

Legal Affairs Services



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Assessment of the interests declared by the members of the Management Board pursuant to Article 37(1) of the of the Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests declared by Board members 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.

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 replacement¹.

Floriana CIMMARUSTI – Management Board member representing the Consumers Organisations

DoI submission date: 6 June 2023

Assessment: Complying with the legal requirement demanding to the members of the Management Board to submit an updated DoI on annual basis, Ms Cimmarusti confirmed the interests declared with her previous DoI dated 26 July 2022, which the Management Board noted and cleared at the meeting held on 6 October 2022.

Conclusion: No conflict of interest identified. Ahead of the Management Board meetings, it is suggested that the Management Board re-examines the interests declared by Ms Cimmarusti to assess whether any conflicts may arise when discussing specific items in agenda (e.g.: inclusion of organisations in the Art. 36 list or EFSA's outsourcing programmes).

Henrik NIELSEN – Management Board alternate member representing Denmark

DoI submission date: 10 May 2023

Assessment: Complying with the legal requirement demanding to the members of the Management Board to submit an updated DoI on annual basis, Mr Nielsen confirmed the interests declared with his previous DoI dated 24 May 2022, which the Management Board noted and cleared at the meeting held on 6 October 2022.

¹ Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.

Conclusion: No conflict of interest identified. Ahead of the Management Board meetings, it is suggested that the Management Board re-examines the interests declared by Mr Nielsen to assess whether any conflicts may arise when discussing specific items in agenda (e.g.: inclusion of organisations in the Art. 36 list or EFSA's outsourcing programmes).

George-John NYCHAS – Management Board alternate member representing Greece

DoI submission date: 14 June 2023

Assessment: Prof. Nychas declared holding the position of Professor Emeritus at the Agricultural University of Athens since Sept. 2022. Prof. Nychas' job entails the performance of educational activities in areas pertaining to the remit of EFSA, which he performs in the public interest. Prof. Nychas employment does not represent a conflict of interest.

In Sept. 2022, Prof. Nychas provided consultancy services to a private company in areas not pertaining to the remit of EFSA. The consultancy activity carried out by Prof. Nychas does not represent a conflict of interest.

Conclusion: No conflict of interest identified. Ahead of the Management Board meetings, it is suggested that the Management Board re-examines the interests declared by Prof. Nychas to assess whether any conflicts may arise when discussing specific items in agenda (e.g.: inclusion of organisations in the Art. 36 list or EFSA's outsourcing programmes).

Astrid THORS - Management Board member appointed by the European Parliament

DoI submission date: 8 June 2023

Assessment: Complying with the legal requirement demanding to the members of the Management Board to submit an updated DoI on annual basis, Ms Thors confirmed the interests declared with her previous DoI dated 4 July 2022, which the Management Board noted and cleared at the meeting held on 6 October 2022.

Conclusion: No conflict of interest identified. Ahead of the Management Board meetings, it is suggested that the Management Board re-examines the interests declared by Ms Thors to assess whether any conflicts may arise when discussing specific items in agenda (e.g.: inclusion of organisations in the Art. 36 list or EFSA's outsourcing programmes).

Rudie VELLA - Management Board alternate member representing Malta

DoI submission date: 8 June 2023

Assessment: Ing. Vella declared his new position as Director General of the Technical Regulations Division at the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority. The Technical Regulations Division is the Maltese competent authority for food risk assessment, chemicals, plant protection products and biocides. Ing. Vella's job entails the performance of risk management activities in areas pertaining to the remit of EFSA, which he carries out in the public interest. In view of the mandate of the Management Board, that 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, the risk management activities carried out by Ing. Vella do not represent conflicts of

interests. Ing. Vella confirmed all other interests declared with his previous DoI dated 23 May 2022, which the Management Board noted and cleared at the meeting held on 6 October 2022.

