



23RD EDITION OF THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF PAIN (SIP) NEWSLETTER

Dear Reader,

We experience exciting times in Brussels just 2 days before the European elections 2019 will be completed. During the past months we have closely monitored the upcoming changes in the EU institutions and how this might impact the Societal Impact of Pain policy work. In the past years Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) has achieved significant attention and support from many politicians in Brussels for example with the inclusion in the [Thematic Network program](#) on the EU Health Policy platform 2018. Read the [article](#) what are our activities to ensure that SIP will maintain high on the European and national political agenda.

In the past weeks we have focused our communication activities on one of the four key topics of our Joint Statement Recommendations: "[Pain and Employment](#)". Many initiatives and activities on EU and national level are taking place to implement the policy recommendations related to this topic. The SIP platform represented by Pain Alliance Europe attended the [Chrodis PLUS conference](#) on May 14-15 in Budapest to support the work package 8 on employment and chronic conditions. Further, SIP Portugal has prepared a [joint statement](#) which has been signed by 11 patient associations and scientific societies recommending the urgent implementation of measures to promote the employability of people with pain.

Great news from the SIP national platforms (NP)! With the start of [SIP Finland](#) the network of SIP national platforms (NP) is further expanding (now eight NP). Many activities are taking place in these countries which will be presented at the [EFIC congress 2019 in Valencia](#).

Many other international and national SIP related conferences and events will take place in 2019 which you can find in our [SIP calendar](#).

Warm wishes,

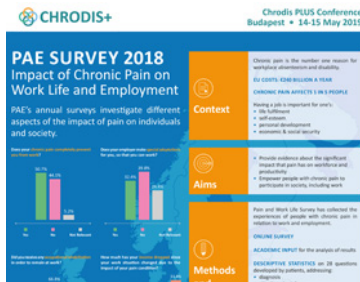


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Making the voice of all addressing the societal impact of pain heard in the next European Parliament

In the midst of the elections, SIP wanted to ensure MEP candidates were aware that chronic pain is big issue in their Member State and ask for their support in keeping it on the EU health policy agenda in the next mandate.



Pain Alliance Europe represents Societal Impact of Pain at Chrodix PLUS conference in Bukarest

This conference has been very important for SIP as one of the 40 partners, collaborating with the Joint Action of the European Commission CHRODIS Plus in the area of chronic diseases.



We welcome SIP Finland as the eight SIP national platform

On 26 April, representatives of SIP Europe, national stakeholders and members of the SIP Partners at national level came together to kick off a SIP national platform in Finland.



SIP Portugal - Joint Statement on pain and employment signed

11 patient associations and scientific societies signed a joint statement recommending the urgent implementation of measures to promote the employability of people with pain.



PAiN political round table meeting about pain in the Netherlands

In April, high level representatives of PAiN met with Dutch members of parliament. The objective of the meeting was to start a political dialogue to make sure that pain gets the attention it deserves.



SIP highlights at EFIC congress 2019 in Valencia

Many SIP activities will happen at the bi-annual congress on 4-7 September 2019. For the first time the learnings and achievements of SIP national platforms will be shared with the multi-disciplinary pain community.



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