

Time for action!

EU Advocacy Strategy 2015-2020



SIP
Societal Impact of Pain



The scientific framework of SIP is under the responsibility of the European Pain Federation EFIC®.

The pharmaceutical company Grünenthal GmbH is responsible for funding and non-financial support (e.g. logistical support).

4 top strategic opportunities have been identified to address the the **societal impact** of pain

Our building blocks for a European policy on chronic pain management

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Pain as health indicator

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European framework for chronic diseases and multimorbidity

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EU recommendations for high quality cancer survivorship care and rehabilitation

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European Semester - Measures on rehabilitation and reintegration of workers



Pain as health indicator - Art 8(5) of the Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare

OBJECTIVE

- Raise awareness amongst EU healthcare decision-makers about pain
- Establish healthcare indicators to tackle under-, over- and wrong treatment of pain patients

HOW

- Use the upcoming debate on the implementation of the Directive to position EFIC (in cooperation with PAE) within the EU institutions as the expert organisation on indicators for pain measurement as criteria to grant access to cross-border healthcare
- Explore the creation of a specific European Reference Network on Pain treatment (utilising SIP)

WHERE

Implementation of EU cross border healthcare Directive (utilising SIP)

2

European framework for chronic diseases and multimorbidity - being prepared by the European Commission and which will look into the commonalities of chronic diseases



OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise awareness amongst EU healthcare decision-makers about the societal impact of pain and the need for targeted action on pain• Facilitate the adoption of specific measures to improve education for healthcare professionals and patients• Address stigmatisation, empower patients to access adequate care and pain treatment
HOW	Integrate pain as key horizontal element that should be specifically addressed in the prevention and management of chronic diseases and comorbidities
WHERE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU framework on Chronic Diseases and comorbidities• Joint Action on Chronic Diseases and Promoting Healthy Ageing, 2014-2017• European Commission website



EU recommendations for high quality cancer survivorship care and rehabilitation –

Key deliverable of the WP 8: EU recommendations for high quality cancer survivorship care and rehabilitation



OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise awareness of pain versus palliative care and the need to appropriately address both• Implementation of indicators and pathways for specialised pain care• Increase education for healthcare professionals and patients• Identify best practices and light houses
HOW	Inclusion of adequate wording on pain in malignant and non-malignant pain patients within the Recommendations on high quality cancer survivorship care and rehabilitation
WHERE	Cancer Control Joint Action - CanCon



Measures on rehabilitation and reintegration of workers - influence of pain on early retirement and back to work programmes



OBJECTIVES

- Mobilise policy makers to include pain management as a key indicator in policies to postpone early retirement and reduce work absence
- Increase education for healthcare professionals and patients
- Identify and promote best practices for healthcare pathways to tackle under-, over and wrong treatment of pain

HOW

- Inclusion of specific measures in national employment policies and healthcare systems aimed to promote reintegration of pain patients into labour
- Promote pain as indicator of successful reintegration and rehabilitation in active ageing policies

WHERE

European Semester

Key Tactics mobilising EU and national decision makers to adopt concrete policies to improve pain management

1. Consolidate and extend the existing **alliance** and strengthen **cooperation** with all relevant stakeholders
2. Development/update of **educational fact sheets** on the societal impact of pain, key policy needs/recommendations and communication amongst decision makers and stakeholders
3. Development/update and communication of **position papers** on key ongoing and upcoming policy debates
4. **SIP representation** in key platforms, policy meetings, conferences
5. **Face-to-face meetings** with key EU decision-makers
6. Leverage of **SIP website and SIP meetings** as key channels for EU communication and advocacy, incl. optimised exchange of best practices

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