

First EFIC monothematic Symposium

Societal Impact of Pain

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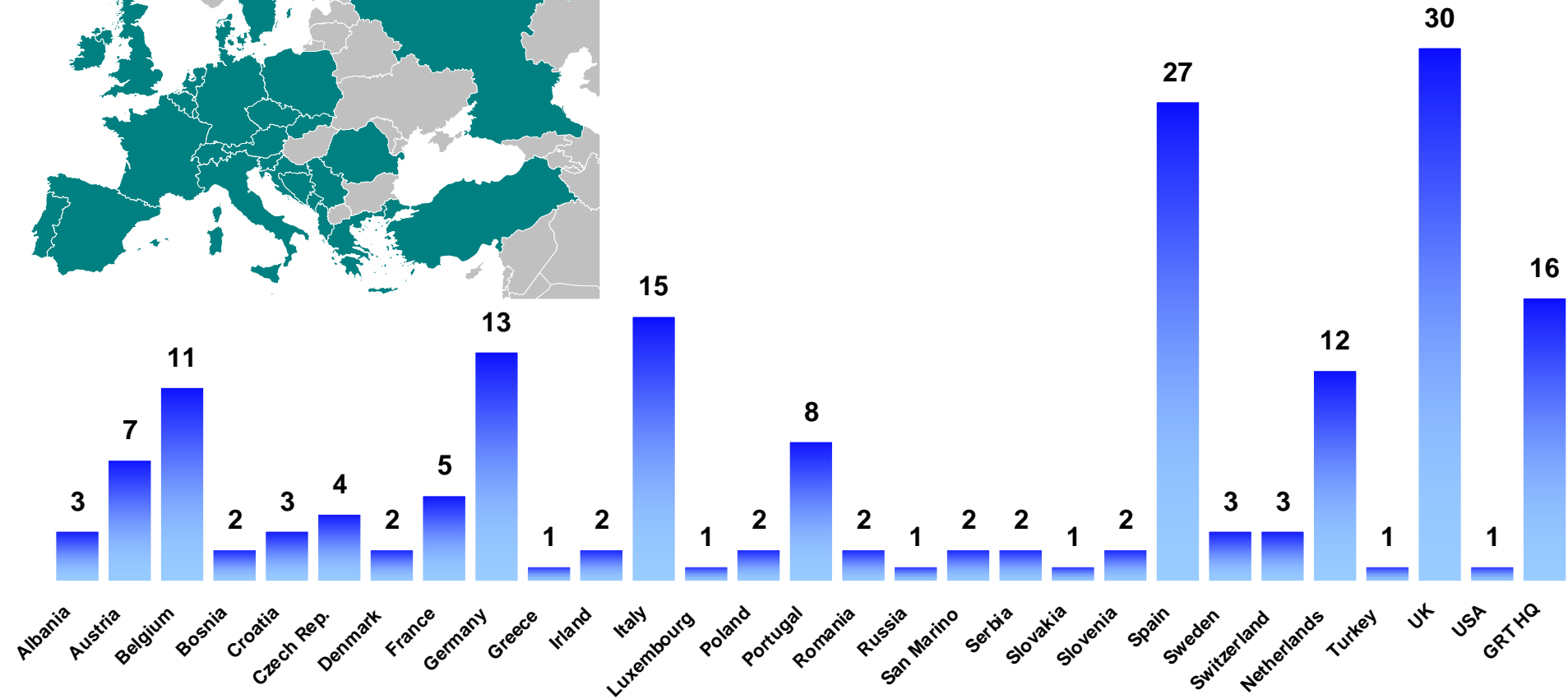
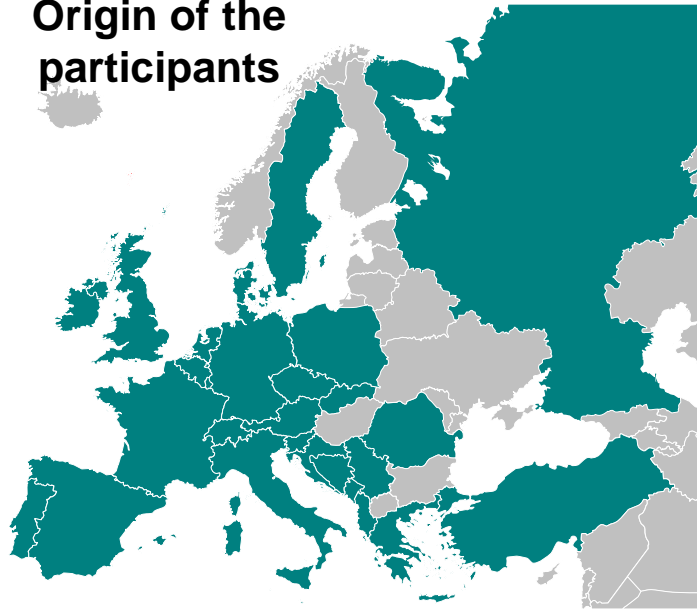


SIP: The aim of the meeting was to discuss the issues around pain with authorities, insurances, budget holders and strategic decision makers.

