

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 : **Hendrik KUUSK**
Title: **DR.**
Profession : **Head of Animal Collection**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Registry of activities of former members of the Management Board

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **01/07/2023 - now**

Organisation: Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture - Estonia

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

Subject matter: Deputy Secretary General for food Safety.

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

Period: **01/05/2020 - 01/06/2023**

Organisation: Ministry of Rural Affairs, Estonia

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

Subject matter: Deputy Secretary General for Food Safety.

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

Period: **01/01/2012 - 01/04/2019**

Organisation: National Food Agency, Georgia

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

Subject matter: Comprehensive Institutional Capacity Building Development Programme, with financial aid of European Commission for the development of Food Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection fields in Georgia.

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

Period: **01/09/2019 - 01/05/2020**

Organisation: Ministry of Rural Affairs, Estonia

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

Subject matter: Head of the Food Safety Department.

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

V. Occasional consultancy

Period: **01/01/2012 - 01/08/2019**

Organisation: Self employed

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

Subject matter: Food safety, veterinary organizational development, animal health.

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

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

Period: **01/01/1992 - now**

Organisation: Estonian Veterinary Association

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the Estonian Veterinary Association.

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

IX. Other relevant interest

Period: **01/05/2020 - 01/05/2023**

Organisation: Põllumajandusministeerium

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

Subject matter: Estonian Livestock Performance Recording Ltd Chairman of the Board.

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

Period: **01/05/2020 - now**

Organisation: AS Vireen

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

Subject matter: Vireen Ltd (Animal Waste Management) Member of the Board.

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: -

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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