

# 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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Title: **MS.**

Profession : -

## Current EFSA Involvements

- Member - NDA Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Member - WG/P/NDA/2018/02 - Novel Foods 2018-2024
- Hearing Expert - WG/P/FEEDAP/2018/06 - Microbiology 2018-2024
- Member - WG/P/SC/2019/03 - WG SynBioM
- Member - WG/U/NUTRI/2018/01 - Traditional Foods from Third Countries

## Interests

### I. Financial investments

No interests

### II. Managerial role

No interests

### III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/04/2019 - 01/07/2020**

Organisation: **European Commission (EC)**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

**Subject matter:** National Spanish Delegate in the Commission Expert Group of the Shadow Strategic Configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee. Activity: To ensure the early involvement of Member States in the strategic planning process of the new European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Horizon Europe (2021-2027), the European Commission has set up a Shadow Strategic Configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee as a Commission expert group. The strategic planning will be based on foresight activities, studies and other scientific evidence and take account of relevant existing initiatives at Union and national level. It will incorporate inter-disciplinary and cross-sectoral perspectives and ensure that all activities under Horizon Europe are coordinated in an effective manner. Role: Formal representation of Spain and advice to the Commission on the strategic planning of the Horizon Europe R+I Programme.

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Period: **01/03/2019 - 01/03/2021**

Organisation: **European Research Council**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Spanish National Representative in the European Research Council. Role: To represent the Spanish interests in the ERC Programme Committee of the H2020 Programme. To coordinate the Spanish Delegation. To prepare the annual Strategic Plan and objectives of the Spanish participation in the ERC Research Programme. Follow up and analysis of the Spanish participation in the ERC Programme to ensure the optimum participation of Spain.

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Period: **01/07/2018 - now**

Organisation: **Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Scientific Advisory Board of CSIC. Member of the Board. Scientific advice on food science research strategies of CSIC is given to the Board twice a year at periodical meetings and upon request. Delivering documents on research strategies of CSIC included in its Research Strategic Plan and reports, are part of the activity. Since the appointment as a member by the Governing Board of CSIC, the Advisory Board has met twice.

## IV. Employment

Period: **01/02/2012 - now**

Organisation: **Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas**

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

*Subject matter:* Head of the Research Group Functional Biology of Lactic Acid Bacteria (BFBL). Coordination and supervision of the research and teaching activities carried out in the BFBL group. Responsibility of research projects, research management, scientific advice and teaching activities.

## V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

## VI. Research funding

Period: **01/06/2020 - 01/06/2023**

Organisation: **Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación**

*Subject matter:* Topic: Effect of food additives in the human gut microbiome. Research project. Deliverables: Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. Project funding is exclusively public

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/01/2017 - 01/12/2019**

Organisation: **Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad**

*Subject matter:* Topic: Vegetable probiotic fermented foods to fight children malnutrition. Coordination Action for Research Projects. Deliverables: Scientific cooperation. Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. Project funding is exclusively public.

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/01/2017 - 01/12/2019**

Organisation: **Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad**

*Subject matter:* Topic: In vitro study of obese and normal weight intestinal microbiota and its functional adaptation to diet. Effect on intestinal epithelial integrity. Research project. Deliverables: Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. Project funding is exclusively public.

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Period: **01/01/2017 - 01/12/2017**

Organisation: **Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad**

*Subject matter:* Topic: Lactic acid bacteria in human health and food safety. II. Networking Research Project. Deliverables: Scientific cooperation. Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. Funds are exclusively public.

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/01/2016 - 01/12/2018**

Organisation: **CDTI. CENTRO PARA EL DESARROLLO TECNOLÓGICO INDUSTRIAL. CENTRE FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT- MINECO**

*Subject matter:* Topic: Addition of probiotics to a tomato based product for a TEA (autism) population. Research project. Deliverables: Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. CDTI is an entity that belongs to MINECO granting public funds for public-private research collaboration. Project funding to all private and public partners is exclusively public.

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/01/2016 - 01/12/2016**

Organisation: **Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad**

*Subject matter:* Topic: Lactic acid bacteria, food and health. Networking Research Project. Deliverables: Scientific cooperation. Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. Funds are exclusively public.

