

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 : **Geraldine DUFFY**

Title: **PROF**

Profession : **Senior Principal Research Scientist**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/01/2005 - now**

Organisation: Teagasc (Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority), Dept. Crop Science, Oak Park

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Enterprise Leader, Teagasc Research Centre, Ashtown, Dublin 15

This role includes:

- Strategic management of the research campus, all staff and resources

- Strategic planning of the Food Research Department at Teagasc Research Centre, Ashtown

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

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/01/2010 - now**

Organisation: Food Safety Authority of Ireland, IRELAND, Dublin (FSAI)

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the Scientific Advisory Board and Chair of its Biological safety-sub committee.
Providing independent scientific advice and opinions to the FSAI Board on scientific matters within the FSAI's remit
https://www.fsai.ie/about_us/scientific_committee.html
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2022 - now**

Organisation: FAO/WHO

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of working groups providing scientific opinions, and reports related to food borne pathogens
[https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert1meetings-on-microbiological-risk-assessment-\(jemra\)](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert1meetings-on-microbiological-risk-assessment-(jemra))
Interest related to close family member: **No**

IV. Employment

Period: **01/12/1998 - now**

Organisation: Teagasc (Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority), Dept. Crop Science, Oak Park

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

Subject matter: Full time employment.
Senior Principal Research Scientist (Food microbiology).
Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

Period: **01/01/2024 - 31/12/2029**

Organisation: Research Ireland

Subject matter: Research Project on Co-Centre for Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems

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

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

Additional Info:

Period: **01/01/2016 - 01/01/2021**

Organisation: Enterprise Ireland

Subject matter: Meat Technology Ireland (MTI) Phase 1 (2016 to 2021)

www.MTI.ie

As part of this programme, I am leading research projects on fresh meat shelf life. Outputs from this area of work are in public domain, in peer review publications.

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

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

Additional Info:

Period: **01/08/2015 - 01/12/2017**

Organisation: EU Horizon 2020

Subject matter: Deployment of High Pressure and Temperature food processing for suitable, safe and nutritious food with fresh-like quality (project no. 635643).

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

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADI exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by

you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/09/2014 - 01/09/2018**

Organisation: Teagasc (Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority), Dept. Crop Science, Oak Park

Subject matter: A risk assessment of pandemic monophasic *Salmonella* *Typhimurium* (4,12:i), a recently emergent serovar in the pork chain (Project no. 6661).

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:

Period: **01/03/2017 - 01/09/2022**

Organisation: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), Dublin, Ireland

Subject matter: Surveillance of Verocytotoxigenic *E. coli* in Ireland: A One Health Approach (project no. 15F629).

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:

Period: **01/04/2016 - 01/12/2022**

Organisation: Teagasc (Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority), Dept. Crop Science, Oak Park

Subject matter: Development of an in situ biosensor for the detection and enumeration of verocytotoxigenic *E. coli* (project no. 0049).

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:

Period: **01/09/2020 - 01/09/2024**

Organisation: DAFM, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, IRELAND

Subject matter: Shelf life and safety of fermented and smoked foods (project no. 2019R452).

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:

Period: **01/01/2021 - 01/01/2026**

Organisation: Enterprise Ireland

Subject matter: Meat Technology Ireland (MTI)Phase 2 (2021 to 2026)

www.MTI.ie

As part of this programme, I am leading research projects on fresh meat shelf life. Outputs from this area of work are in public domain, in peer review publications.

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:

Period: **01/10/2024 - 30/09/2028**

Organisation: Teagasc - National Food Centre

Subject matter: Research project on Assessing the impact of climate change mitigation strategies on key zoonotic pathogens in the bovine production chain

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:

Period: **01/03/2017 - 01/09/2023**

Organisation: EU Horizon 2020

Subject matter: One Health European Joint Programme (OHEJP)

<https://onehealthejp.eu>

Joint Actions and Research on foodborne zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance and emerging microbiological hazards

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

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

Additional Info:

Period: **01/04/2023 - 30/04/2024**

Organisation: Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine

Subject matter: Research project: A desk based study to carry out a Preliminary investigation into the development or acquisition of advanced digital post-mortem inspection systems for Irish slaughterhouses (Project no. 2022PSS107)

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

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

Additional Info:

Period: **01/09/2020 - 01/09/2024**

Organisation: Teagasc (Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority), Dept. Crop Science, Oak Park

Subject matter: Investigating the impact of anti-microbial packaging on responses of key pathogens and microbial communities in processed beef products for enhanced microbial safety and shelf-life (project no. 1134).

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

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

Additional Info:

Period: **01/09/2018 - 01/09/2022**

Organisation: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), Dublin, Ireland

Subject matter: Demonstration of sensor-based rapid microbial testing technology to increase shelf life, safety and traceability of fresh meat products (project no. 17F222).

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: **01/01/2016 - now**

Organisation: Institute of Food Science and Technology Ireland

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Professional body for Irish food scientists and food technologists.

<https://www.ifsti.ie/>

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

Period: **01/01/2000 - now**

Organisation: ELSEVIER

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Journal of Food Microbiology (Elsevier).

Contributing Editor, Journal Food Microbiology .

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-microbiology/about/editorial-board>

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

IX. Other relevant interest

Period: **01/05/2021 - now**

Organisation: The French National Research Agency (ANR)

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Expert scientific reviewer for research projects proposed for funding by ANR.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

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: -

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Doi submitted on: 08-01-2026 - 10:03 (UTC)

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