Conclusion: No conflict of interest identified. Ahead of the Management Board meetings, it is suggested that the Management Board re-examines the interests declared by Ing. Vella to assess whether any conflicts may arise when discussing specific items in agenda (e.g.: inclusion of organisations in the Art. 36 list or EFSA's outsourcing programmes).

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADOI)

Title (Prof, Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs)	Ms
Name	Floriana
Family name	CIMMARUSTI
Profession	Secretary General, SAFE – Safe Food Advocacy Europe
EFSA involvement(s)	Management Board (member)

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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. 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

I. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

	I. Financial investments
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	Organisation ²
NO INTEREST	Subject matter ³

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- Please indicate name and location of the organization on which the investment has been made.
- investment, including whether you have influence over it (e.g. "no control as it is a fund managed by a professional company with no possibility of deciding the fund's strategy"; or "complete control as this corresponds to ordinary shares I can sell or buy at will") and the field activity of the organisation on which the investment is made. Please indicate any investment such as economic stake or share in an entity with an interest directly or indirectly falling within EFSA's remit, including its stocks, equities or bonds, or of one of its subsidiaries or of a company in which it has a holding. Please provide a description of the

II. MANAGERIAL ROLE

II. Managerial role	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
a z	November 2016 – to SAFE – Safe Food date Advocacy Europe	SAFE - Safe Food Advocacy Europe	Issues relating to the management of SAFE, Board member.	☑ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% □>25%

- Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization
- ωΝΗ Please indicate any participation, paid or unpaid, in the internal decision-making process (such as board membership, directorship, etc.) of an entity

to validate or take management actions/decisions and if you serve as a member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters. Please indicate the impact of the activity on your annual earnings, by selecting one of the values provided. This indication needs to be given also with an interest falling within EFSA's remit. Please describe your tasks and responsibilities, the remit of the organisation and how its activities relate to the remit of EFSA. Please indicate also whether the organisation carries out risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered

for past interests older than one year prior to the submission of the ADoI.

III. MEMBER OF A SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY ENTITY

- Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the entity.
- subject matter of the advisory entity relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the relevant EFSA scientific group(s). Please indicate whether the entity description of the remit of the advisory entity, the subject matter (e.g. substances, products, guidance documents, policies, etc.), your precise role carries out risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered to validate or take management actions/decisions or not, or whether (e.g. Chair, member, etc.), the nature of the advice delivered (e.g. opinion, statement, advice, etc.), the recipient of the advice, and how the than those organised by EFSA (such as membership of Scientific Panels, Working Groups. Peer review meetings, Networks, etc.). Please provide a Please indicate any participation in the works of a scientific advisory entity with an interest falling directly or indirectly within EFSA's remit and other you serve as member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters.
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IV. EMPLOYMENT

IV. Employment	Period 1 From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
	November 2016 - to date	SAFE - Safe Food Advocacy Europe	Secretary General	□ 0% □>0% but <5%
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- of the relevant EFSA scientific group(s). Please indicate whether the employing entity or organisation carries out risk management activities, whether activities performed in the context of employment and provided to individual business operators or other private parties and indicate their identities. Please describe the remit of the employing entity or organisation, your precise role, tasks, responsibilities and the nature or area of your work, what the activity is about (e.g. types of substances, products, guidance documents, processes or policies) and how it relates to the remit of EFSA and/or Please indicate any form of regular occupation or business, part-time or full-time, paid or unpaid, including self-employment, and any consultancy committee advising on risk management matters. you are personally empowered to validate or take risk management actions/decisions or not, or whether you serve as member of a regulatory
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VI. RESEARCH FUNDING

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June 2022 – May 2025 October 2021 – April 2026 SAFE (partner)	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)
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January 2022 – December 2025	October 2022 – August 2026
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⊠ NO	⊠NO

- Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization providing the research funding.
- and falling within EFSA's entire set of responsibilities. It includes grants, rents, reimbursement of expenses, sponsorship and fellowship. Please Please indicate any funding for research or development work received from any public or private entity either in a personal or professional capacity indicate the topic of the research activity and the nature of the associated output (e.g. study, report, publication, etc.).
- 4. Please include also research funding received by your employing organisation.

