

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

### Bernhard Url

**DoI submission date:** 4 December 2019

**New declared interest:** Compared to the DoI submitted on 3 January 2019, 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 4 December 2019

<sup>1</sup> 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)

*(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:** URL, Bernhard

**Title:** Mr.

**Profession:** Veterinarian

**Current EFSA involvements:** Staff (ED)

| Nature of Activities                               | Period            | Organisation  | Subject matter   |
|--|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>I. Financial investments</b>                    |                   |   | NO INTEREST  |
| <b>II. Managerial role</b>                         | 07/2008 - 03/2012 | -Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma | Member of the Management Board<br>Impact on annual earnings: 0%  |
| <b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b> |                   |   | NO INTEREST  |
| <b>IV. Employment</b>                              | 06/2014 - now     | -Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma | Executive Director<br>Impact on annual earnings: >25%  |
|  | 06/2012 - 05/2014 | -Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma | Directorate for Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance<br>Function: Director (until December 2013) /Head of Department (as of January 2014).<br><br>Additional functions:<br>September 2013 until October 2013: Deputizing Executive Director<br>November 2013 until May 2014: Ad interim Executive Director<br>Impact on annual earnings: >25% |

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|--|-------------------|--|---|
|  | 05/2002 - 12/2011 | -Name: AGES, Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit 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<br>Function: Managing Director<br>Impact on annual earnings: >25% |
| <b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>               |                   |  | NO INTEREST   |
| <b>VI. Research funding</b>                    |                   |  | NO INTEREST   |
| <b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>       |                   |  | NO INTEREST   |
| <b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b> | 01/1995 - now     | -Name: 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 or political objectives.<br><br>Function: member<br>Impact on annual earnings: 0%   |
|  | 01/1990 - now     | -Name: 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.<br><br>Function: member<br>Impact on annual earnings: 0%   |
|  | 03/1987 - now     | -Name: Österreichische Tierärztekammer (ÖTK)   | The Chamber of Veterinarians is the national representative body for the veterinary profession in Austria.<br><br>Function: voluntary member<br>Impact on annual earnings: 0%   |
|  | 03/2008 - 02/2013 | -Name: University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria  | Education and Research<br>Function: Member of the Advisory Board<br>Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%  |
| <b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>             |                   |  | NO INTEREST   |
| <b>X. Interests of close family members</b>    |                   |  | NO INTEREST   |

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: 04/12/2019      Signature: **SIGNED**



## Delegation

### Executive Director's Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI)

I hereby delegate Ms Selomey Yamadjako, Head of Business Services Department, to clear in the EFSA Declaration of Interest workflow the ADoI of Bernhard Url, EFSA Executive Director, dated 04 December 2019 and annexed to this delegation.

I verified the ADoI which is approved and I request Ms Yamadjako to update me as soon as the technical process is closed.

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Jaana Husu-Kallio  
Chair of the EFSA Management Board

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Date: 18 December 2019