



Pre-assessment of the interests declared by the Executive Director pursuant to Article 37(1) of the Regulation EC No 178/2002

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests declared by the Executive Director in accordance with the EU Staff Regulations, EFSA's Founding Regulation and its internal rules on Declarations of Interest represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules. Based on this assessment, the Board should reach a conclusion on whether the Executive Director has any personal interest such as to impair his independence and, where appropriate, recommend a follow-up.

The following evaluation concerns relevant interests covering the five years preceding the submission of the DoI.

If an identified conflict that impairs the independence of the Executive Director is not resolved by the proposed assessment, and the Executive Director is not fulfilling his obligations in relation to independence in such a manner that ensures healing this situation, the Board, acting on the majority of its members, may take all measures deemed appropriate under the Staff Regulations.¹

Bernhard Url

DoI submission date: 25 October 2021

New declared interest: Compared to the DoI submitted on 27 October 2020, the Executive Director did not declare any new interest.

Assessment: In application of the EU Staff Regulations, the Regulation EC No 178/2002, EFSA's independence policy and EFSA's rules on the management of competing interests, no potential conflict can be identified in the interests declared by the Executive Director.

Annex:

DoI Bernhard Url dated 25 October 2021

¹ Article 11 and 11a of the Staff Regulations REGULATION No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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| Title (Prof, Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs) | Mr. |
| Name | Bernhard |
| Family name | URL |
| Profession | Veterinarian |
| EFSA involvement(s) | Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority |

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- Please fill in all fields, as appropriate.**
- Please declare any interest overlapping with EFSA's complete set of responsibility that you or your close family members¹ currently have or have had in the past five years.**

¹ "Close Family Member" means: i. a spouse, meant as the person engaged in the marital relationship with the concerned individual; ii. a partner with whom a Concerned individual has contracted a registered partnership, on the basis of the legislation of the relevant legal system; iii. the direct descendants and ascendants who are financially dependent on the Concerned individual.

I. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

| I. Financial investments | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | NO INTEREST |

II. MANAGERIAL ROLE

| II. Managerial role | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | Impact on annual earnings ⁴ |
|---------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|
| | 07/2008 - 03/2012 | EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma | Member of the Management Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |

III. MEMBER OF A SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY ENTITY

| III. Member of a scientific advisory entity | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | Impact on annual earnings ⁴ |
|---|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | | NO INTEREST | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |

IV. EMPLOYMENT

| IV. Employment | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | Impact on annual earnings ⁴ |
|----------------|--|--|---|--|
| | 06/2014 - now | EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma | Executive Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >25% |
| | 06/2012 - 05/2014 | EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma | Directorate for Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance Function: Director (until December 2013) /Head of Department (as of January 2014). Additional functions: - September 2013 until October | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >25% |

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|--|----------------------|--|---|--|
| | | | 2013: Deputizing Executive Director - November 2013 until May 2014: Ad interim Executive Director | |
| | 05/2002 - 12/2011 | AGES, Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernaehrungssicherheit GmbH, Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety, AUSTRIA, Vienna | Austrian Federal Agency responsible for laboratory testing, risk assessment, (partly) risk management, risk communication and research in the areas of soil, fertilizers, seed varieties, plant health, feed safety, animal health, food safety, human infectious diseases, medicines and medical devices. Function: Managing Director. | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >25% |

V. OCCASIONAL CONSULTANCY

| V. Occasional consultancy | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | Impact on annual earnings ⁴ |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | | NO INTEREST | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |

VI. RESEARCH FUNDING

| VI. Research funding | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | 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 ⁴ ? |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | | NO INTEREST | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

VII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

| VII. Intellectual property rights | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | Impact on annual earnings ⁴ |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | | NO INTEREST | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |

VIII. OTHER MEMBERSHIP OR AFFILIATION

| VIII. Other membership or affiliation | Period ¹ <i>From/To (Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | Impact on annual earnings ⁴ |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | 01/1995 - now | Österreichische Gesellschaft für Ernährung (ÖGE) | The Austrian Nutrition Society (ÖGE) is a registered non-profit learned society in Austria dedicated to matters of food and nutrition. Its work is based on scientific findings without the pursuit of economic of political objectives. Function: member. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |
| | 01/1990 - now | Österreichische Gesellschaft der Tierärztinnen und Tierärzte (ÖGT) | The Austrian Veterinary Association (ÖGT) is a learned society aiming at supporting the development of Veterinary Medicine and its scientific domains. Function: member. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |
| | 03/1987 - now | Österreichische Tierärztekammer (ÖTK) | The Chamber of Veterinarians is the national representative body for the veterinary profession in Austria. Function: voluntary member. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |
| | 03/2008 - 02/2013 | University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria | Education and Research Function: Member of the Advisory Board. | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |

IX. OTHER RELEVANT INTEREST

| IX. Other relevant interest | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | Impact on annual earnings ⁴ |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | | NO INTEREST | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |

X. INTERESTS OF CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS

| IX. Other relevant interest | Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i> | Organisation ² | Subject matter ³ | Impact on annual earnings ⁴ |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | | NO INTEREST | <input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25% |

I hereby declare that I have read both the Guidance Document on Declarations of Interests and the Procedure for identifying and handling potential conflict of interests and that the above Declaration of Interests is complete.

Date: _____

Signature: _____