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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (DOI) FORM

FOR

EXPERTS INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE
GROUP OF CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORS

Definitions:

"**Activity**" or "**Activities**" (capitalised 'A') means an activity or activities of or under the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors for instance in its configuration as Coordination Group, or that or those in relation thereto.

"**Conflict of interest**" means any situation where an individual has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the individual's capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission in relation to Activities performed.

"**Immediate family member**" means the individual's spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. "Children" means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

"**Legal entity**" means any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"**Body**" means a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"**Meeting**" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please briefly describe relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.

If you do not describe relevant interests and your DOI form is considered to be incomplete, or if declared interests are considered to constitute a Conflict of Interest, you may be excluded from all or part of the Activities.

First name:	TIMOTHY
Family name:	BENTON
Date:	11/2/20
Description of the Activity:	Sustainable Food System Sounding Board

1 EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a natural or legal entity, or held any non-remunerated post in a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of the Activity in question?	yes	no
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1a	Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1b	Consultancy, including services as an advisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1c	Non-remunerated post	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1d	Legal representation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

activity	time period (from... until month/year)	name of entity or body	description
PERIODIC - MAINLY PRO BONO - ENGAGEMENT WITH COMPANIES TO DISCUSS "SUSTAINABLE FOOD"	2-3 times per year	e.g. AB FOODS MONDELEZ LLOYDS BANK	ADVISOR

2 MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE

Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of Activities in question or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?	yes	no
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2a	Participation in a decision-making process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2b	Participation in the work of a Scientific Advisory Body	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

activity	time period (from... until month/year)	name of legal entity or body	description
FACCE - JPI SAB	2017 - 19	FACCE - JPI	SAB

GRANT PANELS	MOST YEARS	→ 5 UKRI	FUNDING DECISIONS
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3 RESEARCH SUPPORT

Within the past 5 years, have you, or the research entity (institute or department) to which you belong, to the best of your knowledge, received any support from a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of Activities in question?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no
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3a	Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description
ECONOMIC COSTS TO BUSINESS OF MALNUTRITION	2019-20	POWER OF NUTRITION	RESEARCH PROJECT

4 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Do you have current investments in a legal entity with an interest in the field of Activities in question, including holding of stocks and shares, and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per legal entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such legal entity?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> no
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4a	Shares	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4b	Other stock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

investment	name of legal entity	description

5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the Activities in question?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> no
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5a	Patent, trademarks, or copyrights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5b	Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>intellectual property</i>	<i>description</i>

6 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

	<p><i>Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the field of Activities in question, for a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process?</i></p> <p><i>Within the past 5 years have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended a public statement or position in the field of Activities in question?</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6a	For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6b	Represented interests or defended an opinion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>activity</i>	<i>time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>name of legal entity or body</i>	<i>description</i>
UK NATIONAL FOOD STRATEGY	2019 - 20	HMG	ADVISOR
GLOBAL RESOURCE INITIATIVE	2019 - 20	HMG	ADVISOR

7 INTERESTS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS

yes no

7a	To your knowledge, are there any interests of your immediate family members which could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of the Activities in question?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<i>interests</i>	<i>time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>name of legal entity or body</i>	<i>description</i>

7b *If interests of your immediate family members are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in the DOI and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to the guidance for filling in this DOI, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the Commission.*

8 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION yes no

8a	Are there any other elements (e.g. interests, facts) that could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of the Activities in question?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Description:

I hereby declare on my honour that I have read the guidance for completing this form. I also declare on my honour that the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, including as regards upcoming activities, I will promptly notify the competent department or entity and complete a new DOI form describing the changes in question.

I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation.

Date: 11 / 2 / 20

Signature: _____ **Signed**

GUIDANCE FOR FILLING IN THE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (DOI) FORM
FOR EXPERTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
IN ACTIVITIES OF OR UNDER THE GROUP OF CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORS

The present DOI form is by and large similar in content to the one used to list the interests of members of experts of Commission Expert Groups as established by the Commission's horizontal rules on Commission expert groups and other similar entities are consultative bodies¹. Individuals invited to participate in Activities as defined in the introduction to the form (i.e. activities of or under the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors, for instance in its configuration as Coordination Group), are due to act independently and in the public interest.

In order to ensure the highest integrity of experts, you are requested to duly complete the DOI form. You are required to disclose any circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest, i.e. any situation where your interests may compromise or may be reasonably perceived to compromise your capacity to act independently and in the public interest in participating in Activities. In particular, you must disclose in this DOI form any relevant professional and financial interests.

