

COORDINATION UNIT FOR FOOD SAFETY

EXPERIENCIES OF THE FEDERATION OF THE FOOD AND DRINK
INDUSTRIES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC WITH EFSA ACTIVITIES

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MAIN TARGETS AND ACTIVITIES

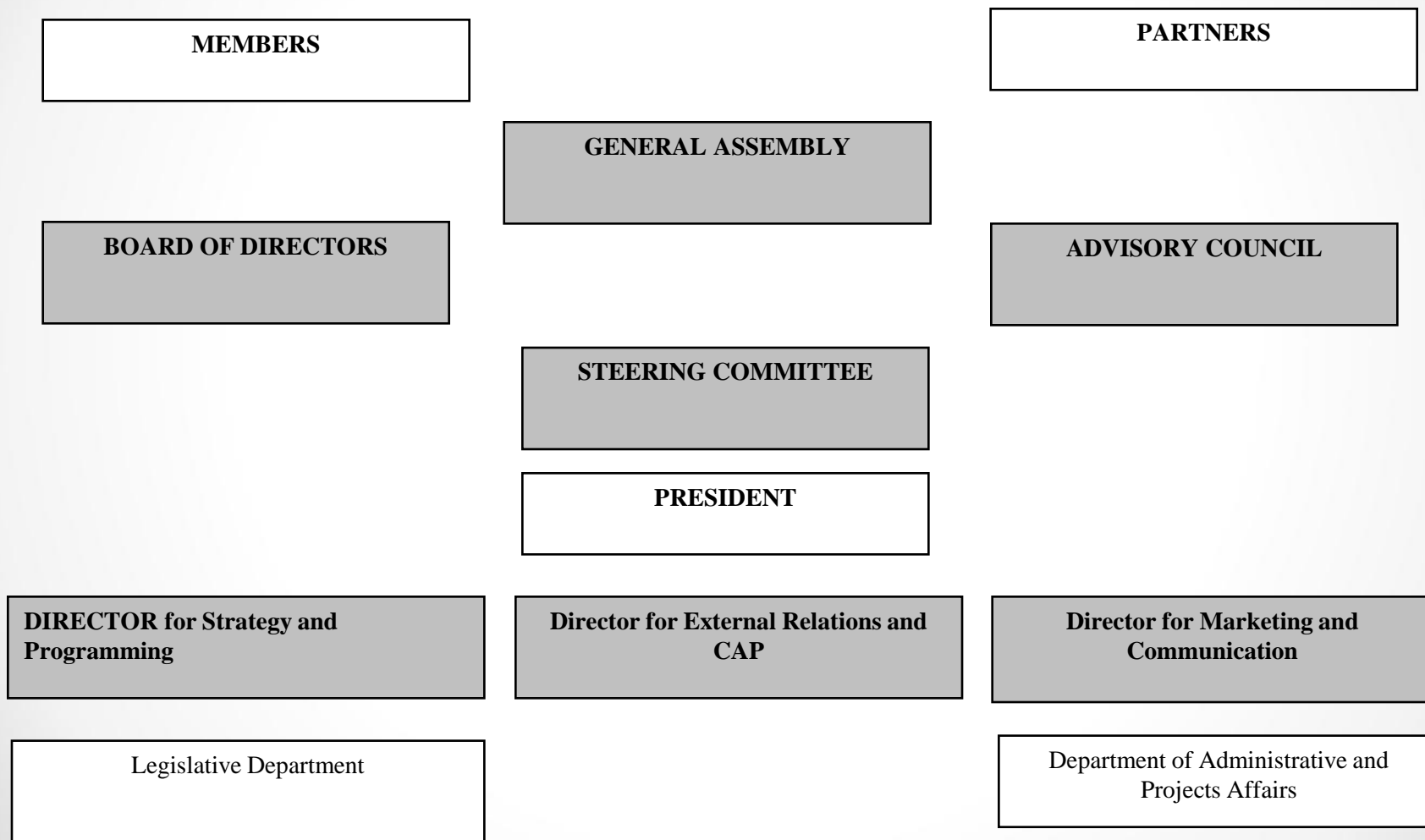
- representation of interests of food businesses actively operating in the Czech Republic against state authorities, bodies and organizations of the European Union and other bodies and organizations whose activities are in any way related to the interests of the food industry,
- representation of the food industry vis-à-vis governmental authorities and businesses of a similar nature in the Member States of the European Union and world-wide organizations,
- liaising with relevant government bodies and participating in the discussion of draft legislation,
- providing contact with the media to defend and explain the interests of the food industry, including the operation of its own websites.

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MAIN TARGETS AND ACTIVITIES

- professional and technological consultancy including of organizational, economic and legislative consultants in the food industry,
- publishing and promotional activities including the implementation of educational and information events,
- cooperation with entities that have a relationship with or related to the food industry,
- support for science, research, development and innovation, including the transfer of technology and know-how and their possible applications, including cooperation with scientific, research and training institutions,
- PR activities and marketing for the food industry.

