

## Probiotic Food and Food Supplements in Europe:

How to define a comprehensive  
approach for the definition of the  
probiotic category (nutrition relevance  
and scientific requirements)

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# Mission

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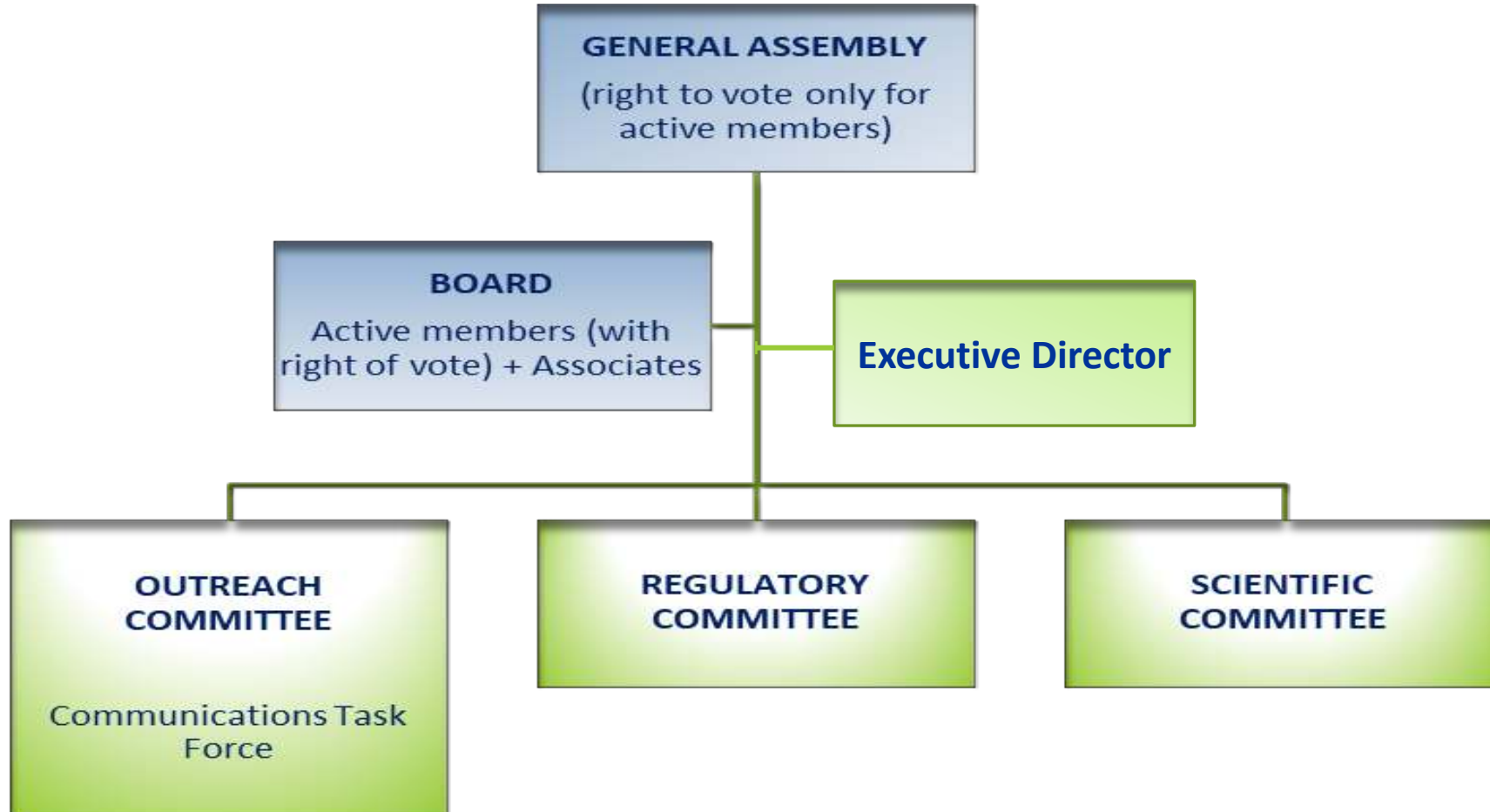


