

# 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)*

Name : **Janis Rusko**

Title: **DR.**

Profession : **Postdoctoral researcher**

## Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

## Interests

### I. Financial investments

No interests

### II. Managerial role

No interests

### III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

## IV. Employment

Period: **01/05/2021 - 01/09/2022**

Organisation: Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment “BIOR”, Unit of Risk assessment and epidemiology, LATVIA, Riga

Impact on annual earnings: **>5% but <25%**

*Subject matter:* EFSA Focal point representative

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

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Period: **01/06/2015 - 01/09/2018**

Organisation: Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment “BIOR”, Unit of Risk assessment and epidemiology, LATVIA, Riga

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

*Subject matter:* Senior expert, scientific assistant

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

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Period: **01/12/2020 - 01/01/2022**

Organisation: University of Latvia, Faculty of Chemistry

Impact on annual earnings: **>5% but <25%**

*Subject matter:* Researcher

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

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Period: **01/10/2018 - now**

Organisation: Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment “BIOR”, Unit of Risk assessment and epidemiology, LATVIA, Riga

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

*Subject matter:* Senior expert in chemical risk assessment, researcher.

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

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Period: **01/07/2025 - now**

Organisation: Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment “BIOR”, Unit of Risk assessment and epidemiology, LATVIA, Riga

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

*Subject matter:* Postdoctoral fellow.

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

## V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

## VI. Research funding

Period: **02/01/2023 - now**

Organisation: Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment

*Subject matter:* Latvian Residents' Food Consumption Data Collection for Risk Assessment Using Total Diet Study (Pilot Project)

Project ID: 23-00-SOINZ03-000040

Summary: Analysis of food consumption data to inform risk assessment based on Latvian dietary habits.

Funding Source: EU state support

Project Duration: 02.01.2023 - 15.12.2023

Scientifically Grounded Solutions for a Sustainable Food System in Europe in Support of the Green Deal Objectives (GreenAgroRes)

Project ID: VPP-ZM-VRIILA-2024/1-0002

Summary: Focus on sustainable agriculture practices to minimize environmental risks in the food chain.

Funding Source: National budget

Project Duration: 27.09.2024 - 31.12.2025

Latvian Residents' Food Consumption Data Collection for Risk Assessment Using Total Diet Study (Phase II)

Project ID: 24-00-SOINZ03-000041

Summary: Continuation of food consumption data collection for refined risk assessment.

Funding Source: EU state support

Project Duration: 02.01.2024 - 15.12.2024

"PARAFood" Project

Project ID: Izp-2023/1-0559

Summary: Enhancing analytical capabilities and closing data gaps for chlorinated paraffin contamination in food.

Funding Source: Latvian Council of Science

Project Duration: Starting 01.01.2024, ongoing

From Data to Decisions: Smart Tools for Food Safety Risk Assessment and Prioritization (Postdoctoral Research Project)

Project ID: 1.1.1.9/LZP/1/24/124

Summary: Development of smart tools to support food safety risk assessment and contaminant prioritization (data-driven decision support).

Funding Source: EU Cohesion Policy Programme 2021–2027 (Activity 1.1.1.9 “Post-doctoral Research”), administered/implemented via the Latvian Council of Science (LCS).

Project Duration: Starting 01.07.2025, ongoing.

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

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADoI exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

*Additional Info:*

## VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

## VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

Period: **01/09/2017 - 01/10/2018**

Organisation: Institute of Protein Biochemistry, National Research Council of Italy (IBP1CNR)

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

*Subject matter:* EU-FORA fellowship granted by European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Visiting researcher/fellow at IBP-1CNR in Naples, Italy.

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

## 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.

Doi submitted on: 07-01-2026 - 09:16 (UTC)

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