VII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

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	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)
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- Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
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- Please indicate the all works resulting from human intellectual creativity (e.g. patents, trademarks, inventorship, etc.) for which you have been granted rights, irrespective of whether they grant a financial gain, and that fall, directly or indirectly, within EFSA's remit. Please indicate if the your role (e.g. patent holder, contributor etc.) and how the intellectual property right relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the EFSA relevant intellectual property is still valid or if it expired and provide a description of the topic covered by the granted right (e.g. GMO, pesticides, feed, etc.),
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VIII. OTHER MEMBERSHIP OR AFFILIATION

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- Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.
- Please indicate any membership or affiliation with entities with an interest falling within EFSA's remit not falling under the categories defined above and relevant for the purposes of the EFSA decision on Competing Interest Management. This shall include roles and membership in professional activity relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the EFSA relevant scientific group. associations, learned society, Non-Governmental-Organisations and comparable entities. Please provide a description of your precise role, tasks, responsibilities, the activities of the entity or person with whom the activity is engaged, of its remit, and when possible of its funding , and how the
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 Please indicate any interest not falling under the other eight categories above (such as prizes, gifts, awards and hospitality) and relevant for the purposes of the EFSA decision on Competing Interest Management. Please provide a description of the interest, such as the subject matter of the
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I hereby declare that I have read the <u>EFSA Decision on Competing Interest Management</u> implementing EFSA's Policy on Independence and that the above declaration is truthful and complete.

Date: 12/05/2023 Signature: (either physical or electronic signature,

to this form. If you need more sheets to declare your interests, do not hesitate to use blank ones or to ask for them, but please sign each one of them and attach them

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

Title (Prof, Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs)	M
Name	Henrik
Family name	NIELSEN
Profession	Head of Division at the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration
EFSA involvement(s)	Management Board (alternate member)

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I. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

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IV. EMPLOYMENT

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08/2011 - to date Danish Veterinary Responsible and Food Within chere Administration assessmen	Organisation ²
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activity_ I think I have a conflict of interest with respect to the following EFSA

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the following reasons ___

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.

Date: XX/XX/2023

Signature: (either physical or electronic signature)_

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

Title (Prof, Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs)	Prof.
Name	George-John
Family name	NYCHAS
Profession	Professor Emeritus
EFSA involvement(s)	Management Board (alternate member)

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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 From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³
			NO INTEREST

- 1. Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- 2. Please indicate name and location of the organization on which the investment has been made.
- 3. Please indicate any investment such as economic stake or share in an entity with an interest directly or indirectly falling within EFSA's remit, including its stocks, equities or bonds, or of one of its subsidiaries or of a company in which it has a holding. Please provide a description of the investment, including whether you have influence over it (e.g. "no control as it is a fund managed by a professional company with no possibility of deciding the fund's strategy"; or "complete control as this corresponds to ordinary shares I can sell or buy at will") and the field activity of the organisation on which the investment is made.

II. MANAGERIAL ROLE

II. Managerial role	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²		Impact on annual earnings ⁴
	11/2017 - 9/2019	Agricultural University of Athens	Dean of School of Biotechnology, Foods & Development; Administration of the school; representation of the School in the General Assembly of the University.	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%

