

Optimising the European Social Pillar to #MakeWorkWork for those affected by Brain, Mind and Pain Conditions

Lunch Meeting of the MEP Interest Group on Brain, Mind and Pain, hosted by Marian Harkin MEP – in partnership with the MEP Interest Group on Mental Health, Wellbeing and Brain Disorders.



March 8th 2016 – 12.30 to 14.00
European Parliament, Brussels

Registration from 11.30 (on steps outside Parliament)
Sandwich Lunch from 12.00 – 12.30

- 12.30hrs Welcome
Joop van Griensven, President, Pain Alliance Europe
- 12.35hrs Opening Address
Final Update on Written Declaration on Access to Employment for those affected by neurological disorders and chronic pain conditions
Marian Harkin MEP and Interest Group co-chair
- 12.45hrs Keynote Address and Panel/Audience Discussion
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- Chair: **Dolores Gauci GAMIAN-Europe**
- Emmanuelle Grange**, DG EMPL, Disability & Inclusion (TBC)
Artur Carvalho, DG Santé, Performance of national health systems (TBC)
Maria Joao Rodrigues, MEP and European Social Pillar Rapporteur (TBC)
- Followed by contributions from:**
- **Donna Walsh**, Brain, Mind and Pain MEP Interest Group
 - **Andreea Antonovici**, European Multiple Sclerosis Platform
 - **Nicola Bedlington**, European Patients' Forum
- 13.45hrs Case-Study
Optimising EU Presidencies: Focus on Malta and the Societal Impact of Pain
Sam Kynman, European Pain Federation
- 13.55hrs Final Conclusions
Marian Harkin MEP