

ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (ADoI)

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EFSA involvement(s)	Management Board (member)

- ☐ Any modification made to the structure and content of the present template will make the document invalid.
- ☐ 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

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 <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i>	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
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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	Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i>	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
	02/2013 - now	Gene Technology Advisory Committee (GEVB), Budapest, HUNGARY	The Committee advises the Hungarian Gene Technology Authority (Ministry of Agriculture) on issues related to authorization of the use of genetically modified organisms and facilities involved in such activities in Hungary, in accordance with the current Hungarian legislation. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%

			examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture is voluntary. Meetings are scheduled monthly. Opinions of the Committee are reached by voting in sub-committees.	
	03/2012 - now	Hungarian Codex Alimentarius Committee, Budapest, HUNGARY	The Committee advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture on issues related to food safety and registration of food products and components. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture by law is voluntary and non-honorary. Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. I am a Member in the Committee on behalf of the Hungarian National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover issues related to food analysis, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of food components.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%
	11/2011 - now	Expert Committee of the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary, Budapest, HUNGARY	The Committee advises the National Association for Consumer Protection in Hungary on issues related consumer concerns in food safety. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary. Meetings are scheduled case by case. I am a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%

			Member as an independent expert in the Committee. In such capacity, I cover issues of consumer protection related to food analysis, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of food components.	
	09/2011 - now	GMO Working Group, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	The GMO Working Group advises the Minister and State Secretaries of Agriculture in issues related to authorization / moratorium / risk assessment of GM crops in Hungary, in accordance with the current European Union legislation. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation appointed by the Minister of Agriculture is voluntary and non-honorary. Meetings are scheduled according to the needs of the Ministry. Opinions of the Working Groups are reached by voting by its certain (voting) members. I am a non-voting Member (Expert) in the GM Working Group, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of GM crops.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%

	07/2006 - now	Scientific Committee on Pesticides, Hungarian Food Safety Office	The committee advises the Hungarian Food Safety Office on issues related to pesticide residues in food. Issues covered include the occurrence of food/feed/water contamination with pesticides, statistical requirements (number of analyses required, rate and range of outliers allowed in order to meet maximal residue level criteria). The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss manufacturer documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary. The committee holds regular meetings or E-mail discussions at occasions and on topics requested the Hungarian Food Safety Office. I am a Member in the Committee, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of pesticides.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%
	05/2006 - now	Scientific Committee on GMOs, Hungarian Food Safety Office	The committee advises the Hungarian Food Safety Office on issues related to GM crops in food safety. Issues covered include the elucidation of the allowed 0.1% GM contamination limit, statistical issues related to GM determination (copy numbers of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%

			<p>transgenes, methodological limits of detection, etc.). The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM crop documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary. The committee holds regular meetings or E-mail discussions at occasions and on topics requested the Hungarian Food Safety Office. I am a Member in the committee, selected as an independent researcher of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre. In such capacity, I cover analytical, biochemical, environmental and ecotoxicological scientific aspects of GM crops.</p>	
	09/2005 - 04/2018	GMO Roundtable, Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>The GMO Roundtable advises the Agricultural Committee and the Committee on Sustainable Development of the Hungarian Parliament on issues related to authorization / moratorium / risk assessment of GM crops. The Committee is not a decision making body, and does not examine or discuss GM variety documentation. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary. Meetings are scheduled case by case. I was a Founding Member of the GMO Roundtable until its dissolution, and served as its Chair (2009- 2013).</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%

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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.
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IV. EMPLOYMENT

IV. Employment	Period ¹ <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i>	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
	11/2011 - now	Agro-Environmental Research Centre, Institute of Environmental Sciences, National University of Agriculture and Life Sciences,	- Director-General of CFRI (name of institute changed to Central Environmental and Food Science Research Institute in 2012). - As of Jan 1, 2014, CFRI was merged with other research institutes of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture into legal successor National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC). Within NARIC, Director of the Agro-Environmental Research Institute (AERI). - As of Feb 1, 2021, NARIC was merged	<input type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >25%

