



**SIP**  
Societal Impact of Pain

# THEMATIC NETWORK ON SIP

Instructions how to vote until December 7<sup>th</sup>!

# VOTE FOR THE THEMATIC NETWORK ON SIP



## What will change?

- The networks are accessible to all the EU health platform users: We will be able to engage many more stakeholders on the importance of tackling the societal impact of pain!
- The content of the platform will feed into a draft joint statement – a useful tool in pushing policy makers into action on the issue of Pain.

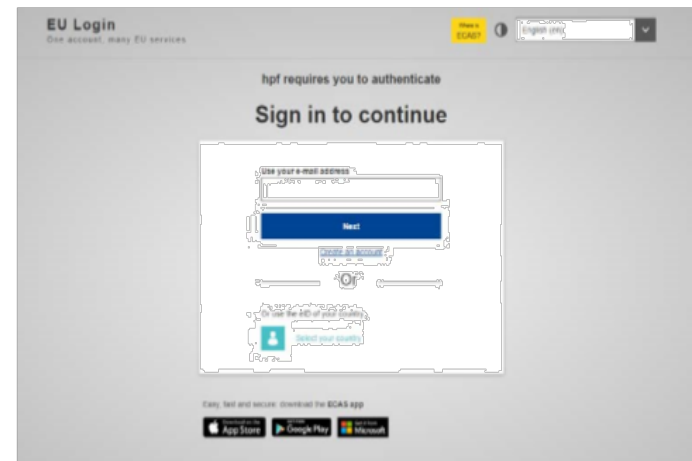
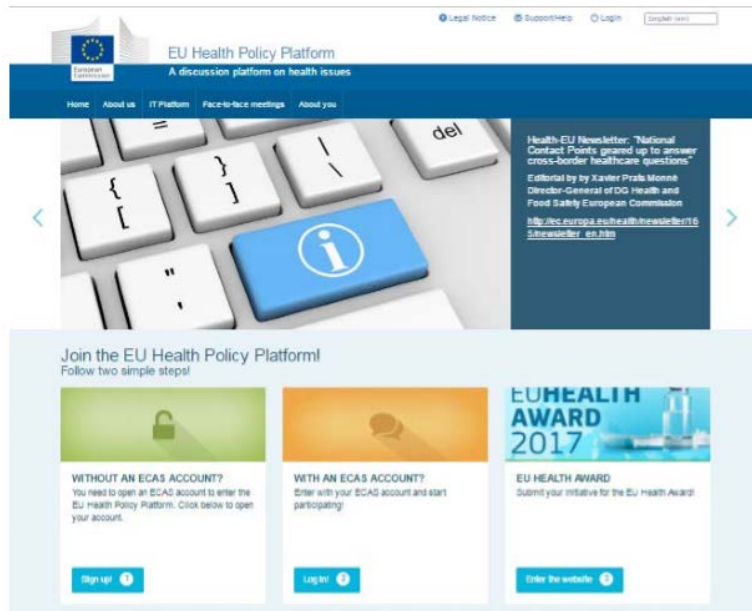
## What can you do? Vote for SIP

- The European Commission has started a survey to select the topics for the Thematic Networks.
- Out of 10 proposals **only 4 will be selected** based on this survey. Vote for SIP to be included in the selection!
- The survey is only **open until December 7th**.

# 1. CREATE AN ECAS ACCOUNT

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

Create an account in (ECAS) using a personalised email address related to the represented organisation, if you have not one already



## 2. REQUEST ACCESS TO AGORA

- Once you created the account, you will receive an email with further instructions.
- 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.
- Once you are logged in, you need to request access to Agora network. You will receive a confirmation email as soon as access has been granted



**AGORA**

In this network, you can discuss health issues, share ideas and gather information on policy areas related to health. You can also let the community know about the events you organise or the reports you produce!

Check it out and start a discussion on your chosen health issue with your peers!

[View >](#) [Request access](#) 

# 3. VOTE FOR SIP

Once you are on the Agora network scroll the page until you find the post below

 **NEW poll - Expression of interest & support: Cycle 3 - Thematic Networks 2018 (Deadline: Thursday 7 December 2017)** NEWS

 22 November 2017 by [Abigail MORENO GINES](#) [European Commission] in the [Agora](#) network 

Due to a technical problem, the previous poll has been cancelled. Therefore, we encourage users that have already expressed their support to vote once again for their preferred four Thematic Network proposals. We apologise for the inconvenience. Deadline extended until Thursday 7 December.

[... read more](#) ▼



# VOTING TAKES FEW SECONDS!

## Express your support & vote for your 4 preferred Thematic Network proposals



# WHILE YOU ARE ON THE PLATFORM, REGISTER TO THE SIP EXPERT GROUP!

When requesting access to the Agora, scroll down to the bottom of the EU Health Policy homepage and request also access to the SIP expert group.

## Expert Group on Social Impact of Pain (SIP Group)

EU Expert and Stakeholder Group Networks



**The  
conversation  
has already  
started...**

# MAKE THE MOST OF THE SIP EXPERT GROUP

The screenshot shows the website for the Expert Group on Social Impact of Pain (SIP Group). The navigation bar includes a home icon, the site name, and links for All contents, Events, Library, News, and Search. The main content area features several articles and a group members list.

**Expert Group on Social Impact of Pain (SIP Group)**

**EU Expert and Stakeholder Group Networks**

**EXPERT GROUP ON THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF PAIN**

**Group members**

Most active | [Last name](#)

- Wilco ACHTERBERG
- Elisa ARNAUDO
- Stephen BEVAN

**Tackling the social impact of pain through better education for healthcare practitioners**

One of the most important reasons why pain has such a severe impact on society is that healthcare practitioners are not equipped with sufficient knowledge to understand and manage pain. Despite advances in research, knowledge of pain amongst the wider medical profession is lacking. Pain management... [read more](#)

**Let's get started: Contributing to the library**

What will I find in the library?  
The existing folders of the library are structured according to the main discussion points on the social impact of pain at the European level. In each folder you can view and add documents that contribute to the discussion.

How can I contribute?  
Under each parent-... [read more](#)

**Brain, Mind, and Pain Grant to fund your good ideas!**

What does "pain" mean to you? Is it just a word? Or it resonates? It hurts? Is it you? Is it someone you know? Is it someone you love/care for? It makes you think you can do something about people who suffer (so often without showing it)? What is it that prevents you from going further? If the... [read more](#)

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