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# PRESS KIT

## 2022

ISOPA is the European Diisocyanates and Polyol Producers Association. In this press kit, you will find useful information about who we are and what we do.

# IN A NUTSHELL

## ABOUT US

ISOPA is the European trade association for producers of diisocyanates and polyols – the main building blocks of polyurethanes.

The association was founded in 1987 and is based in Brussels, Belgium.

ISOPA's mission consists of three pillars:

- Product Stewardship
- Advocacy
- Communication.



## OUR TEAM

Jörg Palmersheim,  
Secretary General

Brieuc Lits,  
Communication Officer

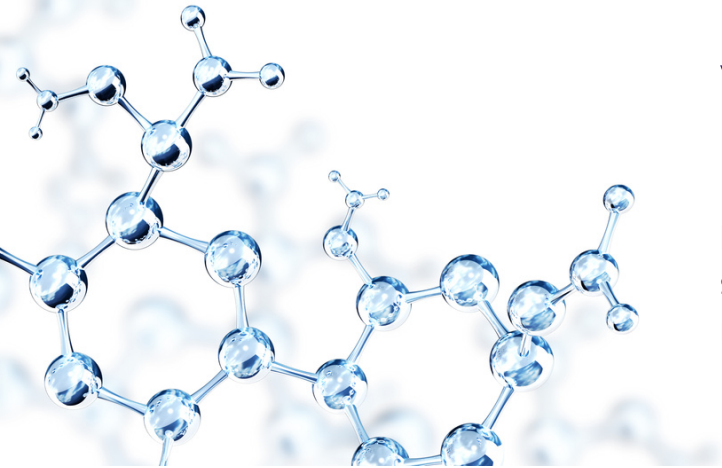
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## OUR MEMBERS





# OUR INDUSTRY



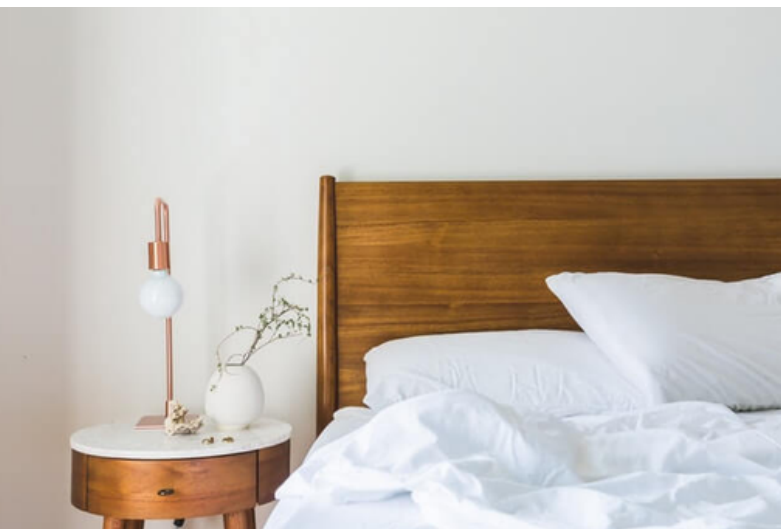
## WHAT ARE DIISOCYANATES?

Diisocyanates are one of the main building blocks to make polyurethanes, the sustainable material to provide solutions for many needs of our society.

## APPLICATIONS

Polyurethanes can be tailored to be either rigid or flexible. Along with insulation, it is the material of choice for a broad range of end-user applications such as:

- Cushioning for furniture
- Mattresses
- Car parts
- Coatings
- Adhesives
- Rollers and tyres
- Composite wood panels
- Shoe soles
- Sportswear



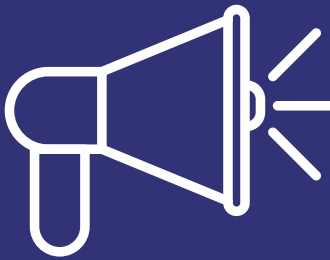
# OUR MISSION

## PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

ISOPA works to continuously improve safety, health and environmental standards across the European polyurethanes industry.



## ADVOCACY



ISOPA engages with policy makers at EU & national levels to deliver relevant information and represent the interest of the polyurethane industry

## COMMUNICATION

ISOPA communicates via various channels to numerous stakeholders inside and outside industry.



