

DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The present Statement applies to:

- Any Member of EFSA's peer review meetings and any other meeting on a subject matter dealt with by the aforementioned scientific bodies, as well as members of the Advisory Forum and networks, in line with their written declaration to comply with the obligation of professional secrecy pursuant to Article 339 TFEU, as recalled in Articles 37 and 39d(4) of the General Food Law Regulation (EC) No 178/2002¹ and Article 17(1) and (2) of EFSA's Executive Director laying down practical arrangements concerning transparency and confidentiality ('EFSA's Practical Arrangements')²;
- Any representative of the national competent organization of a EU Member State or staff member of the Commission, in line with Article 39d(2) of the General Food Law Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Article 16(3) and (4) of EFSA's Practical Arrangements;

1. Commitment

While contributing to EFSA activities, I will:

- Comply with EFSA's internal security policy and measures made available to me;
- Comply with EFSA's rules on Declarations of interest and independence as far as applicable;
- Comply with the confidentiality rules detailed in point 2 of this Declaration;
- As far as applicable, comply with the rules on reimbursement of travel expenses and payment of allowances and indemnities laid down in the EFSA Experts Compensation Guide;
- Read and understand the data protection notice in point 3 of this Declaration;
- Ensure appropriate use of scientific publications provided by EFSA and respect copyrights as explained in point 4 of this Declaration;

2. Confidentiality

By accepting this Statement, I hereby declare that:

1. I am entitled to receive access to information related to EFSA's work, including through the IT infrastructure set up by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA);
2. I agree to ensure that the username and password that EFSA will provide me in order to get access to EFSA's IT infrastructure remains known only by me;
3. If my participation to meetings or access to EFSA's IT infrastructure entails access to information classified as sensitive or internal as per EFSA's Information Management Policy, I am aware of the requirements for the protection and handling of such information, in particular if this covers confidential information, i.e. information for

¹ Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1), as last amended.

² Available online at https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/210111-PAs-transparency-and-confidentiality.pdf

which confidentiality requests have been submitted, or which have been awarded confidential status in accordance with Articles 39-39e of the General Food Law Regulation (EC) No 178/2002;

4. I will take all necessary measures so that any confidential information to which I get access is not made public or disclosed to unauthorised parties;
5. I agree and commit to use information received from EFSA exclusively for the purpose for which it was made available to me and not to divulge, publish or otherwise make it available to any third party without prior written consent of EFSA, also after completion of the relevant assignment with EFSA. My duty of confidentiality regarding the information exists vis-à-vis any third party, including employees, employers, colleagues or affiliates, and the general public;
6. I agree and commit not to use the information received from EFSA for a personal benefit or that of any third party, at any point in time;
7. In case of sharing, under the conditions set out in paragraph 5 above, of confidential information for purposes deriving from EFSA's regulatory framework with third parties external to EFSA, I am responsible for this information sharing and for collecting the commitment by the receiving party:
 - to comply with the same confidentiality and safety storage requirements as outlined in the present Declaration for any information brought to his or her attention,
 - not to have any onward divulgence of the information to any other third parties,
 - not to use the information for his or her personal benefit or that of any other third party,
 - to continue complying with the above obligations, even after completion of their assignment,
 - to dispose securely of any physical or downloaded copies after completion of the relevant assignment with EFSA;
8. In case I don't use the IT infrastructure provided by EFSA, I will ensure to have in place IT and physical solutions for safe processing of the confidential information. This includes applying appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the secure use of the Document Management System and adhere to any instruction EFSA might provide for this purpose. This also includes disposing securely of the information in any downloaded copies or otherwise after completion of the relevant assignment with EFSA;
9. I commit to make good damages caused to EFSA as a result of a breach of any of the above conditions, having been clearly informed by EFSA with regards to the protection and handling of confidential information as specified above;

3. Information on personal data processing related to your membership of a European Network operating in the field of EFSA's mission

Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data ('the EUDPR')³, is applicable to personal data processing in the context of the establishment and operations of European Networks in the fields within EFSA's mission. In accordance with Article 15 of the EUDPR and Article 14 of the relevant Executive Director's Decision⁴, the following information is provided:

a. Information on the controller and the data protection officer:

- The Engagement and External Relation Unit of EFSA (ENREL) is the controller of the personal data processing in the context of the establishment & operations of European Networks in the fields of EFSA's mission. The controller can be contacted by writing to afsecretariat@efsa.europa.eu
- Further information or clarification concerning the processing of your personal data in the context of the European Networking in the fields within EFSA's mission can be obtained from EFSA's data protection officer whom you may contact by writing to: DataProtectionOfficer@efsa.europa.eu;

b. Personal data processed and recipients of the data

Generally, any your personally identifiable information concerning your membership of an European Network in the field of EFSA's mission will only be processed by and disclosed on a need-to-know basis to the ENREL unit and other EFSA staff in charge. This pertains to:

- Your Declaration of Interest and any other personal data processed in accordance with the requirements in EFSA's Decision on Competing Interest Management;
- Any your personally identifiable information in the context of the networking meetings and activities, unless such information may be rendered public by EFSA on its website, in which case you shall be duly informed and consulted on beforehand by the competent EFSA staff.

It shall be clarified that EFSA will publish on its website the names of the institutions designed by the EFSA Advisory Form as member of the EFSA Scientific Networks, without the names of the representatives or participants in network meetings or activities.

c. Data retention period

Personal data related to your involvement in European Networking activities in the field of EFSA's mission will be retained for a maximum period of 10 years.

d. Exercise of your rights as a data subject

You have the right to request access to your data, to rectify or to erase these by writing to the controller using the email indicated above. You have the right to lodge a complaint regarding the processing of your personal data in the context of this survey with the European Data Protection Supervisor ([EDPS complaints form](#)).

³ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC. OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39–98.

⁴ See: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/management-board-210624/18-establishment-operations-networks-11.mb210624-a4.pdf>

4. Copyrights and library working tools provided by EFSA

I acknowledge that:

- a. The EFSA logo is the exclusive property of the European Food Safety Authority
- b. EFSA's name and its logo are registered under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the protection of industrial property. Their use is prohibited without the prior written permission of EFSA;
- c. Without prejudice to the acknowledgment of my input or authorship, I am aware that outputs I produced, or to which I contributed, in the context of my collaboration with EFSA belong exclusively to EFSA, or to the relevant scientific group, and that as a consequence I am not entitled to royalties, publication rights or other rights connected thereto.
- d. In the context of my cooperation with EFSA, in particular while preparing or discussing scientific outputs, I may receive from EFSA publications, datasets, trade secrets or other relevant information protected by copyrights or other intellectual property rights, that I am required to verify and respect.
- e. EFSA grants me access to these sources exclusively for the performance of my duties in connection with my cooperation with EFSA, and that as a result, I shall:
 - I. Not distribute copies of articles and journals to third parties.
 - II. Not use these sources for any other purpose or assignment other than that for which access was granted by EFSA.
 - III. Destroy any copy of these sources as soon as I completed the relevant purpose or assignment.

I am aware that this undertaking is not limited in time, requires me not to disclose information covered by this statement even after my duties with my employer or with EFSA are ceased, and that nothing in this declaration shall be interpreted as preventing compliance with public access and data sharing requirements set out in Union or national law.

Having read and for agreement,

Position or capacity in which I am involved with EFSA's activities:

Advisory Forum

_____Salma ELREEDY_____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____29/03/2022_____

The signed declaration must be provided to EFSA. Electronic signature is allowed. EFSA reserves the right to update this declaration at any time during the work of the signatory for EFSA and to request an updated signature.