09/2019 - 04/	2020 Agricultural University of Athens	Dean of School of Food Science & Human Nutrition; Administration of the School; representation of the School in the General Assembly of the University.	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
04/2020 – to d	ate Hellenic Authority for Higher Education	Member of the Evaluation and Accreditation Council which Mission is to ensure high quality in higher education https://www.ethaae.gr/en/about-hahe/evaluation- and-certification-council	☑ 0%□ > 0% but < 5%□ > 5% but < 25%□ > 25%
03/2021 - to d	Hellenic Foundation for research & innovation	 Member of Foundation's scientific Council https://www.elidek.gr/en/governing-bodies/scientific-council/. The role of the council is Ensuring the success of Foundation objectives according to the national research and innovation policy. Accepting donations and all kinds of funding. Setting up evaluation committees and appeal committees in order to review proposals and select final beneficiaries. Selecting the Director and Deputy Directors. Approving the Foundation budget, upon Director Recommendation. Proposing collaborations and partnerships with public and private sector organisations, both domestic and foreign, to the GA. Proposing Internal Rule of Operation amendments to the Minister. Approving the commission of Foundation services and offices in other cities within Greek Territory, upon Director Recommendation. 	□ > 0% but < 5% □ > 5% but < 25% □ >

- 1. Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- 2. Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.
- 3. Please indicate any participation, paid or unpaid, in the internal decision-making process (such as board membership, directorship, etc.) of an entity with an interest falling within EFSA's remit. Please describe your tasks and responsibilities, the remit of the organisation and how its activities relate to the remit of EFSA. Please indicate also whether the organisation carries out risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered to validate or take management actions/decisions and if you serve as a member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters.
- 4. Please indicate the impact of the activity on your annual earnings, by selecting one of the values provided. This indication needs to be given also for past interests older than one year prior to the submission of the ADoI.

III. MEMBER OF A SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY ENTITY

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	From/To	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
	11/2015 – to date	European Technology Platform Food for Life	Chairman of a working group related to food safety. I do provide advices regarding future research topics in the field of food safety. The organisation does not deal with RA, I am not doing any validation, management and not take decisions or actions and do not serve as member of a regulatory committee advising on RM matters.	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%

- 1. Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- 2. Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the entity.
- 3. Please indicate any participation in the works of a scientific advisory entity with an interest falling directly or indirectly within EFSA's remit and other than those organised by EFSA (such as membership of Scientific Panels, Working Groups. Peer review meetings, Networks, etc.). Please provide a description of the remit of the advisory entity, the subject matter (e.g. substances, products, guidance documents, policies, etc.), your precise role (e.g. Chair, member, etc.), the nature of the advice delivered (e.g. opinion, statement, advice, etc.), the recipient of the advice, and how the subject matter of the advisory entity relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the relevant EFSA scientific group(s). Please indicate whether the entity carries out risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered to validate or take management actions/decisions or not, or whether

- you serve as member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters.
- 4. Please indicate the impact of the activity on your annual earnings, by selecting one of the values provided. This indication needs to be given also for past interests older than one year prior to the submission of the ADoI.

IV. EMPLOYMENT

	IV. Employment	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
		10/1994 - 31/08/2022	Agricultural University of Athens	Full Time Teaching, doing Research and being Research project director.	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% ⊠>25%
		01/0/2022 – till now	Agricultural University of Athens	Professor Emeritus at Agricultural University of Athens	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% ⊠>25%

- 1. Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- 2. Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.
- 3. Please indicate any form of regular occupation or business, part-time or full-time, paid or unpaid, including self-employment, and any consultancy activities performed in the context of employment and provided to individual business operators or other private parties and indicate their identities. Please describe the remit of the employing entity or organisation, your precise role, tasks, responsibilities and the nature or area of your work, what the activity is about (e.g. types of substances, products, guidance documents, processes or policies) and how it relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the relevant EFSA scientific group(s). Please indicate whether the employing entity or organisation carries out risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered to validate or take risk management actions/decisions or not, or whether you serve as member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters.
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V. OCCASIONAL CONSULTANCY

V. Occasional consultancy	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
	Sept /2022	Agritrack, Athens Greece	Information and Communication Technology, Internet of things, Machine learning, cloud computing. This consultancy is not related with risk analysis i.e., risk assessment, risk communication, risk management	∅ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%

