

## Assessment of the interests declared pursuant to Article 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the EFSA Management Board

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests newly declared by Board members before their 80<sup>th</sup> meeting represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules and the Board Code of Conduct. Based on this assessment, the Board should reach a conclusion and where appropriate recommend a follow-up.

The following evaluation concerns newly declared interests. The advice takes into account the employment and activities of the member, his/her role in the Board and the responsibilities of the Board in view of the fact that, in terms of impact on EFSA's business, it primarily looks at the regularity and legality of EFSA's processes without entering into the merit of any scientific activity carried out by the other bodies of EFSA.

If an identified conflict that is substantially affecting the work of the Board or EFSA's reputation is not resolved by the proposed assessment and a member of the Board is not fulfilling his/her obligations in relation to independence in such a manner that this is substantially affecting the work of the Board, the Board, acting on a two-thirds majority, may ask for his or her replacement<sup>1</sup>.

### Iñaki Eguileor

**DoI submission date:** 12 January 2019

**New declared interests:** No new interest was declared compared to the Declaration he submitted in 2017 and 2018. Information was added on the impact that the declared interests have on Mr Eguileor's annual earnings.

**Assessment:** As concluded with the assessment of the previous Declarations of Interests, it is unlikely that the declared interests may lead to conflicts, but as a precautionary approach, it is suggested that the Board re-examines their relevance to assess whether specific conflicts may exist when it discusses EFSA's outsourcing programmes.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.

## Aivars Bērziņš

**DoI submission date:** 15 January 2019

**New declared interests:**

- As from January 2019, engagement in a project funded by the EU COST Action "Risk-based meat inspection and integrated meat safety assurance".
- As from December 2018, involvement in research activity financed by the Latvian Council of Science on "Whole genome-based characterisation of environmental *Listeria* spp. And their role in ruminants' listeriosis and public health.
- As from January 2019, participation of the Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR) in the project consortium awarded with the EFSA Partnering Grant "IMPACT" (GP/EFSA/ENCO/2018/03) led by German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR).

**Assessment:** The Latvian Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR) is included among the organisations designated by Latvia which may assist EFSA with its mission in the context of the implementation of Article 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation (Article 36 list). Mr Bērziņš declares the participation of BIOR in a consortium of organisations which was awarded an EFSA grant in line with the applicable legal framework. It is unlikely that the newly declared interests may lead to conflicts of interest, but as a precautionary approach, it is recommended that, during his mandate as an EFSA Management Board member, Mr Bērziņš refrains from discussing with EFSA matters related to this grant.

## Michael Winter

**DoI submission date:** 31 January 2019

**New declared interests:** No new interest was declared compared to the Declaration he submitted in 2018. Information was added on the impact that the declared interests have on Mr Winter's annual earnings.

**Assessment:** As concluded with the assessment of the previous Declaration of Interests, the declared interests do not lead to the identification of possible conflicts.

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Annex:

- DoI Iñaki Eguileor
- DoI Aivars Bērziņš
- DoI Michael Winter

## 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:** BERZINS, Aivars

**Title:** Dr.

**Profession:** Director

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>	07/2016 - now	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Management Board member Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	08/2003 - now	-Name: FVM, Latvia University of Agriculture - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, LATVIA, Jelgava	Member of Faculty Board (advisory, decision making at the Faculty level) Part time employment Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	09/2017 - now	-Name: Latvian Academy of Sciences (LZA), Latvian Academy of Sciences, Riga, LATVIA	Corresponding Member Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/2016 - now	-Name: Latvia University of Agriculture (LLU), Jelgava, LATVIA	Member of Promotion Council in Veterinary Sciences and Food Sciences Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%

