUR 39 million clinical research topic on neurodegenerative diseases. Further opportunities may arise across the whole HE programme. The calls do not have earmarked budgets by disease and funding of specific projects depends on the nature of the calls and the outcome of the evaluation performed by independent experts.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2022-003066_EN.html

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.brainhealth-partnership.eu/>.

⁽²⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2026-2027/wp-4-health_horizon-2026-2027_en.pdf.