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Focus Group 2

SIP Proposal for Action: Using European Best Practices for the Reintegration of Chronic Pain Patients into the Workforce

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According to “SIP Road Map for Action”

No 6 on “Best Practice Share”:

SIP Proposal for Action: Using European Best Practices for the Reintegration of Chronic Pain Patients into the Workforce

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Objective:

The report will be endorsed and signed by all stakeholders involved in Focus Group 2, and published on the SIP Website:

“SIP Proposal for Action: European Best Practices for Reintegration of Chronic Pain Patients into the Workforce”

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- Based on key success factors of **five best-practice projects** from **France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden** and the **United Kingdom**.
- Information was gathered ahead of the SIP 2013 Focus Group meeting and **developed and agreed upon** with participants during **Focus Group 2 on 15 May 2013**.

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Call upon European governments to:

- promote, develop and implement preventive measures and rehabilitation programs for the reintegration of chronic pain patients into the workforce.
- secure a healthy and productive employment sector.

Call upon European Institutions to:

- provide guidance.
- support the exchange of best practice across the EU.

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The SIP Proposal for Action calls on the following factors to be taken into account:

1. Strong, early involvement of stakeholders (e.g. patients, health authorities, pain specialists, insurance companies, budget holders, policy makers, scientific organisations, etc.)
2. Development of guidelines to ensure that pain services are commissioned based on need and take into account best practice.
3. Development and implementation of Chronic Pain Patient Education Programs and Patient Activity/Work Programs.
4. Continuous monitoring/governance and evaluation systems (e.g. incentives for good performance) to ensure consistent quality outcomes.

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