

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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Current EFSA Involvements

No involvements

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **15/12/2020 - now**

Organisation: Council of the European Union

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Portuguese member of the PT delegation of the Council Working Party on Food and Food Systems. Chair of the Working Group on Food Legislation during the Portuguese Presidency of the EU (01.01 – 30.06.2021).

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

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **01/11/2016 - now**

Organisation: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Portugal)

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

Subject matter: Senior officer – Inter-ministerial coordination in EU policy and legislation related to Health and Food Safety: Public Health, Global Health, medicines and medical devices, One Health; Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues, food safety, official controls, GMOs, animal and public health, animal welfare, veterinary medicines, pesticides (Working scope of DG SANTE); residues and contaminants, food and feed. National delegate in several Council (of the EU) Working parties: Public Health at Senior level, Global Health and Food and Food Systems (Food Safety - policy and legislation).

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

V. Occasional consultancy

Period: **25/08/2025 - 30/11/2025**

Organisation: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

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

Subject matter: External consultancy using the Food Control System Assessment Tool (FAO/WHO) in the implementation of the assessment of the national food control system in Belize.

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

Period: **01/12/2023 - 01/05/2024**

Organisation: ERIS-STDF | WTO Project Grant proposal

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

Subject matter: Technical assistance to support the competent authority in the preparation of the project grant proposal on the basis of the Food System Control Assessment Tool evaluation in Cabo Verde (FAO-WHO tool).

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

Period: **20/02/2008 - now**

Organisation: OIE World Organization for Animal Health

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

Subject matter: Certified assessor: Evaluation of the Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS and Gap analysis tools) and, following the gap analysis, the preparation of programs strengthening the conformity of veterinary services with the OIE international quality standards.

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

Period: **25/09/2017 - now**

Organisation: WHO

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

Subject matter: External evaluator: WHO – Joint external evaluations to assess country capacities to prevent, detect and rapid respond to public health risks in line with the International Health Regulation (IHR)

Technical assistance in the development of a One Health National Strategic Plan. External assessor: WOA - Performance of Veterinary Services pathway and One Health Bridging Workshops.

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

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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