



SPECIAL EDITION OF THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF PAIN (SIP) NEWSLETTER

Dear Reader,

Exactly two years ago, the last European Symposium on the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) took place from June 7-9 2017 in Valletta, Malta. The symposium, titled “Structured Cooperation between Health Care Systems tackling the societal impact of pain!”, was arranged under the auspices of the agenda of the 2017 Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU. About 300 participants from more than 200 organisations came together and shared best practices to tackle the societal impact of pain. View the [impressions](#) and take a look at the great [outcomes](#) of the last SIP event in 2017.

With this extra SIP newsletter we want to announce that [registration for the eighth international SIP Symposium 2019 on November 7th in Brussels \(from 9:00 –17:00\) is now open](#). The symposium will take place in the Concert Noble at the European Quarter in Brussels, the same venue as [SIP 2016](#).

What will happen at SIP 2019?

The Symposium will have **three main objectives**

1. Working towards the implementation of the recommendations of the [SIP Joint Statement](#), considering the updated European political landscape and what it means for SIP
2. Strengthening existing [SIP national platforms](#) while laying the foundation for new ones
3. Bringing national and international stakeholders together to connect and create synergies

With the aim of reaching these three objectives, the following **topics** will be discussed:

- How to build on SIP’s achievements so far, particularly the recommendations of the Joint Statement produced within Thematic Network Programme in 2018
- Sharing best practices, including a showcase of the work of the SIP national platforms
- The future of SIP after its first 10 years of achievements

Plenary sessions will be arranged to discuss the recommended policy actions of the four key areas of the [SIP Joint Statement](#) (health indicators, research, employment and education) with the newly elected European politicians.

During the lunch break, **guided poster tours** will be arranged to present activities and achievements from SIP national platforms and to show other SIP-related initiatives. SIP endorsing organisations have the opportunity to present their work in the **exhibition area** during the breaks.

On 6th November 2019 (starting at 18:30) the Active Citizenship Network will arrange the ceremony for the "[European Civic Prize on Chronic Pain - Collecting Good Practices \(2nd edition\)](#)" where the winners of the award will be announced. All SIP participants are invited to join this welcome reception which will take place in the Concert Noble as well.

The SIP 2019 Symposium will be managed by R-Events on behalf of Grünenthal, which is responsible for logistics and providing financial support.

We look forward to an exciting and inspiring SIP 2019 with our SIP community and will celebrate our [10th anniversary](#) at this event.

The Societal Impact of Pain Team



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Looking forward to welcome you at SIP 2019!



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