

SIP National Platform Meeting 14th February 2024 Teams

Attendees

- SIP Team: Joanne O'Brien Kelly (EFIC/SIP), Sam Kynman (EFIC/SIP), Angela Cano Palomares (EFIC/SIP), Paloma Verdegal (EFIC/SIP), Raluca Marcu (EFIC/SIP).
- SIP National Platform Representatives.

Welcome and Introductions

- Angela Cano Palomares (ACP), EFIC Advocacy and Projects Officer, opened the National Platform Call and explained the Agenda of the day.
- Joanne O'Brien Kelly (JOK), EFIC Executive Board Member, introduced herself as deputy Chair for the meeting, as neither Patrice Forget, SIP Chair, nor Deirdre Ryan, SIP Co-Chair, could be in attendance on the day.
- EFIC Communications and Advocacy trainees, Paloma Verdegal and Raluca Marcu introduced themselves to the SIP National Platform Representatives.

SIP 2024 Priorities and Objectives

ACP went through the activities SIP is currently undertaking in order to tackle the new and upcoming EU Mandate. Activities include:

- Participation in political party Manifestos + Meetings: ALDE, EPP, S&D
- Joining other EU organisations Manifestos : ECO
- Tracking MEPs on their upcoming plans
- Engagement with leading candidates and EU Commission: *To be developed in the coming months*

Further, ACP stated that due to the upcoming elections, SIP will continue to focus for the first half of the year in its 2023 priorities, namely:

- Digital health and ICD-11, via de European Health Data Space
- Mental health, via de European Mental Health Strategy and related policies
- Access to Treatment

SIP Governance Model

ACP kindly reminded attendees to update their SIP National Platform Governance document and plans for 2024, and to send it back to her at angela.palomares@efic.org to ensure the best support in 2024.

SIP Activities Q1 2024

Digital Health/ ICD-11 – European Health Data Space

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- Health Permanent Representatives outreach: ICD-11 and Digital Health P.P Dissemination
 - Positive responses so far: Germany (information passed down to Ministry)
- Presidency Trio outreach: ICD-11 and Digital Health P.P Dissemination
 - Positive responses so far: Spain (interested in the topic + more information)
- MEPs (Rapporteur) outreach on European Health Data Space Report
 - Positive response and continued interaction
- ICD-11 P.P Infographic: *To be developed in the coming months*

SIP National Platforms:

- Health Ministry/Official outreach: ICD-11 and Digital Health P.P: *Main goal – To schedule a meeting before August 2024*
- Translation of Infographic on ICD-11 P.P: *To be developed in the coming months*

Mental Health

- Monitor EU Policy on the topic
- Develop a valuable resource on mental health and pain: *To be developed in the coming months*
- Letter to the Editor on Pain and Mental Health: *To be developed in the coming months*

SIP National Platforms:

- Translation of SIP Joint Statement on Pain and Mental Health: *To be developed in the coming months*
- Translation of Infographic on SIP Joint Statement on Pain and Mental Health: *To be developed in the coming months*

Access to Treatment

- Develop + Publish SIP Book of Evidence: *To be published in the coming months*
- Develop + Publish National Platforms Case Studies: *To be developed in the coming months*
- Develop + Publish SIP National Pain Plan Model: *To be published in the coming months*
- Develop + Publish Summary on SIP National Pain Plan Model: *To be developed in the coming months*

SIP National Platforms:

- Translation of SIP Book of Evidence: *To be developed in the coming months*
- Translation of SIP National Pain Plan Model: *To be developed in the coming months*
- Providing Case Studies: *To be developed in the coming months*

EU-OSHA – EC Agency on Health and Safety at Work

SIP Partner in new campaign on Safe and Healthy Work in the Digital Age

Raise awareness about the impact of new technologies on work and workplaces and the associated occupational safety and health challenges and opportunities.

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- Joint webinar on campaign theme
- Joint Resources
- Publish an article on the EU-OSHA website

Other:

- SIP Bi-lateral Calls
- SIP National Platform Interviews
- SIP Letter to the Editor in Cancer Pain – Accepted at Annals of Oncology

SIP National Platform Round-Table

SIP Book of Evidence on the Burden of Pain

ACP and SK explained the overall concept of the Book of Evidence: A document that clearly explains the burden of pain and includes explanations on acute and chronic pain; the biopsychosocial approach; main pain conditions and their prevalence and possible treatment options; patient testimonies on such pain diseases; and policy recommendations. The document will serve as the basis of SIP's advocacy activities, both for the drafting of resources (i.e. position papers) and as reading material for policymakers and stakeholders. It's main target audience being lay people and policymakers. ACP noted that SIP NPs will soon be contacted in order for them to provide national Case Studies. Finally, ACP stated that a complementary document, such as a summary or an infographic will also be developed. The Book of Evidence will be published and sent to the SIP National Platforms for translation by early April.

