



How to register and become a member of the EU platform

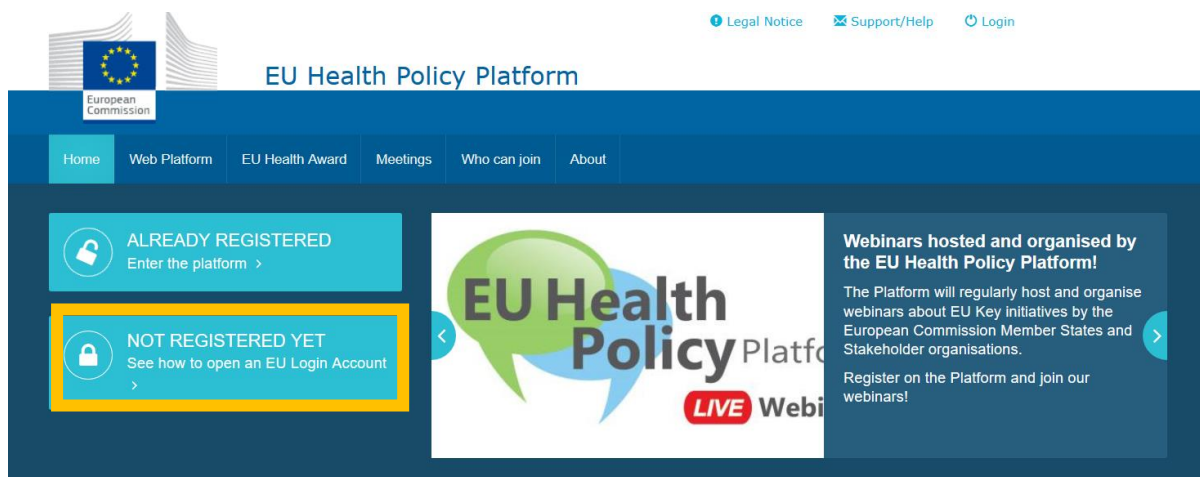
To access the Stakeholder Group on the Social Impact of Pain, you first need to register to the EU Health Policy Platform. As health stakeholder, you need to meet the EU Health Policy Platform criteria in order to register. (Please see the eligibility criteria in Annex 1).

Registration Procedure

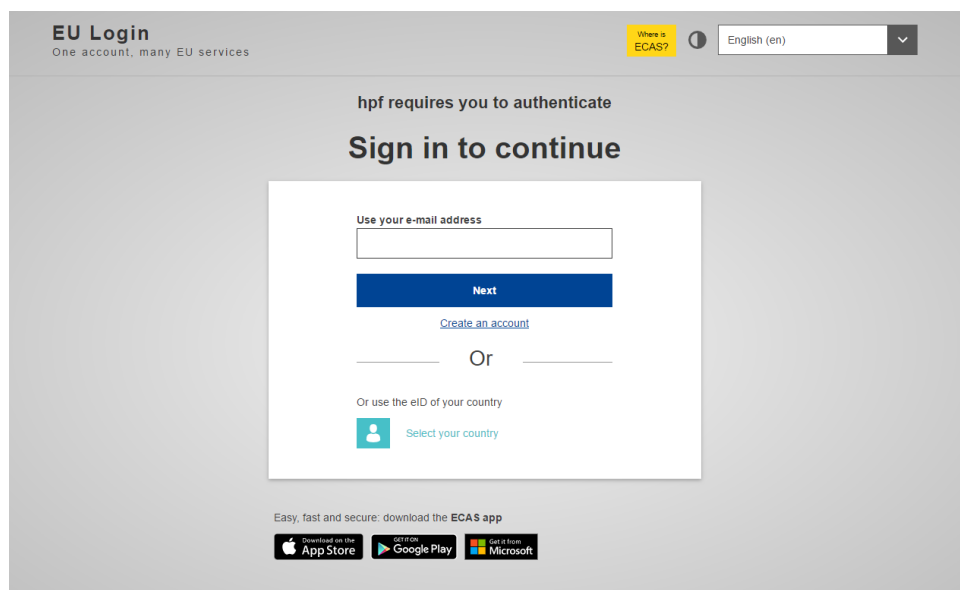
Please proceed to the registration as follows:

STEP 1: Follow the link to the IT Platform: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/hpf/>

Follow the instruction to create an ECAS account clicking on “NOT REGISTERED YET”



STEP 2: Create an account in the European Commission Authentication System (ECAS) using a personalised email address related to the represented organisation (not your personal email e.g. Gmail, Hotmail). If you already have an ECAS account, please proceed to STEP3.



