



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.

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 – EFSA Executive Director

DoI submission date: 13 February 2024

New declared interest(s): Compared to the DoI submitted on 8 November 2022, the Executive Director did not declare any new interest.

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

Annex: DoI of Bernhard Url dated 13 February 2024

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)

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%

			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</i> <i>(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%

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: _____