



Memorandum of Understanding European Pain Federation EFIC – European Headache Federation (EHF)



This Memorandum of Understanding expresses the willingness of the two parties:

– **The European Pain Federation EFIC[®]**, a pan-European organisation of multidisciplinary professional societies working in the field of pain research and medicine, consisting of the 37 chapters of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP[®]), which are the official National Pain Societies in each country, located in Rue de Londres/ Londenstraat 18 Brussels, Belgium, and

The European Headache Federation (EHF) is a non-profit organisation made up of European National Societies and all research groups involved in the area of headache. It consists of 34 national societies, which are the official headache societies of their country. The European Headache Federation is incorporated in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee; registered charity no. 1084181

(All the aforementioned organisations called ‘The Partners’)

to agree on a long-term cooperation agreement for **mutual collaboration and support in EU public affairs, congress and education activities.**

WHEREAS, the aim of European Pain Federation EFIC[®] is to create a forum to enhance education, collaboration and exchange of best practices amongst experts and professionals across Europe, from across a range of relevant medical specialities (anaesthesiology, neurology, headache, palliative care etc.) and allied professionals (psychology, physiotherapy, nursing etc.), and EU institutions, with the ultimate goal of improving the prevention, diagnosis, care and management of chronic pain.

WHEREAS the aim of EHF is to improve the life of those affected by headache in Europe. EHF dedicates its efforts to improving awareness amongst governments, health care providers and consumers across Europe of headache disorders and their personal and socioeconomic impact. Ultimately EHF seeks to create the optimal environment for headache sufferers and their carers across all Europe, so that they have access to appropriate treatment and therefore enjoy a better quality of life.

WHEREAS, European Pain Federation EFIC[®] and EHF have identified common policy objectives and have discussed opportunities to jointly undertake public affairs and communication activities aimed to foster and shape relevant policies on chronic pain at EU level. This is a priority goal for both organisations.

The Partners agree as follows:

1. Purpose of the collaboration

European Pain Federation EFIC[®] and EHF commit to a long-term collaboration aimed to

- i. sustain and increase awareness of the impact and burden of pain on individuals and on societies, health and economic systems in the EU;
- ii. undertake common advocacy activities to foster and shape policies at EU level which contribute to the improvement of pain prevention, diagnosis, care and management across Europe and to;
- iii. foster the exchange of information and sharing of best-practices across EU member states.

2. Areas of Cooperation

- a. Annual Congress cross promotion consisting of:
 - i. Invited symposia or shared sessions

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- ii. Booth at respective events
- iii. Respective flyers in delegates bags
- iv. Advert in respective Final Programme
- v. Banner on respective societies and congress website
- b. Cooperate in and share respective advocacy campaigns of mutual interest with policy makers and budget decision makers
- c. Exchange of Information

Cooperation can be extended to:

- d. Medical Education cooperation
- e. Medical Education
 - i. European Pain Examination
 - ii. European Pain Diploma
 - iii. Pain Masterclasses
 - iv. Trainees (Network, Cooperation)
 - v. E-/Learning material
 - vi. Certification & Accreditation
- f. Ensuring good clinical practice by initiating and developing recommendations and/or guidelines in the field of pain

The Partners commit to:

- i. Keep each other regularly informed and maintain an open dialogue on priority policy needs and gaps, as well as ongoing and future advocacy activities, in order to find and leverage synergies and explore the opportunities for joint, coordinated advocacy action on chronic pain at EU level;
- ii. Consult each other and refer to each other in areas of their respective and specific expertise; the Partners may refer to each other, but not speak on behalf of the other organisation. Where a joint statement is deemed most appropriate the wording must be agreed upon by the President of each organisation prior to circulation;
- iii. Contribute with their respective expertise and networks to the formulation of aligned policy recommendations, messages, backing evidence and argumentations and to support communication and advocacy in relevant fora, policy debates and face-to-face meetings;
- iv. Support and optimise the communication of relevant activities and materials via their respective websites and their networks of member associations, experts and policy makers.

3. Compliance, Ethics and Transparency

This partnership and the subsequent collaboration activities will fully comply with European Pain Federation EFIC® and EHF's respective code of conducts, the EU Transparency Registry, as well as any other applicable law, regulation or internal code of conducts.

In collaborating and providing support to each other, the Partners will respect their independence in terms of political judgement, policies and activities. Through a mutual and open understanding of each other's objectives and working practices in a transparent manner, the Partners will ensure that this relationship takes place in an ethical and honest manner. Nothing in this Memorandum shall prevent the Partners from working with other third organisations or companies. In this case, the Partners commit to keep each other informed in advance of future collaboration with other third parties where relevant.

The Partners commit to ensure full public transparency about this partnership agreement and the subsequent collaboration activities. The Partners shall communicate proactively about the signature of this Partnership in general and about specific joint advocacy activities, on their respective websites and through their regular communication channels and contacts with other stakeholders.



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For the purposes of transparency, the Partners agree that any advocacy and communication materials and projects derived from this collaboration and which are to be made available publicly or to any third parties, shall disclose each Partner’s logo and, if applicable, the logo and content of support from any other third organisation or company.

Activities undertaken under the joint European Pain Federation EFIC® and EHF collaboration will not be used in the context of business or sales activities or to promote any specific products.

4. Financial terms

None of the activities that will take place in the frame of this collaboration will lead to any for-profit money transfer. When taking place, money transfers will be related to travel and hospitality expenses deriving from annual congresses and face-to-face meetings.

5. Duration

This Memorandum will commence on the date of the last signature and will continue until otherwise notified by written letter of any of the Partners.

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