- 1. Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- 2. Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.
- 3. Please indicate any consultancy activity occurring rarely so that it does not become a regular occupation, and in which the you provide advice or services, paid or unpaid, to companies, trade associations or other bodies with an interest falling directly or indirectly within EFSA's remit. Please provide a description of what the consultancy/advice is about, the topic of the delivered consultancy and the nature of the associated deliverable (e.g. study, report, assessment report, etc.). Please indicate whether the occasional consultancy implies risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered to validate or take risk management actions/decisions or whether you serve as member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters.
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VI. RESEARCH FUNDING

VI. Research funding	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	the priv years p of the <i>l</i> total	ne funding received from rate sector during the two preceding the submission ADOI exceeds 25% of the research budget that is ged by you for the area under concern 4?
	2017 - 2019	EU, Commission, GA No. 732541	PhasmaFOOD; EU exclusively funding Project, dealing with sensors that can be used in food sector. PhasmaFOOD is an EUfunded H2020 https://phasmafood.eu/	□YES	⊠NO
	2018-2021	EU, Commission, GA No. 774109	IMPAqT; EU exclusively funding Project, dealing with sensors that can be used in aquaculture as well as in the fish (as food) across the food chain; https://impaqtproject.eu/	□YES	⊠NO
	2018 – to date	EU, Commission, GA No. 774293	SWEET; EU exclusively funding Project; alternative to sugars - The 5 year multidisciplinary project engages stakeholders from across the food chain — consumers, patients, health professionals, scientists, policy makers, and regulators — to address the role of sweeteners in weight control, and potentially move viable products to market. Stakeholders, including	□YES	⊠NO

		consumers, patients, health professionals, scientists, policy makers, and regulators will engage in the project.		
11/2020 - to date	EU, Commission, GA No. 861915	DiTECT; EU exclusively funding Project, dealing with sensors that can be used across the food chain; Bringing together research, industrial and food authority partners representing the agro-food industry in the EU and China, DiTECT aspires to establish the foundation for future food safety monitoring platforms, through the development of a standards-based, modular, Big Data-enabled platform, capable of accurately predicting food safety parameters of a given food product based on data collected in real-time via cost-efficient sensors, at crop, grain storage, livestock and finally in the food supply, incorporating blockchain processes.	□YES	⊠NO
06/2018 - 01/2022	EU - NATIONAL FUNDS	QAPP; QAPP is a three-year research project, aimed at creating scientific knowledge, understanding of processes and providing solutions to the challenges faced by the food industry in ensuring the quality and safety of products. The vision of the QAPP project is to develop an Intelligent Framework for Quality and Safety Management of poultry based products, supported by an	□YES	⊠NO

	integrated Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) platform that incorporates methods, data and decision support tools for	
	those active in this market.	

- 1. Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- 2. Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization providing the research funding.
- 3. Please indicate any funding for research or development work received from any public or private entity either in a personal or professional capacity and falling within EFSA's entire set of responsibilities. It includes grants, rents, reimbursement of expenses, sponsorship and fellowship. Please indicate the topic of the research activity and the nature of the associated output (e.g. study, report, publication, etc.).
- 4. Please include also research funding received by your employing organisation.

VII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

VII. Intellectual property rights	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
			NO INTEREST	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% □>25%

- 1. Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- 2. Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.
- 3. Please indicate the all works resulting from human intellectual creativity (e.g. patents, trademarks, inventorship, etc.) for which you have been granted rights, irrespective of whether they grant a financial gain, and that fall, directly or indirectly, within EFSA's remit. Please indicate if the intellectual property is still valid or if it expired and provide a description of the topic covered by the granted right (e.g. GMO, pesticides, feed, etc.), your role (e.g. patent holder, contributor etc.) and how the intellectual property right relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the EFSA relevant scientific group.
- 4. Please indicate the impact of the activity on your annual earnings, by selecting one of the values provided. This indication has to be given also for past interests older than one year prior to the submission of the ADoI.