	11/2011 - now	-Name: Latvian Council of Science	Expert in Veterinary and Food Sciences Involvement in project evaluations No any scientific advice to Government is delivered Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	01/2013 - 06/2016	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	EFSA Advisory Forum Member (Latvia) Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IV. Employment</b>	06/2013 - now	-Name: BIOR, Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment, LATVIA, Riga	Director Impact on annual earnings: >25%
	09/2000 - now	-Name: FVM, Latvia University of Agriculture - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, LATVIA, Jelgava	Research assistant- Lecturer- Assistant Professor (Docent)- Associate Professor, CURRENTLY: Professor Training of veterinary students, supervisor of PhD students Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%
	01/2010 - 05/2013	-Name: BIOR, Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment, LATVIA, Riga	Director of Department of Research and Development Coordination and management of R&D activities (part time, from 2011 full time) Impact on annual earnings: >25%
	01/2009 - 10/2010	-Name: University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, FINLAND, Helsinki	Researcher, University Instructor (Lecturer) Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%
	04/2006 - 12/2008	-Name: Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia	Deputy State Secretary responsible for food control and veterinary matters Management of Food and Veterinary sector and policy making in the relevant fields Impact on annual earnings: >25%
<b>V. Occasional consultancy</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VI. Research funding</b>	01/2019 - 12/2022	-Name: EU COST Action	COST Action OC-2018-1-22638. "Risk-based meat inspection and integrated meat safety assurance" Member of the Management Committee.
	12/2018 - 12/2020	-Name: Latvian Council of Science	Latvian Council of Science. Research grant "Whole genome-based characterisation of environmental Listeria spp. and their role in ruminants listeriosis and public health"
	01/2019 - 01/2020	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	EFSA institutional partnership grant (GP/EFSA/ENCO/2018/03)
<b>VII. Intellectual property rights</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>VIII. Other memberships or affiliations</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	No

(\*) - Indicates that you consider yourself to be in a potential Conflict of Interest (CoI) with respect to the EFSA activity.

(\*\*) - Indicates that the research (co-)funding received from the private sector during the last budgetary year exceeds 25% of the average annual research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern or that is otherwise benefiting you, including research funding by your organisation.

**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: 15/01/2019      Signature:      SIGNED**

## 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:** EGUILEOR, Inaki

**Title:** Dr.

**Profession:** Consultant/Assessor

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>	07/2014 - now	-Name: EFSA, European Food Safety Authority, Italy, Parma	Member of the EFSA Management Board Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	06/1996 - now	-Name: ISTEN CONSULT SL, Bilbao, SPAIN	Consultancy and Auditing of laboratories on technical competence in Food, Environment and Health areas under ISO 17025 standard (former EN 45001 ISO25). Auditing of inspection services on technical competence in Food, Environment and Health areas under ISO 17020 standard (former EN 45004). Auditing of proficiency testing providers on technical competence in Food and Environment areas under ISO 17043 standard (former ISO 43) All auditing activities are under appointment of ENAC (Entidad Nacional de Acreditación) the Spanish Accreditation Body according to Regulation (CE) No 765/2008. Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%

<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>	05/2016 - now	-Name: FSL, Fera Science Limited, Ltd., UNITED KINGDOM, York	Member of the Advisory Committee of FAPAS (Food Analysis Performance Assessment Scheme) that includes all Proficiency Testing Programmes provided by Fera. Fera is provider of Proficiency Testing Schemes to laboratories that perform food and feed chemical analysis. The Advisory Committee does not have any role in programme management. Advice is limited to scientific and technical aspects required to organizations accredited under ISO 17043 standard. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/2016 - 01/2019	-Name: Foro de Metrología de la Asociación Española de la Calidad (AEC) y Centro Español de Metrología (CEM), Metrology Forum of the Spanish Quality Association (AEC) and the Spanish Metrology Centre (CEM), Madrid, SPAIN	Coordinator of the Agrofood Group within the Metrology Forum. The Metrology Forum is promoted by AEC and CEM. AEC is a non profit private association and CEM is a public institute. The Forum is involved in different areas included Agrofood. The Forum aims to be a meeting point between government, primary sector, industry, retailers, research centers and universities to promote traceable measurements to IS and fit for purpose use of uncertainties, in order to improve the comparability and reliability of results necessary to ensure the security and authenticity of food and food products. At present main tasks for the Agrofood Group are: identify metrological problems and areas of interest in RDi, exchange of knowledge and information and education on metrological issues. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/1999 - 04/2016	-Name: FERA, Food Environment Research Agency, UNITED KINGDOM, YORK	Member of the Advisory Committee of FEPAS (Food Examination Performance Assessment Scheme) Provider of Proficiency Testing Programmes to laboratories that perform food and feed microbiological analysis. The Advisory Committee does not have any role in programme management. Advice is limited to scientific and technical aspects required to organizations accredited under ISO 17043 standard. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/1996 - 04/2016	-Name: FERA, Food Environment Research Agency, UNITED KINGDOM, YORK	Member of the Advisory Committee of FAPAS (Food Analysis Performance Assessment Scheme) Provider of Proficiency Testing Programmes to laboratories that perform food and feed chemical analysis. The Advisory Committee does not have any role in programme management. Advice is limited to scientific and technical aspects required to organizations accredited under ISO 17043 standard. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IV. Employment</b>	03/1997 - now	-Name: Entidad Nacional de Acreditación ENAC, Madrid, SPAIN	ENAC is a non profit organization appointed by the Spanish Government as the official Accreditation body for Spain (EC) No 765/2008. Audits for technical competence assessment of laboratories, inspection bodies and proficiency testing providers in the Food, Environment and Health areas. Impact on annual earnings: >=5% and <=25%

