



**SIP**

Societal Impact of Pain

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# Workshop 1 Consumers costs or patients: dealing with pain on a daily base



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# The presentations

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Pain, patient, networks

**Joop van Griensven**

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Out of sight, out of mind

**Jerome Rigaud**  
**Massimo Candiani**

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EU workforce for health

**Paul de Raeve**

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The impact of pain on work participation

**Michiel Reneman**

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Retention and Return to work

**Paul Watson**

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The influence of health care services on  
the chronification of pain

**Joachim Nadstawek**

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# The presentations

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Pain and rehabilitation

**Roberto Casale**

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Representing people with health  
challenges

**Robert Johnstone**

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# Summary

- Nothing about us without us (centrality of the patient)
- Social protection and safety for workers and people with pain
- Patients pathways for diagnosis and treatment
- Chronic pain is a disabling disease
- Better flexibility in insurances reimbursement and social security
- Funds for research in the right place
- Encourage women to speak out about their symptoms
- Better tools for communication
- Improve the knowledge and evidence based knowledge at all levels
- Reduce delays in diagnosis and treatment
- Patient involvement in research at all levels
- Consider the individual's goal and health condition and rights
- Long term outcomes

# Discussion



# Consensus

- Centrality of the patient
- Need of bio-psycho-social approach
- Need for common standards across Europe
- Recognition of the presence of specific need in women and elderly