VIII. OTHER MEMBERSHIP OR AFFILIATION

VIII. Other membership or affiliation	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
	04/2014 – to date	Hellenic (Greek) Agricultural Academy for agriculture, food & environment	Member of the National Academy of Agriculture	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
	Since 2000	Editorial Board Journal of Food Protection	Editorial Board	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
	Since 2005	Editorial Board Journal of Applied Microbiology	Editorial Board	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
	Since 2005	Editorial Board Letters in Applied Microbiology	Editorial Board	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
	Since 2012	Editorial Board Frontiers in Food Microbiology	Editorial Board	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
	Since 2012	Editorial Board in Food Bioscience	Editorial Board	∅ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%

Since 2012	Editorial Board in Frontiers in Microbial physiology and Metabolism	Editorial Board	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
Since 2013	Editorial Board in American Journal of Current Microbiology	Editorial Board	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% □>25%
Since 2013	Editorial Board PLoS ONE	Editorial Board	⋈ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
Since 2016	Editorial Board International Journal of food Microbiology	Editorial Board	☑ 0%□>0% but <5%□>5% but <25%□>25%
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- 1. Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
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IX. Other relevant interest	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
			NO INTEREST	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% □>25%

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I confirm that:

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	I think I have a conflict of interest with respect to the following EFSA activity	and for
	the following reasons	a.i.a ioi

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Date: 26/05/2023 Signature: (either physical or electronic signature)_____



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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

EFSA involvement(s)	Profession	Family name	Name	Title (Prof, Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs)
Management Board (member)	Lawyer, former Minister	THORS	Astrid	Ms

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I. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

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

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II. MANAGERIAL ROLE

	II. Managerial role
	Period 1 From/To (Month/Year)
	Organisation 2
NO INTEREST	Subject matter ³
□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25%	Impact on annual earnings ⁴

- Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year. Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.

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- 4 Please indicate the impact of the activity on your annual earnings, by selecting one of the values provided. This indication needs to be given also for past interests older than one year prior to the submission of the ADoI

III. MEMBER OF A SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY ENTITY

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

- Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the entity.
- the entity carries out risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered to validate or take management actions/decisions or provide a description of the remit of the advisory entity, the subject matter (e.g. substances, products, guidance documents, policies, etc.), your precise role (e.g. Chair, member, etc.), the nature of the advice delivered (e.g. opinion, statement, advice, etc.), the recipient of the advice, and Please indicate any participation in the works of a scientific advisory entity with an interest falling directly or indirectly within EFSA's remit and not, or whether you serve as member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters. other than those organised by EFSA (such as membership of Scientific Panels, Working Groups. Peer review meetings, Networks, etc.). Please how the subject matter of the advisory entity relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the relevant EFSA scientific group(s). Please indicate whether
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IV. EMPLOYMENT

	IV. Employment
	Period 1 From/To (Month/Year)
	Organisation ²
NO INTEREST (end of last full time employment as of 01/09/2016)	Subject matter ³
□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25%	Impact on annual earnings 4

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- Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.
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V. OCCASIONAL CONSULTANCY

	V. Occasional consultancy
	Period 1 From/To (Month/Year)
	Organisation 2
NO INTEREST	Subject matter 3
□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% □>25%	Impact on annual earnings 4

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VI. RESEARCH FUNDING

	VI. Research funding
	Period 3 From/To (Month/Year)
	Organisation ²
NO INTEREST	Subject matter ³
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□NO	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?

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- Please include also research funding received by your employing organisation.

