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 : **Aivars BERZINS**
Title: **PROF**
Profession : **Chair of the Scientific Board Deputy Director on R&D**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2026-2030)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/10/2020 - 31/10/2020**
Organisation: European Food Safety Authority
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Vice-Chair of the Management Board.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **02/09/2019 - now**

Organisation: Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment
Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Chair of the Scientific Board, Deputy Director on R&D.
The work is a part of senior management at the Institute, which is a National Reference Laboratory (NRL) in the field of animal health and food, feed safety. Provides diagnostic, data collection and risk assessment services to the national competent authority and other governmental agencies, covering animal, public and environmental health.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/1999 - now**
Organisation: Latvijas Biozinātņu un Tehnoloģiju universitāte, Veterinārmedicīnas fakultāte
Impact on annual earnings: **>5% but <25%**

Subject matter: Professor. Director of Doctoral Program in Veterinary Medicine.
Involved in various academic and research positions over the last 25 years, including training of veterinary students, and research activities.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/07/2016 - now**
Organisation: European Food Safety Authority
Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

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

Period: **01/10/2021 - now**
Organisation: European Food Safety Authority
Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Chair of the Management Board.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/09/2016 - now**
Organisation: Latvijas Biozinātņu un Tehnoloģiju universitāte, Veterinārmedicīnas fakultāte
Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Member of Promotion Council in Veterinary Sciences and Food Sciences.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/09/2017 - 01/12/2020**
Organisation: Latvian Academy of Sciences
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Corresponding Member.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2020 - 01/12/2021**
Organisation: Ministry of Health (VM), Ministry of Health, Riga, LATVIA
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: European Commission's Structural Reform Support Program's Project "Implementation of the policy towards reduction of antimicrobial resistance within "One Health" framework. Member of the Project Management Committee.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/07/2025 - now**
Organisation: European One Health Association
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the Scientific Committee and Member of the Governing Board and General Assembly
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/12/2020 - now**
Organisation: Latvian Academy of Sciences
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Full member and Vice-chair of the Senate of Latvian Academy of Sciences.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/11/2011 - now**
Organisation: Latvian Council of Science
Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Expert in Veterinary and Food Sciences Involvement in project evaluations No any scientific advice to Government is delivered.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

IV. Employment

Period: **01/06/2013 - 01/06/2023**
Organisation: Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment
Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Director.
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/09/2000 - now**
Organisation: Latvia University of Agriculture - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Impact on annual earnings: **>5% but <25%**

Subject matter: Research assistant- Lecturer- Assistant Professor (Docent)- Associate Professor, CURRENTLY: Professor Training of veterinary students, supervisor of PhD students. Director of Doctoral studies
Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/06/2023 - now**
Organisation: Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment “BIOR”, Unit of Risk assessment and epidemiology, LATVIA, Riga
Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Chair of the Scientific Board, Deputy Director on R&D.

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

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

Period: **01/03/2023 - 01/03/2026**
Organisation: European Commission (EC)

Subject matter: EU4HEALTH project DURABLE "Delivering a unified research alliance of biomedical and public health laboratories against epidemics".

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 - 01/01/2020**
Organisation: European Food Safety Authority

Subject matter: EFSA institutional partnership grant (GP/EFSA/ENCO/2018/03).
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: **01/05/2025 - now**
Organisation: EU4Health programme, JAMRAI-2 project

Subject matter: Research/ project funding
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: **01/07/2020 - 01/12/2020**
Organisation: Latvian Council of Science

Subject matter: VPP-COVID-2020/1-0008 research project "Complex solutions for the monitoring of coronaviruses, including SARS-CoV-2, in the environment (wastewater) and animal population in the affected households. Participant. WP4 leader.
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 - 01/12/2022**
Organisation: EU Cost Action

Subject matter: COST Action OC-2018-1-22638. "Risk-based meat inspection and integrated meat safety assurance" Member of the Management Committee.
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: **01/11/2019 - 01/11/2023**
Organisation: COST European Cooperation in Science and Technology

Subject matter: COST Action CA-18217. "European Network for Optimization of Veterinary Antimicrobial Treatment (ENOVAT)" member of the Management Committee.
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: **01/11/2022 - 01/11/2024**
Organisation: Latvian Council of Science

Subject matter: VPP-EM-BIOMEDICINA-2011/1-0001.
State Research project in the field of biomedicine, medical technologies and pharmacy.
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: **01/02/2023 - 01/02/2025**
Organisation: EU, ICRAD

Subject matter: ICRAD project "Preventing zoonoses by screening Avian Influenza Virus (AIV) in wildlife birds and poultry using a novel rapid point of care system".

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: **01/12/2018 - 01/12/2020**
Organisation: Latvian Council of Science

Subject matter: Latvian Council of Science. Research grant "Whole genome-based characterisation of environmental Listeria spp. and their role in ruminants listeriosis and public health"
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

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.

Doi submitted on: 16-11-2026 - 15:52 (UTC)

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