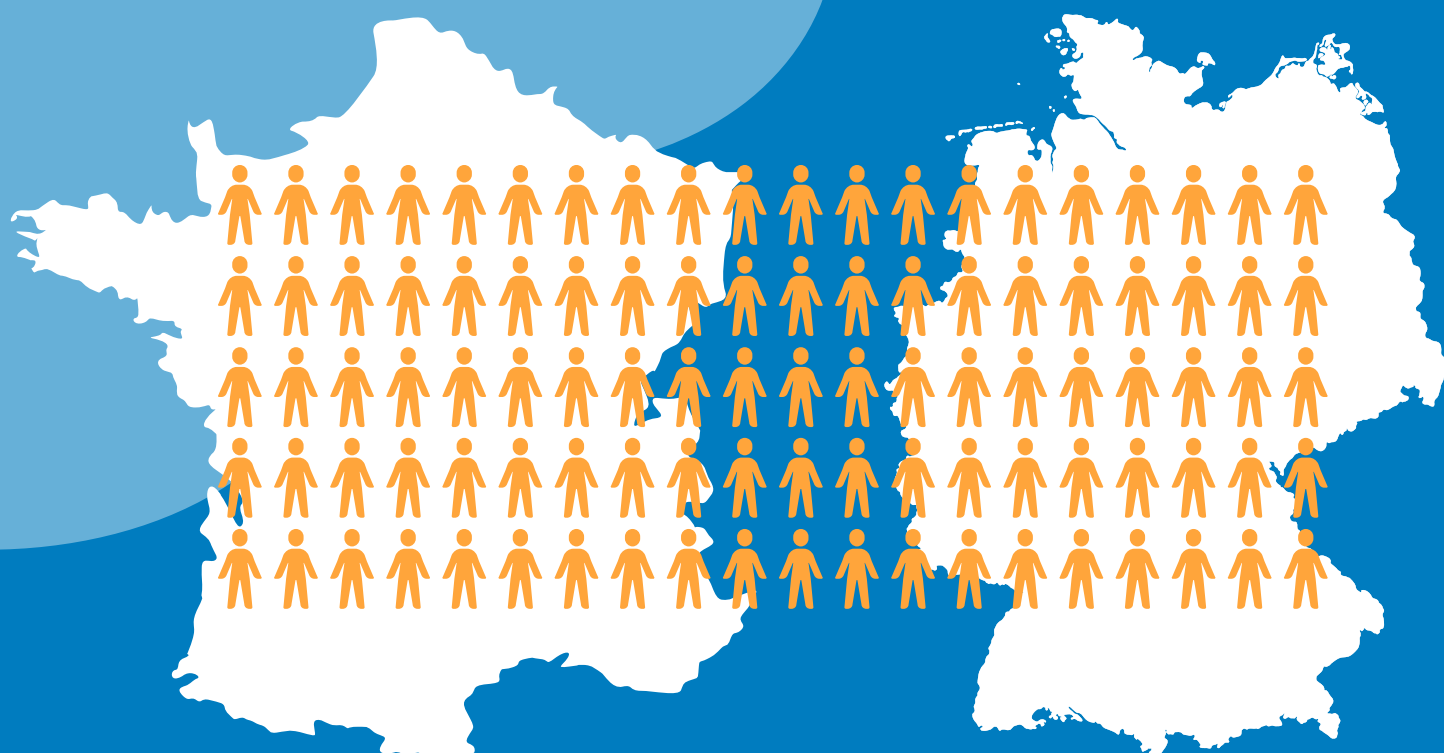


# THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES - 11TH REVISION (ICD-11)

At present, there are 150 million people experiencing pain in Europe, approximately equal to the population of France and Germany combined.



## What is the International Classification of Diseases (ICD)?

ICD is a worldwide system used by doctors, healthcare providers, and researchers to classify and code various diseases, conditions, and health-related issues. It helps people in the medical field communicate about diseases and conditions consistently around the world.

## What is ICD-11?

ICD-11 facilitates the recording and reporting of pain diagnosis in a standardised format, supporting pain management and treatment and allowing for reimbursement. It is a big step forward for pain as it introduces specific codes that allows pain to be classified and recognised as a health condition, not just a symptom.



**ICD-11 defines chronic pain** as an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with, or resembling that associated with, actual or potential tissue damage.

**Chronic pain is pain** that persists for longer than 3 months.

**Chronic pain is multifactorial**, which means biological, psychological and social factors contribute to the pain syndrome.

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## ICD-11 CHRONIC PRIMARY PAIN (MG30) SUBSECTIONS:

### MG30.0 - Chronic Primary Pain

- MG30.1 - Chronic cancer-related pain.
- MG30.2 - Chronic postsurgical and post traumatic pain.
- MG30.3 - Chronic secondary musculoskeletal pain.
- MG30.4 - Chronic secondary visceral pain.
- MG30.5 - Chronic neuropathic pain.
- MG30.6 - Chronic secondary headache or orofacial pain.



## WHY DO WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT ICD-11?

- To facilitate **record** and report **diagnosis**,
- To improve the **quality of life** of individuals living with pain,
- To support data collection for global epidemiological **research**,
- To support health services in developing **effective interventions**,
- To support the **digitalisation of healthcare services** which, in turn, will ensure the needs and rights of individuals living with pain are rightly covered and,
- To facilitate the access to precise information on costs, treatments and the societal impact of pain for **shaping public health policies and campaigns**.

