

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 : **Nevijo Zdolec**

Title: -

Profession : **University Professor**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2026-2030)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **17/07/2023 - now**

Organisation: Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food

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

Subject matter: President of Committee on Biological hazards in food and feed; providing scientific reports and opinions to the Agency, Food Safety Center, responsible for Risk Assessment.

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

IV. Employment

Period: **03/02/2003 - now**

Organisation: University of Zagreb, Veterinary Faculty

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

Subject matter: Several positions at the Department of Hygiene, Technology and Food Safety, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia, from teaching assistant to full professor (current). Main responsibilities include teaching food safety and food microbiology, leading and participating in scientific projects, both international (EU-funded) and national, within the scope of EFSA topics and activities, providing training for official veterinarians, and supervising PhD students.

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

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

Period: **05/12/2025 - now**

Organisation: University of Zagreb, Veterinary Faculty

Subject matter: Scientific project of Croatian Science Foundation "Induction and persistence of Viable but Non-Culturable (VBNC) *Yersinia enterocolitica* 4/O:3 in pork". The aims of this project are I) to determine the factors and their interdependence in the induction and persistence of the VBNC state of *Y. enterocolitica* 4/O:3 strains using lactic acid in vitro; II) to determine markers (indicators) for the VBNC state of *Y. enterocolitica* 4/O:3 at the proteomic level; III) to investigate the presence of *Y.*

enterocolitica 4/O:3 in the VBNC state after decontamination of meat with lactic acid and IV) to investigate the persistence of the VBNC state of Y. enterocolitica 4/O:3 under altered storage conditions of pork.

Role: Principal Investigator. Output: project report, presentations at scientific conferences, publications in peer-reviewed journals, PhD thesis

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: **01/01/2019 - 01/01/2023**

Organisation: University of Zagreb, Veterinary Faculty

Subject matter: Several EU funded projects - European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, COST:

- Potential of microincapsulation in cheese production - principal investigator at partner institution; - Center of competence 3LJ - principal investigator at partner institution; - Enhancement of professional practice on farm animals and horses at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb-VETFARM - collaborator; - COST Action RIBMINS CA 18105 - Risk based meat inspection and meat safety assurance - management committee member; - COST Action PIMENTO CA 20128 - Promoting innovation of fermented foods - management committee member.

Outputs: project reports, presentations at scientific conferences, publications in peer-reviewed journals, student theses

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: **01/01/2004 - now**

Organisation: Croatian Microbiology Society

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Contributing to CMS meetings in food microbiology section, networking

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

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

Organisation: Hrvatska veterinarska komora

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Contributing to committees involved in Veterinary Public Health, providing training for official veterinarians in VPH (official controls, FSMS)

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

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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