

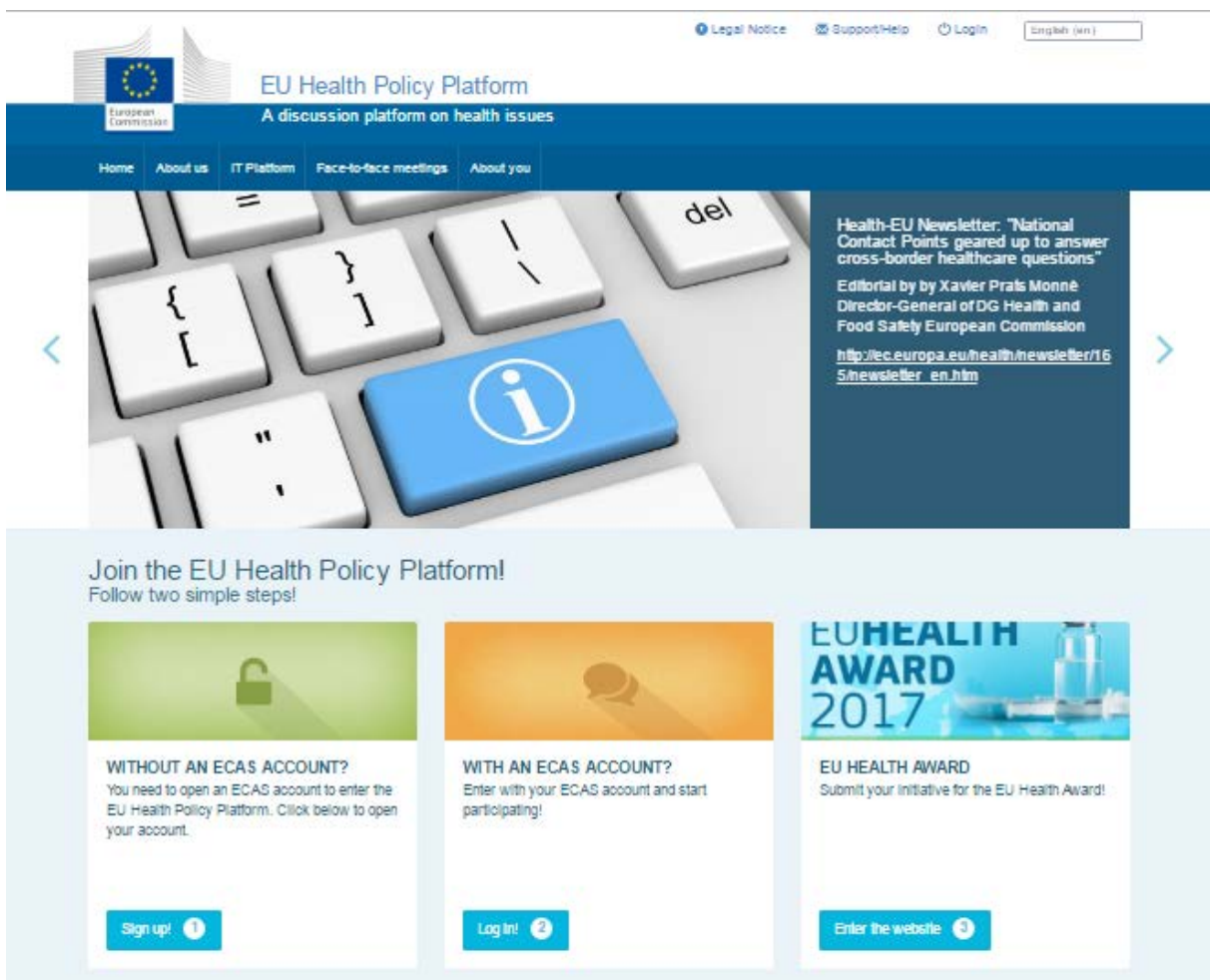
How to register and become a member of the EU platform