- Pain is not fully recognized as an important health issue by many of the national health care systems
- In many countries **very interesting projects have been initiated** investigating the economic factors related to the burden of pain to patients and the society
- The knowledge gained and management instruments developed locally are still sparsely shared amongst **health care authorities and stakeholders throughout Europe**
- EFIC is convinced of the importance to **discuss the “societal impact of pain” and “pain care as a quality indicator for health care systems” with local authorities, insurances, budget holders and strategic decision makers within the national health care systems**
- The scientific framework of the symposium is designed under the responsibility of the EFIC while the Grünenthal GmbH has been asked to support the logistics

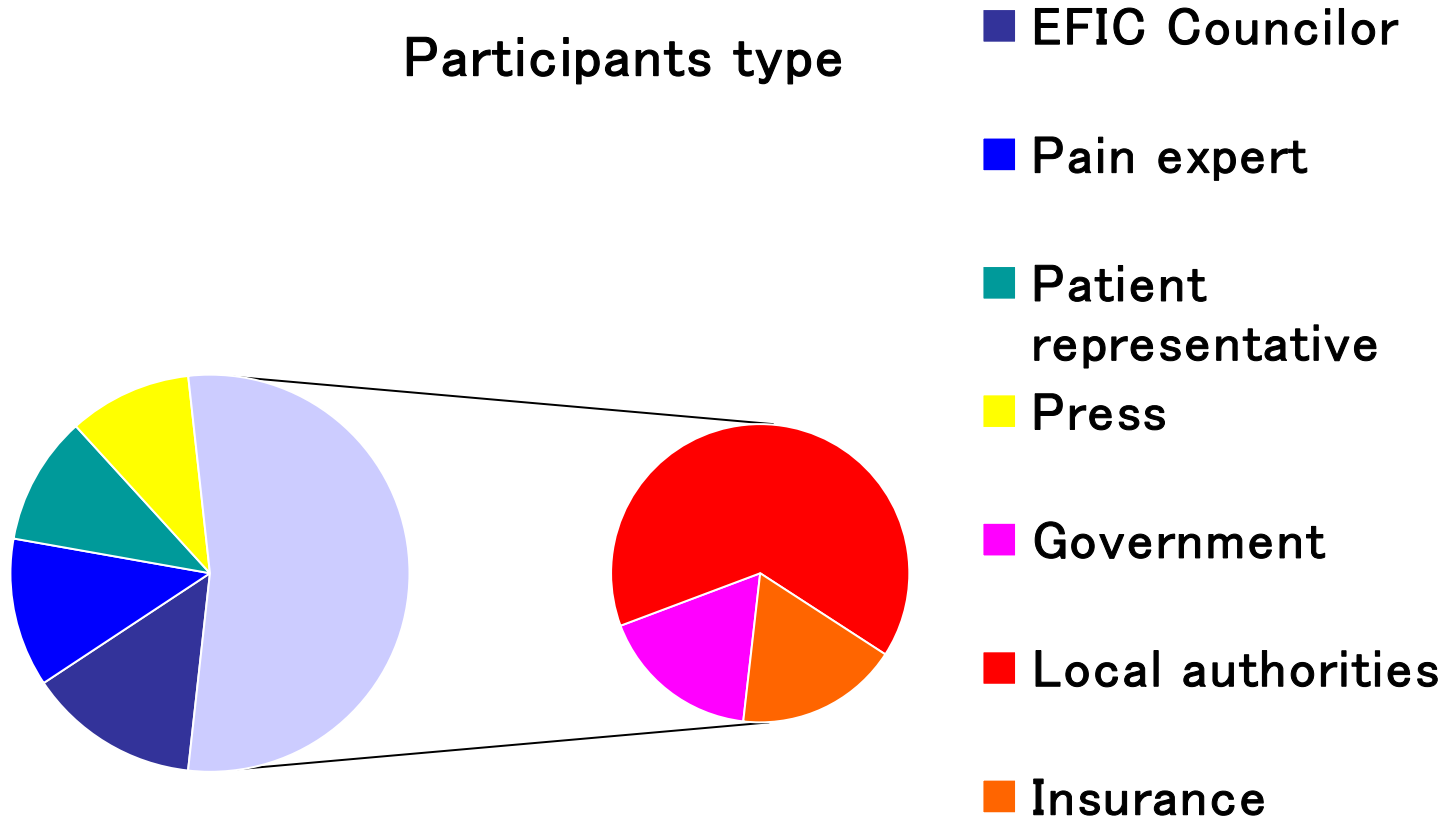
190 participants from 28 countries

Origin of the participants



Over 50% of the participants represented health care authorities

Participants type



- EFIC recognizes the enormous importance and temporal relevance of the “**societal impact of pain**”
- This is why the “**societal impact of pain**” will also be the topic of the 2010 European week against pain (EWAP) organised by EFIC
- The purpose of the “European week against pain” is to raise awareness on the pain as a disease in its own right amongst decision-makers, doctors and the public at large, with a view to improving access by patients to the pain treatments available



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