VII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

	VII. Intellectual property rights
	Period 1 From/To (Month/Year)
	Organisation ²
NO INTEREST	Subject matter ³
□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25%	Impact on annual earnings 4

- Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
- Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.
- intellectual property is still valid or if it expired and provide a description of the topic covered by the granted right (e.g. GMO, pesticides, feed, etc.), your role (e.g. patent holder, contributor etc.) and how the intellectual property right relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the EFSA granted rights, irrespective of whether they grant a financial gain, and that fall, directly or indirectly, within EFSA's remit. Please indicate if the Please indicate the all works resulting from human intellectual creativity (e.g. patents, trademarks, inventorship, etc.) for which you have been
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VIII. OTHER MEMBERSHIP OR AFFILIATION

Please specify the	VIII. Other membership or affiliation
relevant period of time	Period 1 From/To (Month/Year)
NO INTEREST	Organisation ²
NO INTEREST	Subject matter 3
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IX. OTHER RELEVANT INTEREST

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	Period 1 From/To (Month/Year)
	Organisation ²
NO INTEREST	Subject matter 3
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I think I do not have a conflict of interest with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA

Independence and that the above declaration is truthful and complete. I hereby declare that I have read the EFSA Decision on Competing Interest Management implementing EFSA's Policy on

Date: 08/06/2023 : (either physical or electronic signature)_

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ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADOI)

Title (Prof, Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs)	Inġ.
Лате	Rudie
Family name	VELLA
Profession	Engineer
EFSA involvement(s)	Management Board (alternate member)

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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

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

- Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.
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- investment, including whether you have influence over it (e.g. "no control as it is a fund managed by a professional company with no possibility of deciding the fund's strategy"; or "complete control as this corresponds to ordinary shares I can sell or buy at will") and the field activity of the organisation on which the investment is made. Please indicate name and location of the organization on which the investment has been made.

 Please indicate any investment such as economic stake or share in an entity with an interest directly or indirectly falling within EFSA's remit, including its stocks, equities or bonds, or of one of its subsidiaries or of a company in which it has a holding. Please provide a description of the

II. MANAGERIAL ROLE

Impact on annual earnings ⁴	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% ⊠>25%
Subject matter ³	December 2022 – toMalta CompetitionDirector General (Technical Regulations)dateand Consumerheading the Technical RegulationsAffairs AuthorityDivision (TRD) established under Part VIof the Malta Competition and Consumer
Organisation ²	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority
Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	December 2022 – to date
II. Managerial role	

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Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.

Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization. 3.5.

with an interest falling within EFSA's remit. Please describe your tasks and responsibilities, the remit of the organisation and how its activities relate Please indicate any participation, paid or unpaid, in the internal decision-making process (such as board membership, directorship, etc.) of an entity to the remit of EFSA. Please indicate also whether the organisation carries out risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered

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III. MEMBER OF A SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY ENTITY

Impact on annual earnings ⁴	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% □>25%
Subject matter 3	NO INTEREST
Organisation ²	_
Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	
III. Member of a scientific advisory entity	

Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.

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Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the entity.

Please indicate any participation in the works of a scientific advisory entity with an interest falling directly or indirectly within EFSA's remit and other than those organised by EFSA (such as membership of Scientific Panels, Working Groups. Peer review meetings, Networks, etc.). Please provide a

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description of the remit of the advisory entity, the subject matter (e.g. substances, products, guidance documents, policies, etc.), your precise role (e.g. Chair, member, etc.), the nature of the advice delivered (e.g. opinion, statement, advice, etc.), the recipient of the advice, and how the subject matter of the advisory entity relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the relevant EFSA scientific group(s). Please indicate whether the entity carries out risk management activities, whether you are personally empowered to validate or take management actions/decisions or not, or whether

