

Assessment of the interests declared by the members of the Management Board pursuant to Article 37(1) 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.

Martin CHUDÝ – Management Board member representing Slovakia

DoI submission date: 01-12-2024

Assessment: Dr Chudý holds the position of Director General of the Slovak State Veterinary and Food Administration and of Chief Veterinary Officer. His 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 Dr Chudý do not represent conflicts of interests.

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 Dr Chudý 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).

Herman DIRICKS – Management Board member representing Belgium

DoI submission date: 04-12-2024

Assessment: Mr Diricks confirmed the interests declared with his previous DoI dated 29 January 2024, which the Management Board noted and cleared at the meeting held on 21 March 2024.

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 Diricks 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).

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

María GAFO GÓMEZ-ZAMALLOA – Management Board alternate member representing the European Commission

DoI submission date: 04-12-2024

Assessment: Ms Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa holds the position of acting Head of Unit B.3 in the Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission (AGRI). Her job entails the performance of risk management activities in areas pertaining to the remit of EFSA, which she 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 Ms Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa do not represent conflicts of interests.

Conclusion: No conflict of interest identified.

Ulrich HERZOG – Management Board member representing Austria

DoI submission date: 26-11-2024

Assessment: Dr Herzog confirmed the interests declared with his previous DoI dated 17 September 2023, which the Management Board noted and cleared at the meeting held on 14 December 2023.

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 Dr Herzog 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).

Koycho KOEV – Management Board member representing Bulgaria

DoI submission date: 26-11-2024

Assessment: As of January 2024, Dr Koev holds the position of Associate Professor at the Trakia University. The academic activity carried out by Dr Koev is performed in the public interest and does not constitute a conflict of interest. In addition, Dr Koev confirmed the interests declared with his previous DoI dated 9 November 2023, which the Management Board noted and cleared at the meeting held on 14 December 2023.

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 Dr Koev 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).

Benoît VALLET – Management Board member representing France

DoI submission date: 29-11-2024

Assessment: Prof. Vallet confirmed the interests declared with his previous DoI dated 1 March 2024, which the Management Board noted and cleared at the meeting held on 21 March 2024.

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. Vallet 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).

Declaration of interests

(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 : **Martin CHUDY**

Title: **DR.**

Profession : **Chief Veterinary Officer**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **01/09/1995 - now**

Organisation: Štátna veterinárna a potravinová správa Slovenskej republiky

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: working in the veterinary service of Slovakia (as a official veterinrian) in a differnt working positions - official vet for veterinary certification, head of Chief Veterinary officers Office, then almost 10 years a a slovak veterinary attache In Brussels (Perm Rep. SK) and then as achef of animal health and welfare department, as from 1.5.2024 appoited as Slovak Chief Veterinary Officer

my annual earnings is from my SVFA

Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

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Remarks: *no conflict*

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.

Doi submitted on: 01-12-2024 - 21:57 (UTC)

Note regarding the processing of personal data

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Declaration of interests

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Name : **Herman DIRICKS**

Title: **Mr**

Profession : **Civil Servant**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/06/2002 - now**

Organisation: Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Chief Executive Officer.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **01/06/2002 - now**

Organisation: Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Chief Executive Officer.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

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Doi submitted on: 04-12-2024 - 09:42 (UTC)

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Name : **Maria Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa**

Title: **Ms**

Profession : **European Commission**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **01/01/2017 - 31/12/2021**

Organisation: European Commission. DG Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: From 1/1/2017-31/12/2021 - Deputy head of Unit E4 "Czech republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Broadband and Social inclusion"

This unit was responsible for the rural development programmes of these countries, as well as for access to broadband and social inclusion in EU rural areas

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2022 - now**

Organisation: European Commission. DG Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: From 1/1/2022 - 30/11/2024 - Deputy head of Unit B3 "Social sustainability"

From 1/12/2024 onwards - Acting head of Unit B3 "Social sustainability"

My unit addresses the response of EU agriculture to societal demands on food and health as well as to improving animal welfare and combatting antimicrobial resistance. It also follows and contributes to the policy and legislative proposals and developments related to sanitary/phytosanitary, food and feed policies.

