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Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) – 2017 Symposium

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Structured Cooperation between Health Care Systems Tackling the Societal Impact of Pain!

Pain imposes a huge burden on individuals and an enormous cost to society. Healthcare systems become overstretched and challenged as the problems spiral out of control, with resulting adverse impacts on social, economic and employment indicators. This situation necessitates urgent action by all European governments and institutions, which need to add the societal impact of pain to their policy agendas.

The "Societal Impact of Pain" (SIP) initiative was established in 2009 as an international multi-stakeholder platform aiming to;

- raise awareness of the relevance of the impact that pain has on our societies, health and economic systems
- exchange information and share best-practices across all member states of the European Union
- develop and foster European-wide policy strategies & activities for an improved pain care in Europe (Pain Policy).

The scientific framework of the SIP platform is under the responsibility of the European Pain Federation EFIC[®]. Cooperation partners for SIP 2017 are Pain Alliance Europe and Active Citizenship Network. The SIP 2017 symposium is co-hosted by the Malta Health Network and the No Pain Foundation. The preliminary program has been pre-approved as being in line with the code of conduct of the Pharmaceutical Research Based Industry Malta Association (PRIMA). The pharmaceutical company Grünenthal GmbH is responsible for funding and non-financial support. SIP 2017 is made possible with the financial support of the Ministry for Finance in Malta. For registration see: <http://maltaconferencebookings.com/SIP5.html>

More information on the platform "Societal Impact of Pain" (SIP) under: www.SIP-Platform.eu

SIP 2017 will aim to have a lasting political impact by addressing the subject of 'structured cooperation between healthcare systems' a topic due to be addressed by the 2017 Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU. About 200–250 participants representing all stakeholder groups involved in pain policy (health care professionals, pain policy advocates, politicians, regulators, budget holders, representatives of patient organisations, health insurance organisations and health authorities) from all over Europe are expected to attend.

Conclusions from the different working groups will be offered to policy makers and will hopefully contribute to the policy-making process of the EU and national governments.