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IV. EMPLOYMENT

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Subject matter ³	Regular occupation, full-time, paid. Director General (Technical Regulations) heading the Technical Regulations Division (TRD) established under Part VI of the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Act (Cap. 510 of the Laws of Malta). The TRD is the competent authority for food risk assessment, chemicals, PPPs and biocides. The Authority is Malta's contact point with EFSA.	Regular occupation, full-time, paid. Director (Market Surveillance) responsible $\square>0\%$ but <5% for the official control on pesticides in and $\square>5\%$ but <25% on food and their residues, food quality $\square>25\%$
Organisation ²	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority
Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	December 2022 – to date	January 2021 – December 2022
IV. Employment		

schemes and other non-food product sectors. The Directorate I headed performed risk management activities to plan its surveillance and control activities, the corrective actions economic operators are required to take and measures imposed on them. I was empowered to validate and/or take management actions/decisions in respect to the above. I was not a member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters.	Regular occupation, full-time, paid. Senior Manager (Quality) responsible for the leadership of the quality management system of the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA) which has the Technical Regulations Division (TRD) as one of its entities. The latter is responsible for pesticides in and on food and their residues, food quality schemes, food risk management functions and other non-food product sectors. As a Senior Manager (Quality), I was responsible to manage organisational risks related to quality affairs of the MCCAA. Risk management activities performed by the entities, including the TRD, were not under my remit. My empowerment to validate and/or take management actions/decisions were only related to quality affairs.
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- Please describe the remit of the employing entity or organisation, your precise role, tasks, responsibilities and the nature or area of your work, what the activity is about (e.g. types of substances, products, guidance documents, processes or policies) and how it relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the relevant EFSA scientific group(s). Please indicate whether the employing entity or organisation carries out risk management activities, whether Please indicate any form of regular occupation or business, part-time or full-time, paid or unpaid, including self-employment, and any consultancy ou are personally empowered to validate or take risk management actions/decisions or not, or whether you serve as member of a regulatory ivities performed in the context of employment and provided to individual business operators or other private parties and indicate their identities. committee advising on risk management matters.
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V. OCCASIONAL CONSULTANCY

/. Occasional consultancy	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings 4
			NO INTEREST	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25%
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- paid or unpaid, to companies, trade associations or other bodies with an interest falling directly or indirectly within EFSA's remit. Please provide a description of what the consultancy/advice is about, the topic of the delivered consultancy and the nature of the associated deliverable Please indicate any consultancy activity occurring rarely so that it does not become a regular occupation, and in which the you provide advice or (e.g. study, report, assessment report, etc.). Please indicate whether the occasional consultancy implies risk management activities, whether you personally empowered to validate or take risk management actions/decisions or whether you serve as member of a regulatory committee advising on risk management matters.

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VI. RESEARCH FUNDING

VI. Research funding	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	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 *?
			NO INTEREST	□YES □NO

Please specify the relevant period of time each activity took place in month/year.

Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization providing the research funding.

Please indicate any funding for research or development work received from any public or private entity either in a personal or professional capacity and falling within EFSA's entire set of responsibilities. It includes grants, reimbursement of expenses, sponsorship and fellowship. Please indicate the topic of the research activity and the nature of the associated output (e.g. study, report, publication, etc.).

Please include also research funding received by your employing organisation. 3.2.1

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VII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

VII. Intellectual property rights	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
			NO INTEREST	□ 0% □>0% but <5% □>5% but <25% □>25%

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Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.

granted rights, irrespective of whether they grant a financial gain, and that fall, directly or indirectly, within EFSA's remit. Please indicate if the your role (e.g. patent holder, contributor etc.) and how the intellectual property right relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the EFSA relevant Please indicate the all works resulting from human intellectual creativity (e.g. patents, trademarks, inventorship, etc.) for which you have been intellectual property is still valid or if it expired and provide a description of the topic covered by the granted right (e.g. GMO, pesticides, feed, etc.), scientific group.

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VIII. OTHER MEMBERSHIP OR AFFILIATION

VIII. Other membership or affiliation	Period ¹ From/To (Month/Year)	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
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Organisation ²	
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OR

and for I think I have a conflict of interest with respect to the following EFSA the following reasons activity

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Date: 08/06/2023 Signature: (either physical or electronic signature)_

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