My unit has also other responsibilities on other subjects outside of the remit of EFSA topics

Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

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Remarks: -

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Doi submitted on: 04-12-2024 - 17:48 (UTC)

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Declaration of interests

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Name : **Ulrich HERZOG**

Title: **Dr**

Profession : **Director**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/08/2019 - now**

Organisation: AGES, Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit GmbH, Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety, AUSTRIA, Vienna

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Member of supervisory board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **01/12/2020 - now**

Organisation: Ministerium für Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege und Konsumentenschutz

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Director of the Division Consumer Policy and Consumer Health; Chief Veterinary Officer

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **30/06/2004 - 01/12/2020**

Organisation: BMASGPK, Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, AUSTRIA,

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Director of the Department Consumer Health and Veterinary Services; Chief Veterinary Officer

Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

Period: **01/05/2013 - now**

Organisation: OIE, Office International des Epizooties, World Organisation for Animal Health, FRANCE, Paris

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Vice President of the Regional Commission of Europe

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/07/2007 - 01/07/2022**

Organisation: Austrian CODEX COMMISSION

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Vice chair

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2015 - now**

Organisation: GF-TADS-ASF, OIEassociated GFTADS-ASF, GFTADS-ASF, BELGIUM, Brussels

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Vice chairperson of the Region of Europe

Interest related to close family member: **No**

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

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Doi submitted on: 26-11-2024 - 15:53 (UTC)

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Declaration of interests

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Name : **Koycho Koev**
Title: **Dr.**
Profession : **Veterinarian**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/10/2022 - now**
Organisation: EFSA
Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of EFSA Management Board
Interest related to close family member: **No**

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **15/01/2024 - now**

Organisation: Trakia University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Associate professor - Manages theoretical and practical courses of students of Veterinary medicine in the disciplines: Epidemiology and preventive medicine, Infectious diseases of productive animals, Infectious diseases of companion animals, Biology and diseases of bees and silk worms.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/08/2022 - now**

Organisation: Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain /RACFCh/

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Management, organization and control the activities of the Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain (RACFCH), a budget funded legal entity – secondary spender of budget to the Minister of Agriculture and Food, based in Sofia. The RACFCH carries out scientific risk assessment through an independent, transparent and impartial analysis of scientific information on issues directly or indirectly affecting the health of animals and plants, plant products and plant reproductive material, and food and feed safety, collects data, provides the competent authorities and institutions with scientific assessments serving for decision making on the food chain risks management, carries out activities for the approval, renewal and review of approval of active substances, antidotes and synergists under the terms and conditions of Regulation (EC) 1107/2009, etc.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2020 - now**

Organisation: Trakia University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Chief assistant professor - Manages practical courses of students of Veterinary medicine in the disciplines: Epidemiology and preventive medicine, Infectious diseases of productive animals, Infectious diseases of companion animals, Biology and diseases of bees and silk worms.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/01/2009 - 01/12/2020**

Organisation: Trakia University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: University Research Assistant - Lecturer and academic researcher at the Department "Veterinary microbiology, infectious and parasitic diseases" within the Faculty of Veterinary medicine, Trakia University.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

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Declaration of interests

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Name : **Benoit VALLET**

Title: **Prof.**

Profession : **Director General of ANSES (French Agency for food, environmental and occupational health & safety)**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Management Board (2022-2026)

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **06/12/2023 - now**

Organisation: Université de Lille

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the Board for strategic orientation of the University: contribute to the research and training policy of the University of Lille.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/09/2020 - 01/11/2022**

Organisation: Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Chairman of the Board of Administrators. Responsible for coordinating and leading the Board's work. The mandate of Chairman of ANSES' Board of Administrators is a non-executive unpaid position

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/10/2020 - 01/11/2022**

Organisation: Agence regionale de sante Hauts de France (Regional Health Agency for Hauts de France)

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Director General.

