

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 : **Rudie VELLA**
Title: **DR.**
Profession : **Engineer**

Current EFSA Involvements

No involvements

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/05/2017 - 01/01/2021**

Organisation: Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Description of tasks and responsibilities, remit of the organization and how it relates to the remit of EFSA: Senior Manager (Quality) responsible for the leadership of the quality management system of the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA) which has the Technical Regulations Division (TRD) as one of its entities. The latter is responsible for pesticides in and on food and their residues, food quality schemes, food risk management functions and other non-food product sectors. Risk management activities: As a Senior Manager (Quality), I was responsible to manage organizational risks related to quality affairs of the MCCAA. Risk management activities performed by the entities, including the TRD, were not under my remit. Empowerment: My empowerment to validate and/or take management actions/decisions were only related to quality affairs. Membership in regulatory committee: I was not a member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters. Interest related to close family member: **No**

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

Organisation: Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority

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

Subject matter: Director General (Technical Regulations) heading the Technical Regulations Division (TRD) established under Part VI of the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Act (Cap. 510 of the Laws of Malta). The TRD is the competent authority for food risk assessment, chemicals, PPPs and biocides. The Authority is Malta's contact point with EFSA. Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2021 - 01/12/2022**

Organisation: Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Description of tasks and responsibilities, remit of the organization and how it relates to the remit of EFSA; Director (Market Surveillance) responsible for the official control on pesticides in and on food and their residues, food quality schemes and other non-food product sectors. Risk management activities: The Directorate I headed performed risk management activities to plan its surveillance and control activities, the corrective actions economic operators are required to take and measures imposed on them. Empowerment: I was empowered to validate and/or take management actions/decisions in respect to the above. Membership in regulatory committee; I was not a member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters.

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

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

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

Organisation: Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority

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

Subject matter: Regular occupation, full-time, paid. Director General (Technical Regulations) heading the Technical Regulations Division (TRD) established under Part VI of the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Act (Cap. 510 of the Laws of Malta). The TRD is the competent authority for food risk assessment, chemicals, PPPs and biocides. The Authority is Malta's contact point with EFSA.

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

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Organisation: Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Form: Regular occupation, full-time, paid Description of tasks and responsibilities, remit of the organization and how it relates to the remit of EFSA: Senior Manager (Quality) responsible for the leadership of the quality management system of the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority

(MCCAA) which has the Technical Regulations Division (TRD) as one of its entities. The latter is responsible for pesticides in and on food and their residues, food quality schemes, food risk management and other non-food product sectors. Risk management activities: As a Senior Manager (Quality), I was responsible to manage organizational risks related to quality affairs of the MCCA. Risk management activities performed by the entities, including the TRD, were not under my remit. Empowerment: My empowerment to validate and /or take management actions/decisions were only related to quality affairs. Membership in regulatory committee: I was not a member of a regulatory committee advising on a risk management matters.

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

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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