ACP opened the floor for questions and comments.

Liisa Jutila, from SIP Finland, asked about the language publication, stating that it would be really helpful if the Book could also be published in Finnish, raising the problem of how expensive translations can be in Finnish.

Lars Bye Moller and Iben Rohde, from FAKS Denmark, stated that nowadays AI (i.e. ChatGPT) can provide good translations and noted that FAKS is currently using such method, proving to be a successful one.

Marja Kinnunen, from SIP Finland, asked if references could be included within the Book and ACP answered that indeed they are already included at the end of the document.

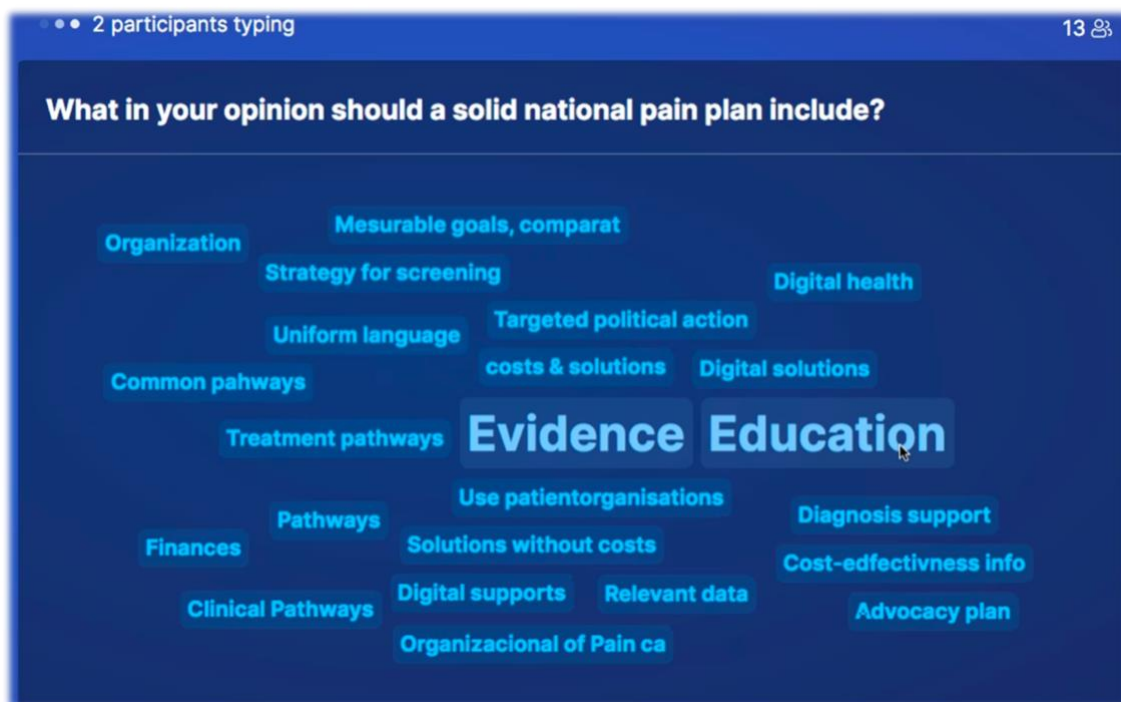
Andre Wolff, from SIP Netherlands, asked about other methods, other than data and statistics, of disseminating the Book in order to reach a policymaking audience. ACP answered video statements from MEPs and Patients will be prepared.

In general, attendees received very well the Book and showed willingness in using it and translating it.

SIP National Pain Plan Model

ACP explained the National Pain Plan Model before showing the first draft, which had the input and feedback from FAKS and SIP Sweden: A pathway document for national governments to implement a pain plan or enhance the current one if available, which includes, explanations on acute and chronic pain; the biopsychosocial approach; characteristics of a solid, comprehensive pain plan; and policy recommendations. The document will serve as the basis of SIP's advocacy activities, both for the drafting of further resources (i.e. position papers, consultation responses, etc.,) and as reading material for policymakers/stakeholders, as well as a pathway for national governments. This document is to be used together with the Book of Evidence, as the Book explains chronic pain and the National Pain Plan Model explains how to change and improve the current situation. The SIP National Pain Plan Model will be published and sent to the SIP National Platforms for translation by early April.

SLIDO, an online programme, was used to capture attendees thoughts on what a solid national pain plan should ideally look like.



