

# STRUCTURED CO-OPERATION TO TACKLE THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF PAIN

The **Symposium "Societal Impact of Pain" (SIP) 2017** will build on the successes of previous years and continue to set the agenda for better pain policy in Europe. It offers a unique opportunity to connect with the pain community thereby facilitating consensus building and policy recommendations.

The SIP symposium is the paramount event on the European pain policy calendar and isn't to be missed. As evidenced by this, SIP 2017 will take place under the auspices of the **2017 Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU**.

## WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED?

1. European and national platforms addressing the societal impact of pain
2. Pain and employment
3. Pain as a quality indicator for health systems
4. Challenges, models and best practices in pain policy
5. Evolving concepts in the definition of chronic pain: a dynamic process

## WHO WILL PARTICIPATE?

The meeting is relevant for anyone involved in pain policy e.g. health care professionals, politicians, representatives of pain advocacy groups, health insurance companies, health authorities, regulators and budget holders.

## WHEN?

**June 7 – pre-symposia meetings**

**June 8 – working groups & European Civic Prize on Chronic Pain**

**June 9 – Plenary sessions**

## WHERE?

Grand Hotel Excelsior, Great Siege Road, Valletta, Island of Malta FRN 1810, Malta

## REGISTRATION

Due to the limited space available at the conference, participation at SIP 2017 will be confirmed by the organisers on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to active participants (e.g. speakers, working group members). Early Bird Fee Registration for SIP 2017 is 25 Euros if registered before the 1st of May, 2017. Registration fee is 50 Euros if registered after the 1st of May 2017. The deadline for registration is the 1st of June 2017. For participation at the event dinner on the 8th of June the fee is 25 Euros. The registration fees will be donated for the support of activities addressing the Societal Impact of Pain on Malta by the Malta Health Network and the No Pain Foundation.

**Register for SIP 2017 here:**  
[www.sip-platform.eu/SIPRegistration](http://www.sip-platform.eu/SIPRegistration)

## ACCOMMODATION

Participants will need to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. For participants of SIP 2017 a special hotel rate has been negotiated. More information you will receive on registration.

The scientific framework of the SIP platform is under the responsibility of the European Pain Federation EFIC®. Cooperation partners for SIP 2017 are Pain Alliance Europe and Active Citizenship Network. The SIP 2017 symposium is co-hosted by the Malta Health Network and the No Pain Foundation. The preliminary program has been pre-approved as being in line with the code of conduct of the Pharmaceutical Research Based Industry Malta Association (PRIMA). The pharmaceutical company Grünenthal GmbH is responsible for funding and non-financial support. SIP 2017 is made possible with the financial support of the Ministry for Finance in Malta.

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