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

Dear Reader,

We decided to send out an extra Societal Impact of Pain newsletter to save the date for an important live [webinar](#) which takes place on June 25th from 11.30 – 12.30 C.E.T. Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) has been selected by the European Commission as one of just three topics for the European Commission’s Thematic Networks program 2018. They are temporary networks of stakeholder organisations created in the EU Health Policy Platform. The purpose of the Thematic Network is to prepare stakeholder-led Joint Statements on important EU health issues, summarising the common position of the co-signing organisations.

As recommended by the European Commission a [Framing paper](#) has been drafted to present the common position of the SIP stakeholders from the health, social, and employment sectors in Europe on the issue of the status of pain in the European Union. It presents existing policies that are and can be relevant to pain and lays them out into four categories: health indicators, research, employment, and education. The paper highlights where there are gaps in relation to addressing pain and offers recommendations to action to policy makers and all other stakeholders to address these identified challenges.

Please join the webinar to discuss the draft Framing paper which will be the basis of the Joint Statements later in 2018. If you click on this [link](#) the invitation will be saved in your Outlook calendar or alternatively please go to www.sip-platform.eu

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Sincerely,

Prof. Bart Morlion | Director of the Multidisciplinary Pain Centre of the University of Leuven, Belgium
President Elect of the European Pain Federation (EFIC)



DISCUSS WITH THE SIP STAKEHOLDER THE FRAMING PAPER ON THE SIP THEMATIC NETWORK!

All SIP stakeholder and endorser are invited to join the live [webinar](#) on June 25th from 11.30 – 12.30 C.E.T. to review and discuss the draft Framing paper on the [Thematic Network](#) on the Societal Impact of Pain.



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