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 : **Gergana Nikolova BALIEVA**
Title: **PROF**
Profession : **Veterinarian - Academic staff member**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2026-2030)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/02/2023 - now**
Organisation: European Food Safety Authority
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Alternate of EFSA Management Board.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/06/2017 - now**
Organisation: Municipality of Stara Zagora
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of consultative-expert group "Disaster response training" (Preparation of management bodies, emergency teams, students and the population) to the Municipal Council for Disaster Risk Reduction of Stara Zagora Municipality.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

IV. Employment

Period: **01/07/2007 - now**
Organisation: Trakia University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Academic Staff Member - Lecturer and academic researcher at the Department "Food quality and safety and veterinary legislation" within the Faculty of Veterinary medicine, Trakia University. Responsible for development of curricula, implementation and update of educational resources, including e-resources. Teaching and training of students and postgraduates. Supervision of PhD students. Scientific and educational projects development. Communication and mutual collaboration with stakeholders (veterinary practitioners, NGOs, governmental institutions, etc.). Scientific data analysis and processing
Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

Period: **01/03/2018 - now**
Organisation: Bulgaria
Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Regional courts, prosecutor's offices, police departments throughout the country of Bulgaria.

Expert in pre-court and court trials on demand, providing forensic veterinary expertise on cases related to animal welfare and animal cruelty.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **15/07/2024 - now**
Organisation: Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of a working group for drafting a new Law on the professional association of the veterinarians in Bulgaria
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/06/2019 - now**
Organisation: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of a working group for drafting a new Law on veterinary medical activity.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/06/2020 - 01/02/2021**
Organisation: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of a working group for drafting an ordinance for continuing education in the field of veterinary medicine.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

VI. Research funding

Period: **23/01/2024 - 23/01/2026**
Organisation: Trakia University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Subject matter: The research is focused on the use of advanced computer technology in the process of animal identification. It is funded by Trakia University-Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, within the terms of Project № BG-RRP-2.004-0006-C02 “Development of research and innovation at Trakia University in service of health and sustainable well-being”.
Role: Coordinator of the research team
Nature of the associated output: Deliverable research results at international congresses and scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals.
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

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

User Agreement

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