

## Societal Impact of Pain End-of-Year Report 2021

### Introduction

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The below report is provided to demonstrate the activities and impact of the [Societal Impact of Pain platform](#). While the impact of advocacy is often difficult to quantify, due to the long-term nature of relationship building and the policy process, this report can go some way to demonstrating real impact. The report shows key activities, a written qualitative analysis, as well as some key performance metrics.

### Key activities in 2021

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- Cancer Pain Policy [Event and Recommendations](#)
- Workplace Integration and Adaptation [Position Paper](#)
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- Joint SIP-EU-OSHA [Webinar](#) on Employment and Pain
- [Response](#) to the European Commission's EUHDS Roadmap and Public Consultation
- [Digital Position Paper](#): Pain and Quality Indicators (in Draft form, for release Q1 2022)
- [Stakeholder Forum 2021](#)
- Stakeholder Forum Memorandum of Understanding

### What impact is the Societal Impact of Pain platform having on pain policy?

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Over the course of 2021 SIP has grown from strength to strength, with the introduction of systematic involvement of scientific expert-review in the development of SIP position papers, the launch and development of two key position papers, delivery of two Flagship 'European Parliament-style' multistakeholder events, a joint educational webinar with the European Union Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), growth of the Stakeholder Forum, and strengthening of the National Platforms. In particular, the [National Platforms](#) have been drawn in closer to the centre of driving the policy activities and direction for SIP. This is of course, in addition to leveraging EU policy initiatives relevant to SIP's core objectives.

Additionally, SIP has strengthened, developed, and nurtured existing, and new relationships with European policymakers and institutions, as well as our growing Stakeholder Forum and network of 'sibling' organisations.

SIP has strengthened its online presence to complement our 'live' activities, such as diversifying our social media activities and content ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#)), along with our website [news](#) sections and [thematic](#) pages, our [Newsletter](#), and participation in various external advocacy and awareness [campaigns](#).

SIP's efforts in [cancer pain policy](#) have led for example, to the inclusion of multiple SIP-relevant amendments into the [Final Report](#) of the European Parliament's Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA), an invitation from the European Commission to join the Beating Cancer Plan Stakeholder Group, and collaboration with the European Cancer Organisation, amongst others.

SIP's efforts in workplace integration and adaptation policy have led for example, to public recognition of our activities as 'best practices' from EU-OSHA, and close collaboration with the Agency, including co-creation of the Workplace Integration and Adaptation [Event Recommendations](#) and next steps.

SIP intends to build on this momentum in 2022, leveraging opportunities in cancer and workplace integration and adaptation on an ad-hoc basis. Additionally, we intend to expand our focus in 2022 on [pain and digital](#)

[health](#) (pain as a quality indicator), [ICD-11 and ICF](#), building capacity within our National Platforms, and growing the SIP Stakeholder Forum.

## Key performance metrics

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The metrics below provide an insight into how SIP is performing. The metrics relate to the calendar year 2021. We have selected those which we believe are most indicative of quality work and real impact.

- **Number of policy papers / positions published: 7**

This refers to SIP's multistakeholder, multidisciplinary, scientifically-based policy recommendations. These are the highest value substantial activities of the project. Additionally, SIP's contributions to other organisations' policy publications, and responses to public consultations are also listed.

- [Contribution](#) to ECO publication: Free from Cancer: Achieving Quality of Life for All Cancer Patients and Survivors
- [Response](#) to European Commission Roadmap for the European Health Data Space
- [Response](#) to the European Commission Public Consultation on the proposal for the European Health Data Space
- [Response](#) to European Commission Public Consultation on the EU Strategic Framework (2021-27) for Safety and Health at Work in the EU
- [Response](#) to European Parliament Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) Draft Report on Strengthening Europe in the Fight Against Cancer
- [Response](#) to Amendments to the Draft BECA Report
- SIP Position [Paper](#) on Workplace Integration and Adaptation
- SIP Position Paper on Digital Health: Pain as a Quality Indicator (to be launched Q1 2022)

- **Number of views of our policy papers: 668**

This refers to the quantifiable number of views of our positions and recommendations tracked via our website.

- **Number of meetings with political stakeholders: 13**

This refers to meetings held in person or via web conference with political representatives; renewing, strengthening, or establishing new relationships with key policy makers and institutions related to SIP's core objectives and positions.

- MEP Dolors MONTSERRAT (EPP, Spain)
- MEP Sipra PIETIKAINEN (EPP, Finland)
- MEP Marian-Jean MARINESCU (EPP, Romania)
- MEP Alex AGIUS SALIBA (S&D, Malta)
- MEP Radka MAXOVÁ (S&D, Czechia)
- MEP Katrin LANGENSIEPEN (Greens/EFA, Germany)
- MEP Cyrus ENGERER (S&D, Malta)
- European Commission DG SANTE Stakeholder Relations Lead
- European Commission DG EMPL C2
- European Commission DG EMPL D3
- PERM REPS: Germany (Health & Employment)
- PERM REPS: Slovenia (Health & Employment)
- PERM REP: Belgium (Employment)
- PERM REP: Portugal (Health)

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- EU-OSHA
- EU-OSHA Brussels Liaison Office
  
- **Number of meetings with other key stakeholders relevant to pain policy: 20**  
This refers to meetings held in person or via web conference with other influential organisations in the Brussels policy-making sphere;
  - European Federation of Neurological Associations
  - European Academy of Neurology
  - Mental Health Europe
  - European Cancer Patient Coalition
  - European Cancer Organisation
  - European Association of Palliative Care
  - European Psychiatric Association
  - European Region of World Physiotherapy
  - European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
  - European Patients Forum
  - Active Citizens Network
  - European Health Management Association
  - Europe Connected Health Alliance
  - European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities
  - European Social Platform
  - European Forum for Primary Care
  - Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union
  - European Specialist Nurses Organisation
  
- **Number of subscribers to SIP newsletter: 881**  
This refers to the subscribers on our mailing list, indicating the 'circulation' of SIP's positions and recommendations, activities, and engagement opportunities.
  
- **Number of followers on SIP social media channels: (see below)**  
This refers to the followers on each of our accounts, indicating the size of our audience and the strength of our voice in online discussions.
  - Facebook: 613 followers
  - Twitter: 1477 followers
  - LinkedIn (page): 761 followers
  - LinkedIn (group): 6.929 members
  
- **Number of SIP national platforms in operation: 10 + 2 in development**  
This refers to the number of active platforms in existence, demonstrating national level reach and amplification of SIP positions and recommendations, and links to national policymakers and stakeholders.
  - Belgium
  - Ireland
  - Finland
  - France
  - Malta
  - Netherlands

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The 'Societal Impact of Pain' (SIP) platform is a multi-stakeholder partnership led by the European Pain Federation EFIC and Pain Alliance Europe (PAE), which aims to raise awareness of pain and change pain policies. The scientific framework of the SIP platform is under the responsibility of EFIC and the strategic direction of the project is defined by both partners. The pharmaceutical companies Grünenthal GmbH and Pfizer are the main sponsors of the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) platform

- Portugal
  - Slovenia
  - Spain
  - Sweden (Platform in development)
  - Switzerland
  - UK (Platform in development)
- **Number of SIP national platforms public meetings: (see below)**

This refers to meetings held by the national platforms with a public 'political' nature, e.g., inviting political representatives to participate.

    - Finland (public meetings x 2)
    - France (public meeting x 1)
    - Portugal (public meeting x 2)