ACP opened the floor for discussion:

Marja Kinnunen, from SIP Finland, commented that more resources on cost-effectiveness are needed in order to really convince Governments to invest in pain care, she stated she could provide some examples from Finland, to which ACP agreed. SK noted that SIP does not have the capacity at the moment to develop such types of documents, it will probably do in the future, however, he noted developing business case studies is very good praxis with regards to advocacy and policymaking.

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Carina Sousa noted the importance of including physical activity as a mean to prevent chronic pain, as well as the importance of adapting physical in chronic pain conditions with experts and engaging patients in research. She highlighted countries such as Norway are quite advance in the field, however, other countries only have guidelines.

Marja Kinnunen, from SIP Finland, noted that maybe public awareness for the general public (including children in schools) could be included within the pain education section. Lars Bye Moller, from FAKS, included, as well as social workers. André Wolff, from SIP Netherlands, added, and basic education for all HCP at an early undergraduate stage.

Maria Teresa Flor de Lima, from SIP PT, raised the issue of validating pain assessment tools. ACP noted that the National Pain Plan should be adapted to every country and every country will be able to include their own validated pain assessment tools.

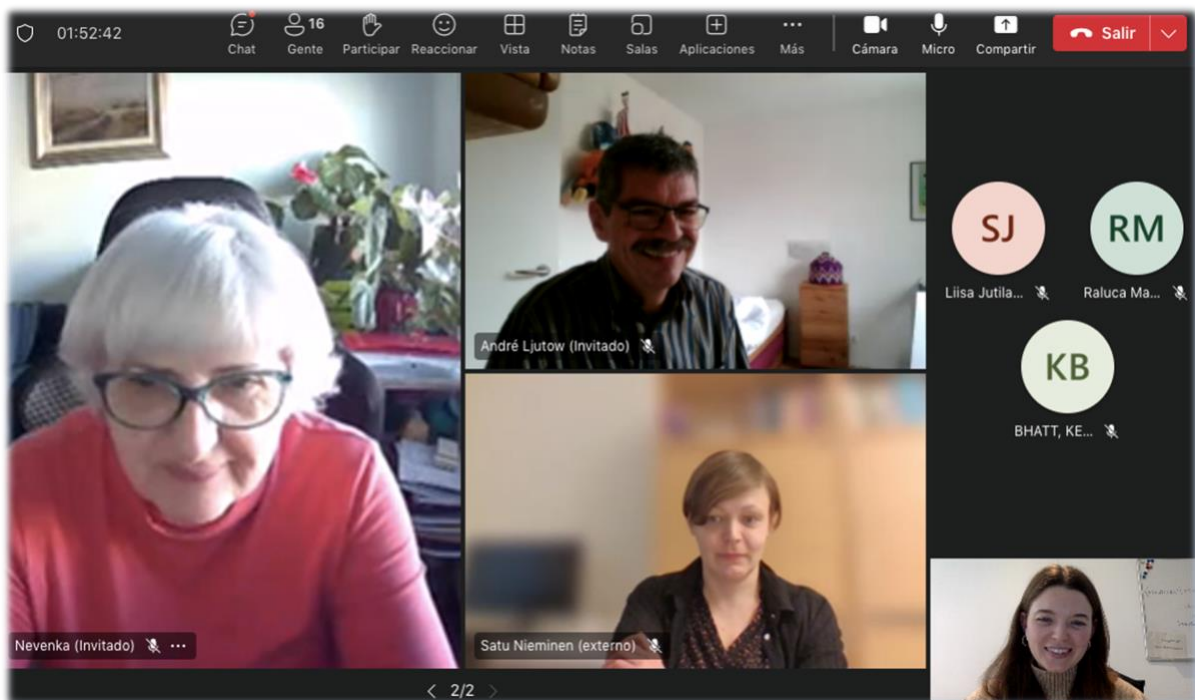
SIP National Platforms Updates

Anna Kiernan stated that she will be the new HCP Representative from SIP Ireland. ACP shared a new Platform has been formed, SIP Sweden.

SIP Communications, Next Steps and Closure

Joanne O'Brien Kelly, EFIC Executive Board Member and Deputy Chair of SIP for the meeting, highlighted that the SIP Newsletter will be going out on 29th February 2024, and kindly asked everyone to send their news by 19th February 2024. She reminded everyone about the SIP communication channels and about the SIP bi-lateral calls, which will be scheduled shortly. Finally, she reminded everyone that the next SIP National Platform call will take place on 15th May 2024.

Joanne O'Brien Kelly thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 15h00 CET.



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