	06/1996 - now	-Name: ISTEN CONSULT SL, Bilbao, SPAIN	Director of ISTEN CONSULT SL, a private organization with activity in: Consultancy and Auditing of laboratories on technical competence in Food, Environment and Health areas under ISO 17025 standard (former EN 45001 ISO25). Auditing of inspection services on technical competence in Food, Environment and Health areas under ISO 17020 standard (former EN 45004). Auditing of proficiency testing providers on technical competence in Food and Environment areas under ISO 17043 standard (former ISO 43). All auditing activities are under appointment of ENAC (Entidad Nacional de Acreditación) the Spanish Accreditation Body according to Regulation (CE) No 765/2008. 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>	01/2017 - now	-Name: AECNE Asociación Española de Cribado Neonatal, Madrid (Spain)	Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee of AECNE Scientific non profit organization for Neonatal Screening in Spain on endocrine and metabolic diseases. The Quality Assurance Committee is responsible of the External Quality Assessment Programmes for neonatal screening laboratories of Spain. Includes proficiency testing for public laboratories involved on nutritional population studies. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
	09/2006 - 01/2013	-Name: AECNE Asociación Española de Cribado Neonatal, Madrid (Spain)	Member of the Management Board of AECNE Scientific non profit organization for Neonatal Screening in Spain on endocrine and metabolic diseases. Provides also External Quality Assessment Programmes for neonatal screening laboratories of Spain. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>	01/2016 - now	-Name: Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, Madrid	Teaching at the Master "Quality in chemistry and Microbiology laboratories. Clinical, food and environmental sectors". Impact on annual earnings: >0% and <5%
	01/2007 - 12/2016	-Name: AECNE Asociación Española de Cribado Neonatal, Madrid (Spain)	Quality Assurance Committee member of AECNE Scientific non profit organization for Neonatal Screening in Spain on endocrine and metabolic diseases. The Quality Assurance Committee is responsible of the External Quality Assessment Programmes for neonatal screening laboratories of Spain. Includes proficiency testing for public laboratories involved on nutritional population studies. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	-



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**Date: 12/01/2019      Signature:      SIGNED**

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**Name:** WINTER, Michael

**Title:** Dr.

**Profession:** Food chemist

**Current EFSA involvements:** Member-Management Board (MB)

Nature of Activities	Period	Organisation	Subject matter
<b>I. Financial investments</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>II. Managerial role</b>	03/2018 - 05/2021	-Name: Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL), GERMANY	Chief Food Safety Officer (CFSO) for Germany Chefkoordinator für Lebensmittelsicherheit Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>III. Member of a scientific advisory entity</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>IV. Employment</b>	12/1989 - 05/2021	-Name: Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture	Government, www.bmel.de 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>	03/2014 - now	-Name: Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für das Lebensmittelrecht; Scientific Society for Food Law	Promotion of Science and Research in the Field of German and European Food law. Member. Impact on annual earnings: 0%
<b>IX. Other relevant interest</b>			NO INTEREST
<b>X. Interests of close family members</b>			NO INTEREST

<b>Involvements</b>	<b>Potential CoI (*)</b>	<b>Funding (**)</b>
Management Board	No	-

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