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Societal Impact of Pain

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**Structured Cooperation
between Health Care
Systems tackling the
societal impact of pain!**

Working group 2

European and national
platforms addressing the
societal impact of pain

Main findings & recommendations

We recommend...

- The European Commission should establish, implement and support a multi-stakeholder EU platform for the exchange, comparison and benchmarking of data, best practices and information between member states on pain management and its impact on society.
- The European Platform should compile and disseminate national and local data, best practices and information on the management of pain.
- The European platform should collect and make available reliable data on quality of life and patient satisfaction with services, resource utilisation, clinical guidelines, workplace impact related to pain (such as absenteeism, presentism, lost productivity and/or early retirement) as well as relevant local experiences. Similar initiatives at national or local level should be supported, and should filter into the work of the European platform.

We also recommend...



- The European platform should highlight the interdependence between the key clinical, economic and quality of life end points.
- The European platform should make possible for policy makers to access best practices and relevant data to support the necessary changes to improve the conditions of the people living with pain. Those changes should ideally contribute to making significant financial savings, improving employment rates and increasing wellbeing throughout society.
- The European platform should strengthen the dialogue on pain between patients, medical professionals, decision and policy makers, insurance companies and other stakeholders. Such a mechanism is necessary for healthcare providers to co-operate on a structural basis, with the support of European institutions, national governments, healthcare authorities, patient organisations and patients individually.



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