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# STRUCTURE

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# MAIN OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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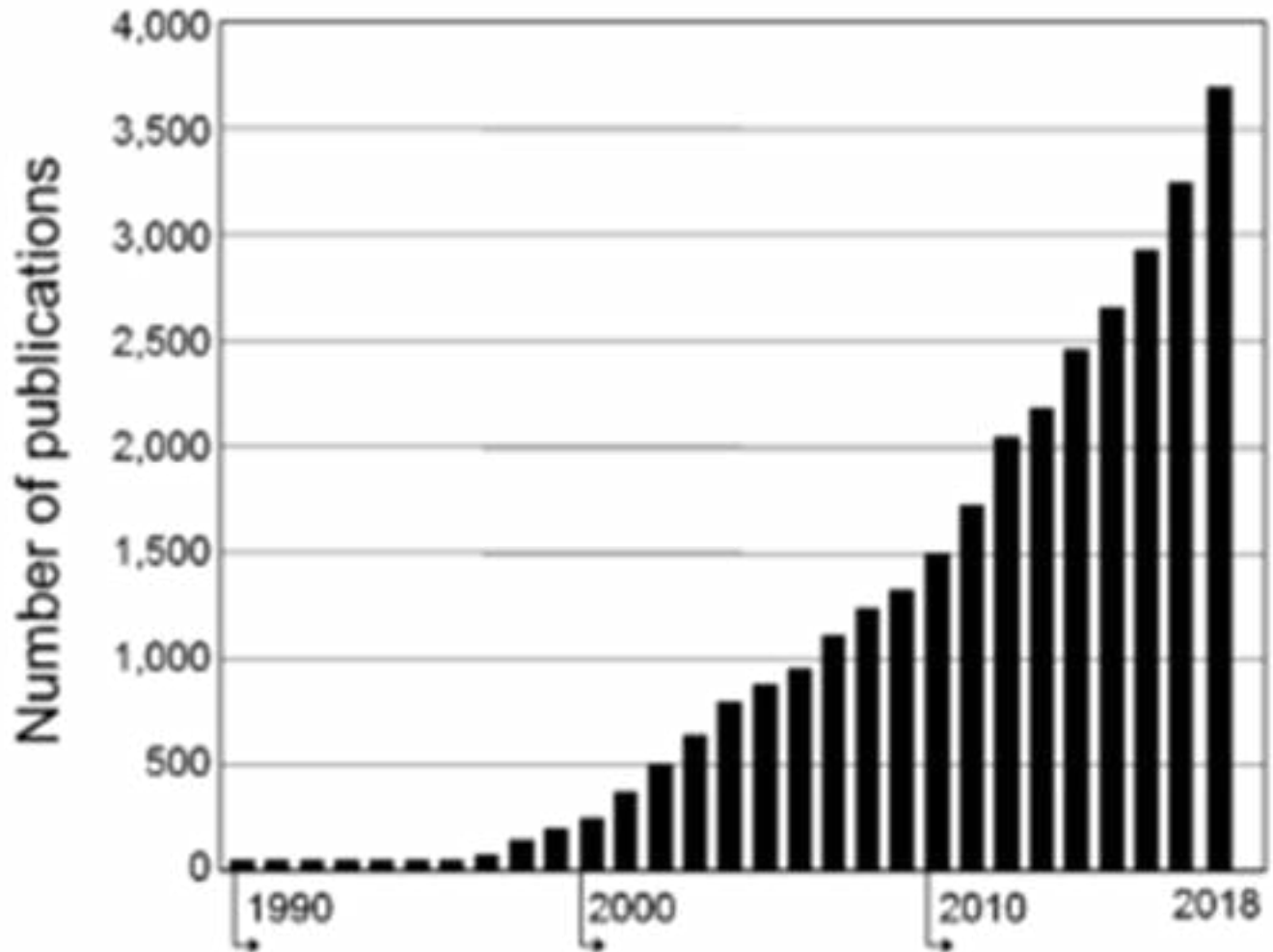
IPA Europe is active on all of the following aspects in order to help foster a favourable environment for probiotics and create a positive outcome in the short and long term for all involved parties

Establish probiotic standards and voluntary guidelines to define conditions of use of the term probiotics.

Establish a harmonized legal status for probiotics in the EU, framing the communication on probiotics towards consumers.

Participate actively in the EFSA consultation process, in order to assure an appropriate environment for the authorisation of probiotic health claims in Europe.

Engage dialogue with all relevant stakeholders to increase awareness and knowledge of probiotics food.



Scientific publications on probiotics and prebiotics in the PubMed data base, 1990 - 2018. Adapted from Hutkins, 2019.

An increasing variety of probiotic products is available worldwide

Almost everyone has heard of probiotics

A simple Google search for 'probiotics' produces over 56.8 million hits

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# Highlights – IPA Europe work with IPA to propose a definition of probiotics

[www.ipaeurope.org](http://www.ipaeurope.org)

PROPOSAL ON "HARMONISED PROBIOTIC GUIDELINES FOR THE USE IN FOODS AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS" PRESENTED BY ARGENTINA AT THE 40TH MEETING OF THE **CODEX** COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES (CCNFSDU)

The Argentinian delegation introduced the Discussion Paper on “Harmonized Probiotic Guidelines for Use in Foods and Dietary Supplements” on 28 November in Berlin. IPA joined the group of National delegations supporting starting new work.





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