

10th Anniversary of Societal Impact of Pain (SIP)

SIP Symposium

7 November 2019, 9:00 – 17:00

Concert Noble, Rue d'Arlon 82, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium



Event concept

1. Background

The "Societal Impact of Pain" (SIP) is an international multi-stakeholder platform founded in 2009, aiming to:

- Raise awareness of the relevance of the impact that pain has on our societies, health and economic systems
- Exchange information and share best-practices across all member states of the European Union
- Develop and foster European-wide policy strategies & activities to improve pain care in Europe

The SIP platform gathers a broad variety of stakeholder representatives like policy makers, politicians, insurers, HTA body representatives, health care practitioners and advocacy groups to discuss pain policy.

In 2019, the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) platform is organising its **Symposium on 7th November 2019** in the Concert Noble, Rue d'Arlon 82, 1000 Brussels.

The scientific framework of the "[Societal Impact of Pain](#)" (SIP) platform is under the responsibility of the [European Pain Federation, EFIC](#)[®]. This year SIP's partners are [Pain Alliance Europe \(PAE\)](#) and [Active Citizenship Network \(ACN\)](#). The pharmaceutical company [Grünenthal GmbH](#) is responsible for funding and non-financial support (e.g. logistical support). The aims of the SIP platform have been endorsed by more than 300 international and national pain advocacy groups, scientific organisations and authorities.

2. Objectives and topics

The Symposium will have three main objectives

1. Working towards the implementation of the recommendations of the SIP Joint Statement, considering the new European political landscape and what it means for SIP
2. Strengthening existing SIP national platforms while laying the foundation for new ones
3. Bringing national and international stakeholders together to connect and create synergies

With the aim of reaching these three objectives, the following topics will be discussed:

- How to build on SIP's achievements so far, particularly the recommendations of the Joint Statement produced within the framework of the European Commission Thematic Network Programme in 2018
- Best practices, including a showcase of the work of the SIP national platforms. There will also be discussion on the creation of further platforms
- The future of SIP after its first 10 years of achievements

The scientific framework of the "[Societal Impact of Pain](#)" (SIP) platform is under the responsibility of the [European Pain Federation EFIC](#)[®]. Cooperation partners for SIP 2019 are [Pain Alliance Europe \(PAE\)](#) and [Active Citizenship Network \(ACN\)](#). The pharmaceutical company [Grünenthal GmbH](#) is responsible for funding and non-financial support (e.g. logistical support). In the past the scientific aims of the SIP symposia have been endorsed by over 300 international and national pain advocacy groups, scientific organisations and authorities.

10th Anniversary of Societal Impact of Pain (SIP)

SIP Symposium

7 November 2019, 9:00 – 17:00

Concert Noble, Rue d'Arlon 82, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium



3. Format of the Symposium

Guided Poster Tours

On the fringes of the Symposium, a poster walk will be organised during lunch time. Posters with information about SIP activities at national and European level will be presented.

Towards the end of the lunch break, participants will be divided into groups and guided along a poster tour where they will:

- Hear about the experiences of SIP national platforms
- Have the opportunity to exchange experiences at national level and learn from each other

The Marketplace

The symposium is not just an opportunity for SIP to present its activities - it is also an opportunity for different associations (e.g. EFNA, EMHA, PAE) to present their activities and network in the exhibition area (open from 08:00 – 17:00)

The interactive sessions (roundtable discussions)

To ensure interaction, participants will be seated at round tables to form working groups (about 8-10 participants per table). During these sessions, participants will be requested to exchange their views on the four pillars of the Joint Statement and to work on concrete solutions.

The conclusions of the discussions for each working group will be presented in the panel discussion on the political agenda after the European elections.

4. **Active Citizenship Network Ceremony - European Civic Prize on Chronic Pain**

On 6th November 2019 (19:00 – 21:30) the Active Citizenship Network Prize ceremony "European Civic Prize on Chronic Pain - Collecting Good Practices (2nd edition)" will take place during the welcome reception where all SIP participants are invited to attend.

10th Anniversary of Societal Impact of Pain (SIP)

SIP Symposium

7 November 2019, 9:00 – 17:00

Concert Noble, Rue d'Arlon 82, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium



5. Draft Agenda

Time	Topic	Speakers
8:00	Registration and welcome coffee	
	Exhibit area opens	
09:00 - 09:30 (30')	Introductory remarks: 'SIP 10th Years Anniversary: past, present and future'	Speakers: SIP Partners
09:30 - 10:15 (45')	European Survey on National Pain Plans: results and implications	Speakers: research group, relevant EU policymakers
10:15 - 10:30 (15')	SIP Thematic Network Program 2018 – What's next?	Speakers: high-level keynote speaker
10:30 - 11:15 (45')	Pain Research - SIP Joint Statement implementation	Speakers: SIP National Platforms, patient organisations, decision-makers
11:15 - 12:00 (45')	Pain Education - SIP Joint Statement implementation	Speakers: SIP National Platforms, patient organisations, decision-makers
12:00 - 14:00 (120')	Lunch and SIP national platforms poster exhibition	Exhibitors: SIP National Platforms, other organisations
14:00 - 14:45 (45')	Pain Employment - SIP Joint Statement implementation	Speakers: SIP National Platforms, patient organisations, decision-makers
14:45 - 15:30 (45')	Pain as a Health Quality Indicator - SIP Joint Statement implementation	Speakers: SIP National Platforms, patient organisations, decision-makers
16:00 - 16:45 (45')	Panel and Q&A session - Pain on the Political agenda after the European Elections	Speakers: SIP National Platforms, SIP, policymakers, decision makers
16:45 - 17:00 (15')	Wrap up and next steps	Speakers: SIP Partners