

## SIP National Platform Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Zoom

### Attendees

- SIP Team: Liisa Jutila (PAE/SIP), Patrice Forget (EFIC/SIP), Sam Kynman (EFIC/SIP), Ángela Cano Palomares (EFIC/SIP), Marta Bartnicka (EFIC/SIP), Oda Steensen (EFIC/SIP), Chris Mitchell (EFIC/SIP)
- SIP National Platform Representatives.

### Welcome and Introductions

- Angela Cano Palomares (**ACP**), from EFIC/SIP, opened the National Platform Call and explained the Agenda of the day.
- Patrice Forget (**PF**), SIP's Chair, introduced himself and Liisa Jutila (**LJ**) introduced herself as the SIP Co-Chair (PAE/SIP).
- EFIC Communications and Advocacy trainee, **Chris Mitchell (CM)** introduced himself to the SIP National Platform Representatives.
- Angela Cano Palomares (**ACP**) introduced Marta Bartnicka (**MB**) as the Advocacy Projects Officer.

### EU-OSHA Presentation: Healthy Workplaces Campaign – Safe and Healthy Work in the Digital Age 2023-2025, Speaker: Heike Klempla

Heike Klempla (HK), Campaigns Manager for EU-OSHA, introduced the Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2023–2025. She outlined its five priority areas: Digital platform work, Automation of tasks, Remote and hybrid work, Worker management through AI and smart digital systems. The campaign is currently focusing on the fourth priority area, Worker Management through AI.

**HK** emphasised that each campaign includes a major event for partners—**the Good Practice Exchange Event and Handover Ceremony**—which will take place at the Residence Palace, Brussels, on May 20–21.

PF thanked **HK** for her presentation and expressed appreciation for the partnership with SIP. **HK** added that information on focal points for national platforms and all campaign partners is available. However, she also mentioned the possibility of direct contact via email for further assistance in connecting platforms with relevant partners.

### The New EU Mandate and SIP 2025 Priorities and Objectives

#### The New EU Mandate

With the Health Priorities by Olivér Várhelyi, **MB** identified several opportunities for SIP to get involved. The Health Priorities outline key priorities, and the most relevant to EFIC/SIP are as follows:

- Preventive Health: Prioritising prevention and improving the diagnosis and treatment of major diseases. – **Priority for SIP**
- The Critical Medicines Act: Enhancing access to medicines, strengthening supply security, and addressing market failures - **Not a prioritised focus for SIP**

- A European Cardiovascular Health Plan: Proposed with the aim of being more operational than the Cancer Plan. – **Priority for SIP**
- The European Health Data Space: Highlighted as a tool for improving diagnosis, treatment, and personalised care - **Priority for SIP with ICD-11**

### 2024 SIP Priorities

**ACP** also outlined SIP's priorities moving forward. The key areas of focus for 2025:

- The European Health Data Space: and ICD-11
- Access to Treatment
- Preventive Health
- EU-OSHA Partnership

### EHDS & ICD-11

**ACP** introduced the priorities regarding the EHDS and ICD-11 for SIP in 2025.

- Monitor EHDS implementation timeline.
- ICD-11 Joint Statement.
- Engagement with EU Institutions.
- Outreach to governmental bodies in charge of ICD-11/classifications in the country and support ICD-11 roll-out at national level.

**ACP** further explained that, with the recent Council approval of the EHDS, SIP will closely monitor its implementation timeline concerning ICD-11. To support this process, SIP aims to develop a joint statement with sibling organisations, emphasising the importance of ICD-11 adoption across Europe. Once finalised, SIP will engage with EU institutions and assist in the national rollout of ICD-11.

### SIP National Platforms

Sweden: Gunilla Görän supported the idea of developing this joint statement on the topic.

### Access to Treatment

**ACP** introduced the priorities regarding Access to Treatment for SIP in 2025.

- Letter to Health Commissioner (CMA).
- Dissemination of SIP BoE; SIP PFDPC; SIP Infographics with stakeholders, EU Institutions and European and national meetings.
- Translation of the SIP Infographics.
- Complete and submit to scientific journals the SIP Case Studies.
- Update of the SIP PFDPC to include a prevention section and development of a complementary leaflet.
- Development of an Advocacy Toolkit

**ACP** clarified that SIP will not engage with the Critical Medicines Act but has sent a letter to the Commissioner and will engage if necessary.

