

# Declaration of interests



*(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)*

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Title: **MS.**

Profession : **Lawyer**

## Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

## Interests

### I. Financial investments

Period: **01/01/2009 - now**

Organisation: Various pensions/savings and other similar investment funds, Global

*Subject matter:* Combination of investment funds covering many sectors. The funds are professionally managed and I have no control over the investment strategy.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

### II. Managerial role

No interests

### III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

### IV. Employment

Period: **01/09/2023 - now**

Organisation: EFTA Surveillance Authority

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

*Subject matter:* I am a legal officer in the Food and Veterinary Unit of the Internal Market Directorate of the EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA). ESA is an international organisation that is responsible for monitoring the implementation and application of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA Agreement) in Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. My responsibilities include monitoring the application of EU legislation incorporated into the EEA Agreement in the food and veterinary area, including pursuit of infringement proceedings in cases of incorrect application/implementation. I am not in a position where I take risk management decisions. I do not participate in decision making or regulatory groups advising decision makers on risk management matters nationally or internationally.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

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Period: **01/11/2016 - 31/10/2022**

Organisation: The European Free Trade Association

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

*Subject matter:* I was a Senior Officer in the Internal Market Affairs Division at the EFTA Secretariat. The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) is an intergovernmental organisation set up for the promotion of free trade and economic integration to the benefit of its four Member States, – Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland – and of their trading partners across the globe. As a Senior Officer at the EFTA Secretariat I provided policy, legal and secretarial services to the EFTA States concerning the EEA Agreement in the food and veterinary area, and participated in trade negotiation on SPS issues.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

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Period: **01/11/2022 - 31/08/2023**

Organisation: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

*Subject matter:* I was a special advisor in the Directorate of Food of the Icelandic Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries. The main responsibilities involved the implementation and application of EEA law in the food and veterinary area, drafting legislation and decisions, engaging with stakeholders and providing expert advice on matters related to animal health and food safety.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

## V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

## VI. Research funding

No interests

## VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

## VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

## IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

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## User Agreement

I confirm that:

- I think I do not have a conflict of interest with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA
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Remarks: -

I hereby declare that I have read the [EFSA Decision on Competing Interest Management](#) implementing EFSA's Policy on Independence and that the above declaration is truthful and complete.

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Signature: SIGNED

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