



# **ICPHSO 4th European Meeting and Training Symposium**

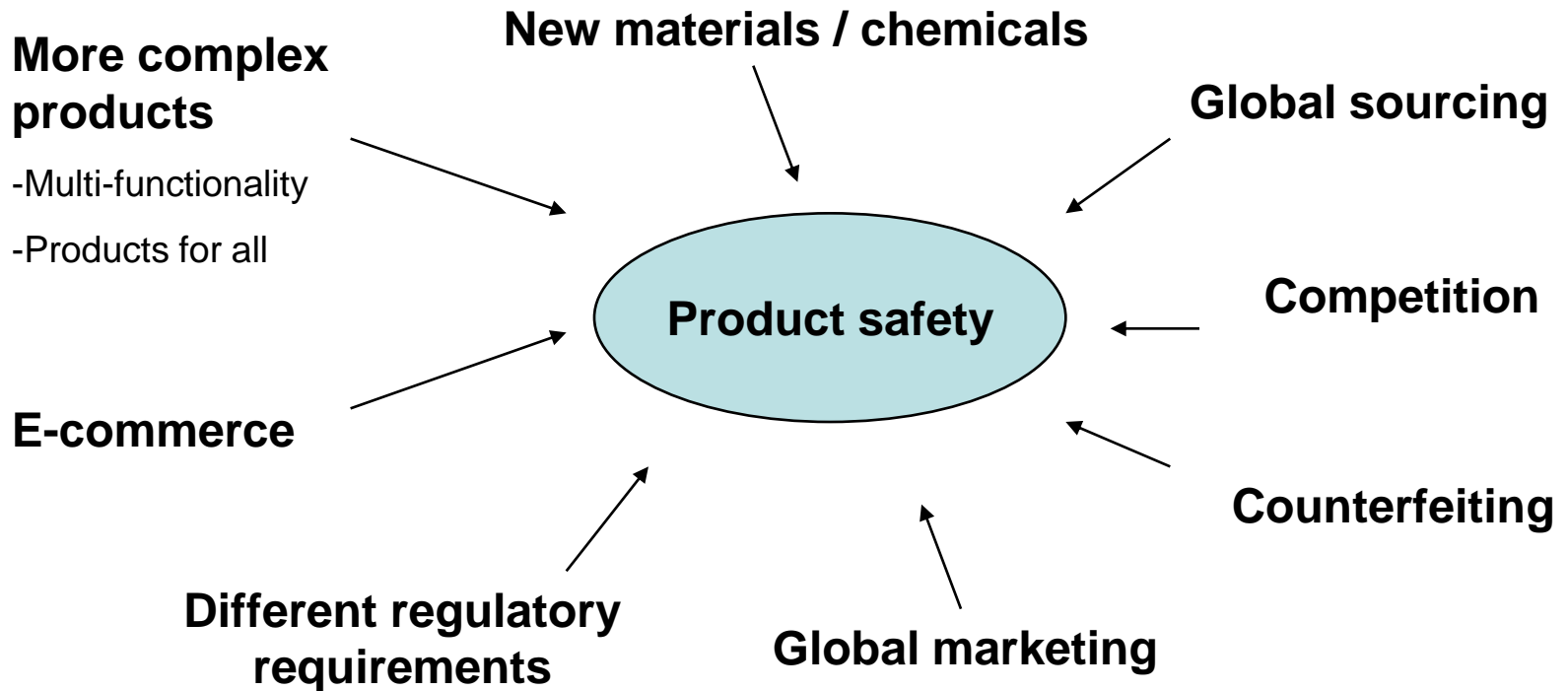
Panel Session: Emerging Issues

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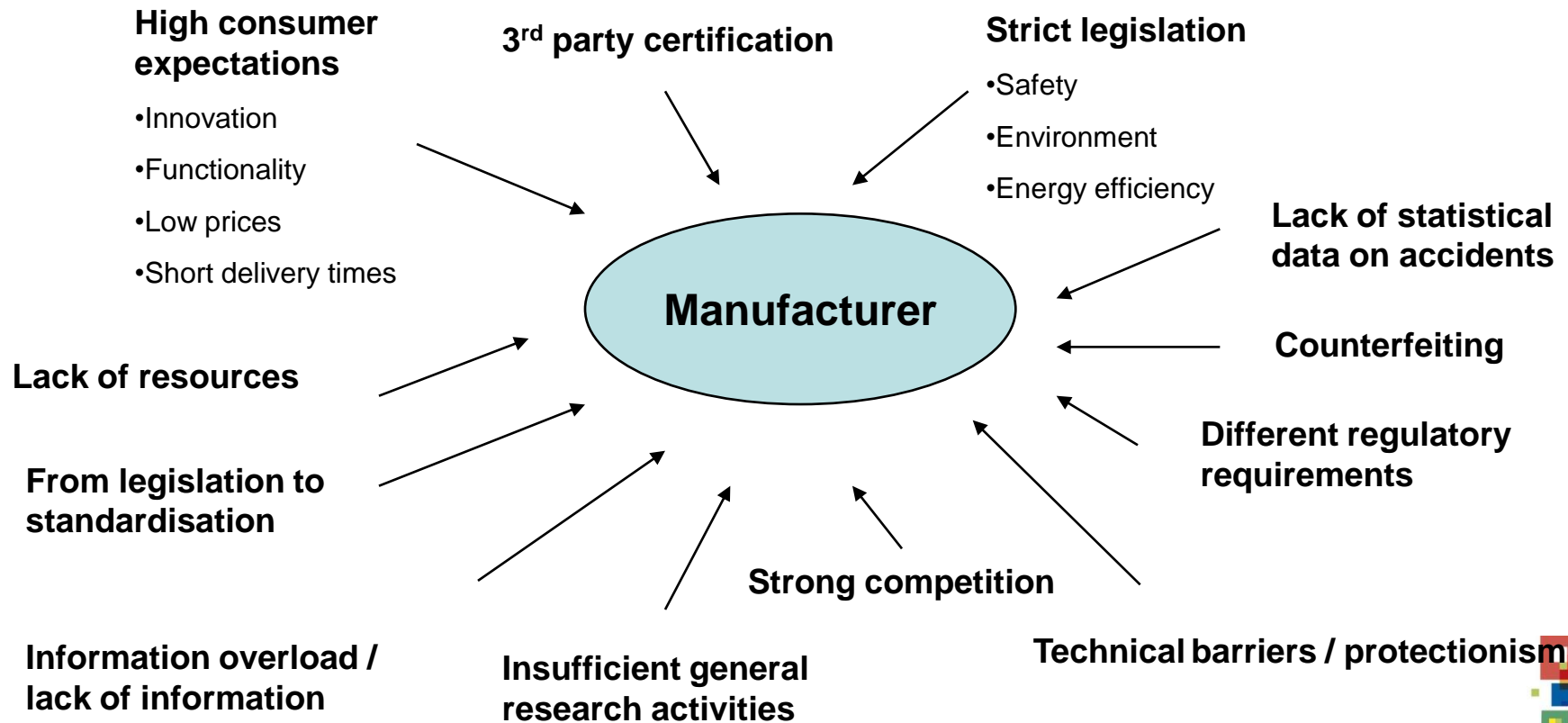
# Global challenges

- Technical issues



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## • Societal/political issues



# International Developments

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- Higher awareness of consumer protection and product safety
- Reactions
  - Discussions in various international fora (e.g. ICPHSO, OECD, UNECE)
  - Stricter legal requirements
  - Demand for 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification

## Be aware:

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- **There is a thin line between protection and protectionism!**
- Stricter legal and certification requirements put more burdens on well-intended manufacturers, but don't solve the problem of rogue traders and counterfeit products
- Product safety needs to be integrated into the design of the product



# Business recommendations

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- Be pro-active and not only reactive!
- Find the *reason* in order to better target interventions
- Set up statistics of accidents
- Establish common, global regulatory objectives so that international standards can be developed
- Set up efficient mutual recognition programmes
- Ensure better information and training to both the economic operators and the consumers
- Let the possible use of 3rd party certification be the choice of the economic operators
- Establish cross-border co-operation in pro-active activities and risk-assessment



# Interventions and responses

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- Establish efficient post-market surveillance, and include customs authorities
- Fight against counterfeiting
- Set up efficient cross-border co-operation (bi-lateral and multilateral) and exchange of information
- Establish efficient notification procedures and database for products presenting a serious risk
- Introduce penalties





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**Thank you for your attention!**