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/01/2015 - 01/12/2016**

Organisation: **Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas**

*Subject matter:* Topic: Functional pre and probiotics ingredients. CSIC Programme of Scientific Cooperation between Spain and Argentina. Deliverables: Scientific cooperation. Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. Project funding is exclusively public.

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/11/2014 - 01/11/2017**

Organisation: **Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad**

*Subject matter:* Topic: Functional Food for a Personalized Nutrition. Consolider Network of 15 large research groups in Spain. Deliverables: Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. Project funding is exclusively public.

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

*Additional Info:*

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Period: **01/01/2013 - 31/12/2017**

Organisation: **Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad**

*Subject matter:* Topic: Colonic Microbiota in Normobiosis and Obesity-Associated Dysbiosis Conditions in a Dynamic Gastro Intestinal Simulator. Research project. Deliverables: Knowledge generation. Scientific publications and results dissemination. Project funding is exclusively public.

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol 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: **01/09/2012 - 01/01/2017**

Organisation: **Plataforma Tecnológica Española Food for Life Spain. Spanish Technology Platform Food for Life Spain. Spain**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

*Subject matter:* Member of the Working Group Food and Health of the Spanish Platform Food for Life Spain. The Group promotes research and innovation collaboration between public and private sector for application to public EU and National competitive calls. Members of the Group: about 10-15 Spanish members belonging to food technology companies, public research institutions and universities. Tasks performed: As member of the Group I attended one annual meeting (3 hours meeting) of the Group since 09/ 2012 until 01/ 2017. The aim of the meetings was to search partners among members of the Group for application to National and European (EU framework research program) public competitive calls for research projects where collaboration between private and public sector is required. This was a forum of discussion with the sole purpose of creating potential consortia for application to these calls that use public funds to promote applied research and technology transfer which is usually quite desirable. Matters of discussion: Research proposals related to development of emerging sustainable and safe food technologies. Type of industrial members of the Group: Food companies that develop safe and sustainable food technologies ( i.e. high pressure, fermentation etc) in different food sectors Intensity of the activity: 1 annual meeting. Results: After discussion about potential matters of interest I did not finally participate in any of the proposals raised in the Group over those 4 years. I left the Group in 01/2017. No research proposals and no economical benefit out of it.

## IX. Other relevant interest

Period: **01/07/2016 - 01/12/2017**

Organisation: **ACERTA**

Impact on annual earnings: **<5%**

*Subject matter:* ACERTA is an independent entity accredited by the National Entity of Accreditation (ENAC) for official certification of R+D+i activities carried out in industrial projects. The aim of the entity is to certificate the R+D+i activities in order to follow up expenses that can be subject of discounts in the official taxes system in Spain. Type of companies: Development and/or application of traditional/ emerging food technologies and settle industrial equipment. Tasks performed: Elaboration of a short report (5 pages) based on a long technical report (about 50 pages) provided by an independent technical expert who evaluates the industrial project activities for R+D+i certification. The short report consists on declaring about the formal accomplishment of the technical report on quality standards required in the process for the certification of R+D+i activities such as: appropriate definition of the state of the art, objectives, degree of innovation etc. Collaboration with ACERTA fully exclude any kind of advice to neither ACERTA nor the companies with whom there is no contact at all. The short report is a merely formal declaration of accomplishment of quality standards in the technical report elaborated by the independent expert. Intensity of the activity: 7 short reports since 2016. Reports: Use of modified atmospheres in meat ripening; Design of a meat processing plant; Natural food colorants; Natural additives for meat products; Alternatives to sulfites in fish; Post harvest technologies; Improvement of wine quality

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Period: **01/01/1987 - now**

Organisation: **Agencia Estatal de Investigación**

Impact on annual earnings: **<5%**

*Subject matter:* Scientific referee of proposals applied to competitive calls for public granting. Regular and continuous collaboration with the Agency since 1987. Intensity of the activity: Remote individual evaluation of research projects presented by public Academia and universities. 2 projects per year aprox. ANEP is the governmental Scientific Office for evaluation of research proposals applied to public competitive calls for public funds of the National R&D Plan, autonomous funding agencies or other public funding bodies.

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## 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: 28-06-2022 - 15:14 (UTC)

Signature: SIGNED

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