Once you created the account, you will receive an email with further instructions.

STEP 3: Log in with your EU Login (ECAS) username and password. This will take you to the home page of the Platform where you can request access to various networks.

STEP 4: Once you are logged in, your webpage will look like the figure below. Now you need to request access to **Agora network** and to your **Stakeholder Group on the Social Impact of Pain**; the moderator will grant you access as soon as possible.



AGORA

Common network open to all registered users. In this network, you can discuss health issues, share ideas and gather information on policy areas related to health. You can also let the community know about the events you organise or the reports you produce!

Check it out and start a discussion on... [read more](#) ▾

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Access granted



You will find the Agora network at the top of the page. To find the **Stakeholder Group on the Social Impact of Pain**, please scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will find the preview of our group as per the image below.

The logo is identical to the one above.

Expert Group on Social Impact of Pain (SIP Group)

The expert group on social impact of pain aims to contribute to improved EU policy-making via the creation of a stakeholder network which can share best practices and available data on the societal impact of pain, and develop policy recommendations.

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STEP 5: You will receive a confirmation email once your profile is approved.

STEP 6: You can start uploading and navigating in the Platform. There is space for you to upload publications, documentation on national best practices, events in your home country and even your personal story.

Disclaimer: All postings in this group should be related to the “Social Impact of Pain” (SIP) and not contain any commercial advertising. Adverts, promotion and self-promotion will be removed. Impolite or offending postings will be deleted. Do not reveal any identifiable patient information. All postings should be free of copyright (meaning that we cannot cut and paste from other publications without permission and reference).

STEP 7: Once you are registered and you want to come back on the EU health platform to access the SIP group, you can find it in the scroll down menu ‘select a network’ on the right of your page.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the EU Health Policy Platform. It includes links for Legal Notice, Support/Help, Subscriptions, CARRARO Vittoria, Logout, and a language dropdown set to English (en). The main header features the European Commission logo and the text "EU Health Policy Platform". Below this is a dark blue navigation bar with links for Home, About us, IT Platform, Face-to-face meetings, About you, a highlighted "Select a network" dropdown menu, and Manage Access. The main content area displays a banner for the AGORA network, which is described as a common network open to all registered users. A "Participate" button is visible. On the right, there is a sidebar with "EU Health Policy Platform Networks" listing "Agora" and "EU Expert and Stakeholder Group Networks". Below this is an "Announcements" section with a headline "The EU Health Policy Platform goes live!" and information about upcoming live webinars and a joint statement.



ANNEX 1: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

There are 3 kinds of users in the EU Health Policy Platform:

- The European Commission staff;
- The members of already established EU Expert and Stakeholder Groups of DG Health and Food Safety;
- Any health stakeholders meeting the EU Health Policy Platform criteria.

In order to be accepted as Platform users, health stakeholders must meet the following criteria

They must:

1. Represent an organisation with an operative email;
2. Be a European, national, regional or local entity, registered legally in an EU Member State, EEA-country or a country participating in the funding of the 3rd Health Programme.
3. Organisations from third countries may also register on the EU Health Policy Platform as long as their contribution helps to achieve higher levels of public health in the EU. Their requests will be considered on an ad hoc – basis.
4. Be registered in the EU Transparency Registry and must directly and exclusively represent their own interests (meaning consultancies and law firms may not participate on behalf of clients);
5. Respect the guiding principles with regard to transparency, present in the annex;
6. Be one of the following entities:
 - Public health non-governmental organisations;
 - Organisations representing patients;
 - Organisations representing health professionals;
 - Health service providers;
 - Health insurance bodies;
 - Research organisations, universities and academic institutions;
 - Business associations with a clear commitment to health promotion; protection or prevention of diseases in Europe.
7. Have an interest in health; work in public health or in health-related fields.