To access the Expert 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

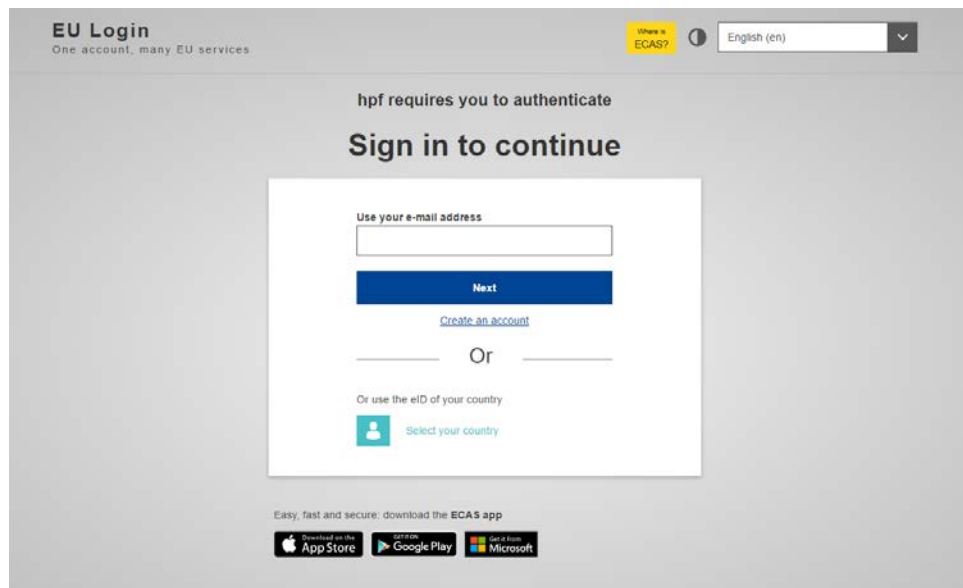
Please proceed to the registration as follows:

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



The screenshot shows the homepage of the EU Health Policy Platform. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Legal Notice', 'Support/Help', 'Login', and a language selector set to 'English (en)'. Below this is the main header with the European Commission logo and the text 'EU Health Policy Platform - A discussion platform on health issues'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Home', 'About us', 'IT Platform', 'Face-to-face meetings', and 'About you'. The main content area features a large image of a computer keyboard with a prominent blue 'i' key. To the right of the keyboard is a text box titled 'Health-EU Newsletter: "National Contact Points geared up to answer cross-border healthcare questions"' with an editorial by Xavier Prals Monné, Director-General of DG Health and Food Safety, and a link to the newsletter. Below this is a section titled 'Join the EU Health Policy Platform! Follow two simple steps!' which contains three columns: 1. 'WITHOUT AN ECAS ACCOUNT?' with a 'Sign up!' button (1); 2. 'WITH AN ECAS ACCOUNT?' with a 'Log in!' button (2); and 3. 'EU HEALTH AWARD 2017' with an 'Enter the website' button (3).

STEP 2: Create an account in the European Commission Authentication System (ECAS) using a personalised email address related to the represented organisation. 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, you need to request access to **Agora network** and to your **Expert Group on the Social Impact of Pain**; the moderator will grant you access as soon as possible.



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

STEP 6: You can start uploading and navigating in the Expert 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: Visit regularly the Expert Group and keep up to date!

If you would like to propose specific areas for discussion please contact Sam Kynman, Executive Director, European Pain Federation EFIC - sam.kynman@efic.org and Joop Van Griensven, President, Pain Alliance Europe - president@pae-eu.eu.

You will receive a regular (monthly) progress report of the platform. We will analyse the content of the platform and propose new topics.

For your information, we need to make the most of the platform from now until the end of the year. The platform is part of the wider EU Health Policy forum, and we would like to report advances to the next meeting in November 15.

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.