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SECTION OF RAW MATERIALS
AND PRODUCTS FOR BAKERY
AND CONFECTIONERY
PRODUCTION

SECTION OF FROZEN FOOD
AND ICE CREAM

MILK SECTION

SECTION OF SUPPLIERS OF
TECHNOLOGY
FOR FOOD INDUSTRY

DELIKATESSEN SECTION

**CZECH TECHNOLOGICAL
PLATFORM FOR FOODSTUFFS**

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
RESEARCH

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
SOCIAL POLICY

COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
MARKETING

COMMITTEE FOR SUSTAINABLE
PRODUCTION AND
CONSUMPTION

PLATFORM FOR
REFORMULATION

CZECH TECHNOLOGICAL PLATFORM FOR FOODSTUFFS

TP based on its Statutes approved by the plenary meeting of all members of the platform, represents the interests of its members in the field of cooperation in implementing the main objectives of the European Technology Platform „Food for Life“.

It acts as a link between science, research and industry in the food and beverage sector.

It initiates, supports and conducts scientific and technical research and the use of scientific solutions, promotes programs aimed at supporting innovative activities and scientific and technological development in the food industry, methodologically and organizationally supports its members in the field of fundraising from European and national funds and institutions to provide the above, organizes educational and promotional activities, conferences, seminars and roundtables.

CZECH TECHNOLOGICAL PLATFORM FOR FOODSTUFFS

PLENARY SESSION

MIRROR GROUP

STEERING COMMITTEE

SECRETARIAT

**COMMUNICATION, TRAINING,
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

**CONSULTING CENTER OF
PROJECTS**

CZECH TECHNOLOGICAL PLATFORM FOR FOODSTUFFS

**STEERING
COMMITTEE**

WG ON HEALTH AND
SOCIAL POLICY

WG ON ALCOHOL

WG ON MILK

WG FOODSTUFFS
AND CONSUMERS

WG ON MEAT

WG ON FOOD
SAFETY

WG ON TRADE AND
MARKETING

WG ON MEMBRANE
TECHNOLOGY

WG ON CEREALS

WG ON
REFORMULATION

PARTICIPATION OF THE PK CR IN THE COMMON LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

HEALTH AND SOCIAL POLITICS COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES TARGETING TOWARDS LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN THE CR

*COOPERATION WITH ECONOMIC CHAMBER, AGRARIAN CHAMBER,
CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRY, ASSOCIATION OF CZECH
TRADITIONAL TRADE, BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS*

ACTIVITIES TARGETING TOWARDS EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

*COOPERATION WITH FOOD AND DRINK EUROPE, COPA COGECA, CASE BY
CASE WITH PARTICULAR MEMBER STATES*

PARTICIPATION OF THE PK CR IN THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

SCIENCE AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

CZECH TECHNOLOGICAL PLATFORM FOR FOODSTUFFS

ACTIVITIES TARGETING TOWARDS CZECH INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

COOPERATION WITH CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITAS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

ACTIVITIES TARGETING TOWARDS EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

COOPERATION WITH ETP FOOD FOR LIFE AND NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL PLATFORMS, WITH RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN THE MEMBER STATES

RELATIONS WITH EFSA

We must admit that because of its existence, food safety in Europe is one of the highest in the world.

Most failures are not the failure of EFSA but the control and state authorities in the Member States.

A typical example is the egg scandal and fipronil and its tutoring by the Dutch and Belgian state institutions so as not to endanger the business of their farmers and processors.

Procedures may sometimes be too complicated, perhaps too much of a struggle for "absolute" independence from industry and the purity of processes at the expense of their speed and quality.

However, the EFSA as an institution has respect from industry. The industry wants to cooperate and communicate with EFSA to the benefit of the consumer.

RELATIONS WITH EFSA

Where do we see the main problem of the present and the future?

EFSA is part of the European legislative process, its structure, decision-making and consultation processes, and the way in which risk assessments are taken, are fairly accepted.

It would therefore be desirable that its opinions be the only binding decision for the EC and the Member States.

There are too many parallel and shadow organizations with unclear goals, unclear structure, and decision-making processes that engulf with their opinions, often different or even contradictory to EFSA's views and recommendations, the legislative and decision-making processes in Europe.

The first is the **WHO** and its organization, and **IARC** is at the top of the list.

RELATIONS WITH EFSA

I do not have to mention an affair about the evaluation of aspartame, the carcinogenicity of meat and meat products, the manipulation of data about the influence of alcohol on health or the current activity around glyphosate.

In the second place, it is the **OECD**, which is becoming an increasingly active activist and its goals and processes are very vague and the methodologies questionable.

That is why we see the growing potential of EFSA if it is willing and able to grasp these challenges.

Legislative process can not be created and managed by activists, but lobbyists can take part in it.

*...Ladies and gentlemen,
thanks for your attention*

I finally left something small green to think about