Next, **ACP** confirmed the continued dissemination of the SIP BoE and encouraged National Chapters to record video statements on the value of the BoE and infographics to aid dissemination efforts. Regarding translations, **ACP** noted that while SIP lacks the budget for translating the infographics, it can support national platforms in their own translation efforts.

Several case studies have already been received, and an additional section on prevention is expected to be included in the SIP PFDPC. Lastly, SIP is developing an advocacy toolkit to provide training in advocacy for national platforms. **PF** added that if any platform faces national-level issues, they are encouraged to inform SIP.

### *Preventative Health*

**ACP** introduced the priorities regarding Preventative Health for SIP in 2025.

- Monitor upcoming policy on prevention, NCD's, and CVD's.
- Preventative Health Position Paper
- Translation Health Position Paper
- Engage with the EU Commission, Council of the EU, and Parliament on such new developments to ensure SIP's priorities are included within any new upcoming policy.

**ACP** explained that SIP will monitor upcoming policies on preventative health a, and that there is already a plan on CVD in the works. SIP will prepare a preventative Health Position Paper to highlight different aspects of SIP's work such as focus on the On The Move campaign, physical activity and the importance of communication.

**ACP** emphasised the importance of translating the position paper, which will be shared with all national platforms once completed.

### *SIP National Platforms*

Sweden: Gunilla Göran points out that in Sweden improving pain education for primary care doctors in Sweden is crucial, as government policies direct patients there, often leading to misunderstandings and inadequate treatment.

Finland: Liisa Jutila explains that access to specialists is easier with funds, while others face delays due to a lack of chronic pain education and fear of treating patients, a challenge also in Finland.

Sweden: Paulin Andréll asks how SIP will address the issue of chronic pain, and higher CVD risk, emphasising prevention, monitoring, and extra care. **ACP** explains that the link with NCD has a stronger connection, but the link with CVD should also be visible in the position paper. **PF** points out that National Platforms are encouraged to share any possible priorities for the National Platforms to SIP.

### *EU-OSHA Partnership*

**ACP** introduces the priorities regarding the EU-OSHA Partnership for SIP in 2025.

- Develop a joint webinar with ER-WCPT, on theme of the new campaign, related to SIP's workplace adaptation and integration position paper + the OTM campaign resources and new developing leaflet on pain and work.
- EU-OSHA at SIP NPC
- Engagement on social media, in particular during the European Week of Safety and Health at work, and dissemination of valuable resources.

**ACP** further explained that SIP is looking to organise a joint webinar between SIP, ER-WCP and EU-OSHA on teleworking.

### SIP National Platform Roundtable: SIP Advocacy Toolkit

#### Main objectives

**MB** introduced the main objectives of the SIP Advocacy Toolkit:

- To be a practical step-by-step guide for national actors who wish to set up a new SIP Platform and drive policy change forward.
- To enhance a closer collaboration between SIP NPs and SIP Europe to increase capacity building, share knowledge and best practices.
- To act as a practical guide for SIP NPs on how to design and follow a successful advocacy campaign and strategy.
- To ensure stakeholders across Europe understand the role of SIP NPs within the national arena.

**ACP** stated that she will share the Toolkit Content Table in the follow-up email, allowing National Platforms to review and provide feedback. The first four chapters will focus on establishing a national platform, clarifying roles and ensure alignment. Additionally, the toolkit will cover the fundamentals of advocacy, explaining its purpose, engagement strategies, and effective techniques. There will also be training opportunities for the National Platforms.

**ACP** emphasised that the document will be shared with a set deadline for feedback to ensure it meets the needs of all National Platforms. **LJ** mentions that the SIP Advocacy Toolkit will be very comprehensive.

#### SIP Communications, next steps and closure

- **SIP Newsletter going out on 28th March 2025:**
  - **ACP** asked everyone to please send their news and updates by 21st March 2025.
- **SIP communications channels:**
  - **ACP** emphasised the importance of engaging with SIP's communication channels, urging everyone to follow their social media, website, and newsletter for the latest information, such as the social media, website, newsletter, etc.
- **Next SIP National Platform Call:**
  - 15th May 2025.
  - SIP Bi-lateral calls to be scheduled soon.

**LJ** and **PF** concluded the meeting. They expressed their joy in seeing everyone's participation.

The meeting closed at 15h CET.