**Setting the European Pain Federation's Research Agenda: a web-based cross-sectional survey of the pain community**

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

### What is this study about?

The European Pain Federation (EFIC) is developing a Pain Research Strategy for the next 5 years. EFIC have had various contacts with research funders over the years, who have expressed a desire for a coherent set of research priorities to provide orientation to their programmes. We hope that our Research Strategy will answer these calls and offer leadership to all stakeholders in pain research. As part of developing the Strategy, we are conducting a survey study to explore your views on research priorities.

Study investigators are Gisèle Pickering, Mary O'Keeffe, Brona Fullen, Thomas Tölle, Thomas Graven-Nielsen, Andre Mouraux, David Finn, Kirsty Bannister, Susanne Becker, Felicia Cox, Elon Eisenburg, Mira Meeus, and Marian Nicholson (Pain Alliance Europe).

### Who can take part in this study?

Pain clinicians and scientists living in a European country.

### What does the study involve?

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete one Surveymonkey. The deadline for completion of this survey is 30th November 2022.

All aspects of the study, including results, will be strictly confidential and only the study investigators will have access to the data. All your identifying data will remain confidential. All data will be stored electronically on the EFIC password protected server with access restricted to the research team. A report of the study may be presented at a conference or in a scientific journal, but individual participants will not be identifiable in such a report.

### How much of my time will the study take?

The full survey will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. However, you can skip questions that are not related to your area or interest or expertise.

### Do I have to be in the study? Can I withdraw from the study once I've started?

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You are not obliged to participate. If you do participate, you can withdraw at any time without having to give any reason and

without suffering any penalty. If you do withdraw, your survey data will be deleted. Whatever your decision, it will not affect your relationship with EFIC

**Are there any risks or costs associated with being in the study?**

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study.

**Are there any benefits associated with being in the study?**

By participating, you will be contributing to the creation of a Research Strategy, that if implemented, could improve our understanding and management of pain in Europe.

**What will happen to information about me that is collected during the study?**

By providing your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting personal information about you for the purposes of this research study. Your information will only be used for the purposes outlined in this Participant Information Statement, unless you consent otherwise.

Your information will be stored securely, and your identity/information will be kept strictly confidential, except as required by law. Study findings will be published, but you will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

**What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the study?**

The study was approved by local Ethics Committee (IRB00013412, “CHU de Clermont Ferrand IRB #1”, IRB number 2022-CF034) with compliance to the French policy of individual data protection. If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the Ethics Committee at irb-drci@chu-clermontferrand.fr