The Agency acts for the health of the 6 million inhabitants of the region. To this end, it has two main missions: (1) steering public health policy: health monitoring and safety, environmental health, prevention and health promotion; (2) the organisation, regulation and efficiency of care and treatment in the ambulatory, hospital and medico-social sectors.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **23/11/2023 - now**

Organisation: Hospital "Fondation Adolphe de Rothschild"

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the Board of Administrators, President of the Commission for Medical and Scientific Strategy: contribute to the medical and scientific strategy of the hospital which specialises in ophthalmology and neurosciences.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **21/11/2023 - now**

Organisation: Ecole Nationale Vétérinaire d'Alfort

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the Board of Administrators: participate in the work of the Board of the School.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/11/2022 - now**

Organisation: Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Director General. ANSES is the French counterpart of EFSA but its remit goes beyond that of EFSA, covering additional areas beyond those of EFSA (such as environmental and occupational health, veterinary drugs and others) but also with additional tasks within areas covered by EFSA (for example, issuing marketing authorisation decisions for plant protection products).

Interest related to close family member: **No**

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **01/09/2018 - 01/01/2022**

Organisation: Sciences Po, Paris

Impact on annual earnings: **>0% but <5%**

Subject matter: Affiliated professor.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/07/2020 - 01/10/2020**

Organisation: Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: To coordinate and support the establishment of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Academy of Lyon, France.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **05/10/2020 - 14/11/2022**

Organisation: Agence regionale de sante Hauts de France (Regional Health Agency for Hauts de France)

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Director General.

The Agency acts on the health of the 6 million inhabitants of the region. To this end, it has two main missions: (1) steering public health policy: health monitoring and safety, environmental health, prevention and health promotion; (2) the organisation, regulation and efficiency of care and treatment in the ambulatory, hospital and medico-social sectors.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/11/2022 - now**

Organisation: Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail (ANSES)

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Director General. ANSES is the French counterpart of EFSA but its remit goes beyond that of EFSA, covering additional areas beyond those of EFSA (such as environmental and occupational health, veterinary drugs and others) but also with additional tasks within areas covered by EFSA (for example, issuing marketing authorisation decisions for plant protection products).

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **08/01/2018 - 01/07/2020**

Organisation: European Court of Auditors

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Senior Counsellor and a member of the sixth chamber dedicated to social security, health and medical-social sector.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

Period: **01/06/2020 - 01/06/2026**

Organisation: Institut Pasteur (Paris)

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Member of the Assembly.

The Assembly rules on the Board of Directors' Annual Report relating to Institut Pasteur activity and elects 16 members to the Board. It adopts the rules of procedure of the foundation and votes on changes to the Articles of association upon proposal by the Board of Directors.

Institut Pasteur is an international research and education institute that is committed to advancing science, medicine and public health. The Institut Pasteur is a private, non-profit foundation with recognised charitable status entrusted with four core missions of public interest - research, education, the health of population and people, and innovation development and technology transfer.

Interest related to close family member: **No**

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

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Note regarding the processing of personal data

EFSA processes all Declarations of Interests (DoIs) in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. DoI processing is necessary in order to safeguard the independence of EFSA and enable the Authority to carry out its mission and comply with its obligations under Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.

The Executive Director of EFSA is the data controller with respect to the handling of DoIs.

Concerned individuals have the right to access, rectify, erase and object to the processing of their ADoI at any time. Nevertheless, for certain categories of individuals (e.g., experts), it may be a mandatory requirement to submit a DoI to EFSA so as to verify the absence of conflicts of interests and thus protect the independence of EFSA. Concerned individuals will be contacted if EFSA becomes aware of information that is not consistent with the declared interest such as on the occasion of compliance monitoring activities outlined in the relevant [Standard Operating Procedure](#).

Certain ADoIs shall be made publicly available in accordance with Article 38(1)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002. Furthermore, ADoIs may be transferred to bodies in charge of monitoring, auditing or inspection in conformity with EU Law.

The conservation period for ADoIs per category of data subjects is 10 years from the date of submission of the relevant ADoI.

Concerned individuals may direct any queries regarding personal data processing by EFSA to the data protection officer DataProtectionOfficer@efsa.europa.eu. They are entitled to submit a complaint at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor: <http://www.edps.europa.eu>

The legal basis for ADoI processing is provided for in Articles 22, 37 and 38 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.