# OUR STRUCTURE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:**

Christopher Metz

**Vice-President:**

Erik Vangronsveld

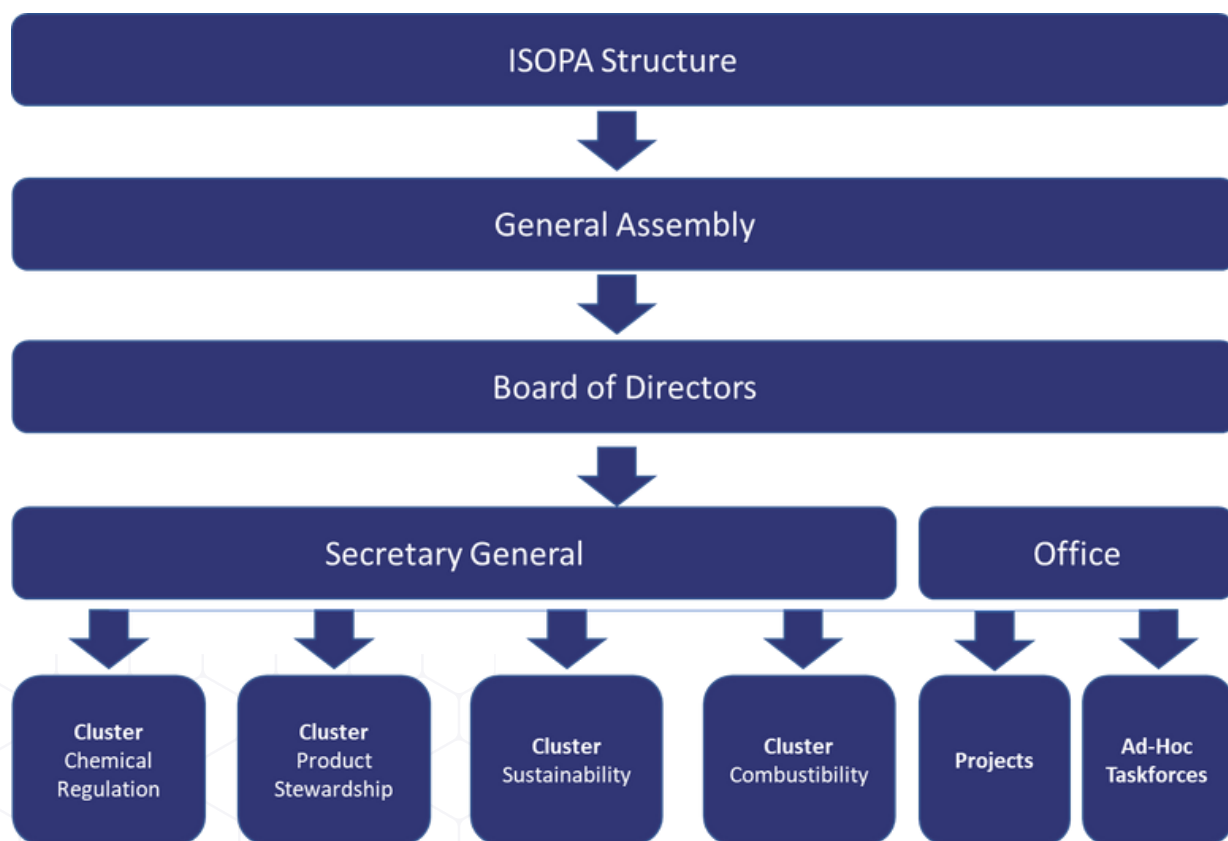
**Directors:**

Rajesh Balan

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# OUR TIMELINE

1987 - ISOPA was founded in Brussels to engage on policy issues.

1990 - ISOPA commissioned a series of research work to assess recycling and recovery options for end-of-life of polyurethane-based articles

1995 - The Logistics EHS programme was launched to encourage the safe transport and storage of diisocyanates and polyols.

1996 - ISOPA published the first series of life cycle inventories (or eco-profile) of polyurethanes precursors MDI, TDI and polyether polyols

1998 - One Step Ahead programme encouraged the safe use of TDI by flexible foam makers in Africa.

2006 - ISOPA launched the Walk the Talk product stewardship programme to promote the safe production of polyurethanes.

2009 - ISOPA launched the Polyurethanes communication campaign with the [www.polyurethanes.org](http://www.polyurethanes.org) website and with a YouTube channel.

2011 - ISOPA created an entry on the European Transparency Register.

2011 - Construction began of the Polyurethanes Passive House in Brussels.



# OUR TIMELINE

2014 - Commissioner Potozcnik visits the ISOPA Booth during the Green Week.

2016 - ISOPA becomes an AISBL.

2018 - ISOPA moves to the European district to be closer to policymakers.

2019 - Advocacy on the process by the EU to introduce an OEL.

2019 - ISOPA published the 4th edition of the Guidelines for the Safe Loading/Unloading, Transportation and Storage of TDI and MDI in Bulk.

2020 - Commission adopted a restriction on Diisocyanates.

2021 - ISOPA created a digital platform to train drivers of diisocyanates.

2022 - ISOPA updated the guidelines on Emergency Responses.

2022 - ISOPA launched the Digital Training Platform  
[www.safeusediisocyanates.eu](http://www.safeusediisocyanates.eu) in the context of the REACH Restriction on Diisocyanates.

2022 - First General Assembly Meeting in person after the Covid-19 Pandemic.