		Budapest, HUNGARY	<p>with agricultural university campuses into legal successor Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE). Within MATE, Deputy Director of the Institute of Environmental Sciences and Head of the Agro-Environmental Research Centre. Research topics (MATE): research on environmental and food safety; chemical and genetic safety of agricultural technologies; residue analysis and ecotoxicology of pesticides and mycotoxin, environmental risks of GM crops. Disclaimer of involvement in official pesticide registration issues: the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE) is not involved in decision-making regarding registration of any particular pesticide or GM crop. Scientific opinion on pesticide or GM crop issues may be requested on a voluntary and non-honorary basis, but decision-making is the competency of the national authority (National Food Safety Office of the Hungarian Government). In particular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MATE has no rights/ownership on any published RA guidance, methodology, software and/or computational model used in regulatory processes of PPPs, - MATE is not involved in the authority regulatory assessment process of pesticides, and - MATE has no official capacity of Risk Management (authorisation of PPPs, MRL setting, control activities). Pesticide and GMO monitoring carried out at NARIC serve fundamental aspects in environmental 	
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			science, and does not constitute part of any official regulatory process.	
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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 <i>From/To</i> <i>(Month/Year)</i>	Organisation ²	Subject matter ³	Impact on annual earnings ⁴
	09/2001 - now	Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary	In certain occasions, delegated environmental expert of the Ministry (earlier Ministry of Rural Development and its predecessor Ministry of the Environment and Water). Participation is voluntary and non-honorary. In this competency, the Ministry has occasionally delegated me, selected as an	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%

			independent researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences or later the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre, to: - EFSA discussion meetings at Parma and Brussels (re-registration of MON 810, discussion of EFSA ERA guidelines on GMOSs) - the Open ended Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of LMOs (GMOs) to the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol - OECD Co-operative Research Programme (CRP) Governing Body, delegate (04/2011 - now); Scientific Advisory Body, member (12/2014 – now) My participation at these events have been advisory and did not include formal membership in Standing Committees.	
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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 <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 ?
	01/2021 – present	Erasmus+	Enhancing practical skills of horticulture specialists to better address the demands of the European Green Deal (Hort4EUGreen)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	11/2020 – present	Erasmus+	Trainers for plant protection in organic farming (TopPlant)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	10/2020 – present	EU H2020	Networking European poultry actors for enhancing the compliance of biosecurity measures for a sustainable production Role: principal investigator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	02/2017 – 02/2021	National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Hungary	Development of a modular immunofluorescence and laser plasma spectroscopy sensing device family capable for in situ complex water assessment Role: coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	01/2004 - now	Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture	Annual budgets for research on environmental risk identification/assessment of GM crops. Role in the projects: Sub-	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

			coordinator for Cry1Ab toxin analysis in GM crop (MON 810 maize)	
	02/2015 - 08/2018	NATO	Science for Peace and Security project 'Development of optical biosensors for detection of bio-toxins', international collaboration (Hungary, UK, France, Ukraine, Israel) Role: coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	09/2013 - 09/2017	Hungarian Scientific Research Fund	Research on side-effects of pesticide adjuvants and detergents, their possible combined toxicological and ecotoxicological effects with pesticide active ingredients Role: principal investigator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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
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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.
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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
	09/2019 - now	MDPI journals	Topic Editor of Toxins. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%
	05/2018 - now	Elsevier journals	Guest Editor of Toxicology Reports. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%

	03/2017 - now	Frontiers Media Journals	Guest Editor of various research topics in Frontiers journals. Participation is voluntary and non-honorary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%
	06/2011 - now	Hungarian Society of Ecotoxicology	- Member - Member of the Control Committee - Editor-in-Chief of Biokontroll since 2010-2018; Editor of Ökotoxikológia since 2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%
	09/2009 - now	European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility	Critical assessment of emerging technologies Member and Non-Executive Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%
	09/1990 - now	Hungarian Biochemical Society	- Member - Secretary of Environmental Biochemistry Division since 1992 - Editor of Biokémia (Quarterly Bulletin of the Hungarian Biochemical Society) since 1995; Editor-in-Chief 1998-2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0% <input type="checkbox"/> >0% but <5% <input type="checkbox"/> >5% but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> >25%

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2. Please indicate name, legal nature and location of the organization.
3. 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 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 activity relates to the remit of EFSA and/or of the EFSA relevant scientific group.
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IX. OTHER RELEVANT INTEREST

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3. 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 activity (e.g. GMO, pesticides, feed, etc.), your precise role, tasks, responsibilities, deliverables and, if any, the context in which the activity takes place, the field of activities of the organisation and how these relates to the remit of EFSA and of the EFSA relevant scientific group(s).
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I confirm that:

☒ I think **I do not have a conflict of interest** with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA

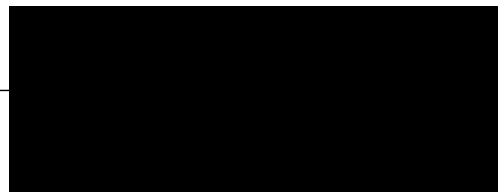
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☐ I think **I have a conflict of interest** with respect to the following EFSA activity _____ and for the following reasons _____

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: 6 October, 2021

Signature: *(either physical or electronic signature)* _____



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 to this form.

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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.

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