You must also declare relevant interests of your immediate family members. If interests of the latter are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in this DOI form and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to this guidance, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the Commission.

Please submit a *.pdf scan of the completed, dated and signed DOI form to the competent Commission department, together with your up-to-date CV, in order for Commission services to determine if a Conflict of Interest would exist and if so, whether measures should be taken to avoid that a secondary interest that you may have could compromise your capacity to act independently and in the public interest in the work that you are requested to perform. If there is any change concerning the information provided in the form, including on upcoming activities, or in your CV, you must promptly inform the competent Commission departments and amend the DOI indicating the changes in question.

Please note that having a declared interest **does not necessarily mean** having a Conflict of Interest. Answering "Yes" to a question on this DOI form **does not automatically disqualify you or limit your participation** in an Activity. The competent Commission departments will review your answers like they do in the context of the aforementioned horizontal rules and determine whether a Conflict of Interest exists relevant to the subject at hand².

Where the competent Commission departments conclude that no conflict of interest exists, you can continue your work in the context of the Activity in a personal capacity. Where the competent Commission department concludes that your interests may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise your capacity to act independently and in the public interest in the context of contributing Activity in

¹ C(2016) 3301, Article 2.1.

² Idem, Article 11.

question, they can propose measures to avoid that a Conflict of Interests could compromise the results of the work of the Activity.

Your DOI form shall be made publicly available on the website of the Scientific Advice Mechanism <http://ec.europa.eu/research/sam/index.cfm>, after the publication of the scientific advice that you contributed to, until six months thereafter. Please note that the Commission services will take care to blur your signature and to overwrite it with a label stating "signed", to inform interested third parties that the form was authentically signed.

If you decline to complete a DOI form, you shall be excluded from the Activities.

Personal data shall be collected, processed and published by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (previously, Regulation 45/2001)

In Annex to this Appendix you will find the applicable Standard Privacy Statement, which explains why we collect your data, which data are collected, the period of retention of your data, the way your data are protected, and the access rights by our services and by you.

Privacy Statement pertaining to the Declaration of Interests

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

This statement concerns the **processing of personal data** provided by experts who are invited to participate in a meeting of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors or of one of its configurations. The statement applies in particular to data submitted in response to a request to complete a Declaration of Interests, including to its publication on the SAM website that is managed by the European Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation, Administrative Unit RTD.02 (Scientific Advice Mechanism).

Your (the 'expert') personal data are processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/17251 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (previously, Regulation 45/2001)³.

The data controller of the processing operation is the Head of the Administration Unit of the Scientific Advice Mechanism (RTD.02).

The legal basis for the processing operations comprises Article 5(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 whereby processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest on the basis of the Treaties or other legal instruments adopted on the basis thereof.

The purpose of this processing operation is to ensure that the work of the expert group is carried out independently of interests other than the public interest.

To that end, each expert who is invited to participate in the work of the expert group fills out the Declaration of Interests form that is connected to this Privacy Statement to allow the responsible Administrative Unit to assess the independence of the expert when contributing to the advice that is given to the European Commission. The Declarations of Interests will be published on the website of the Scientific Advice Mechanism⁴ until six months after the publication of the (results of the) work to which the expert contributed. This allows for public scrutiny of the interests, which is necessary to ensure public confidence in (the results of) the work produced by the expert group which is relevant in particular just after the publication of the (results of the) work. Disclosure also ensures a high degree of transparency with respect to work carried out and contributes to fostering the integrity of the experts in question.

The following personal data are collected:

- Name
- Professional title;
- Professional profile;

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018R1725>

⁴ <http://ec.europa.eu/research/sam/index.cfm>

- Signature;
- Other information included in the Declaration of interests.

This information is mandatory for the purposes outlined above.

The recipients of the data will be European Commission staff in charge of the evaluation and management of the expert's Declaration of Interests. The data will be further processed for publication on the aforementioned website of the Scientific Advice Mechanism with the exception of your signature that will be ineradicably overwritten with a label "SIGNED".

The data will be kept for a maximum period of five years after the publication of the (results of the) work to which the expert contributed. Data will be deleted at the end of this period. The Declaration will be removed from the abovementioned website six months after the publication.

You have the right to access your personal data, the right to rectify any incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete personal data and where applicable, to obtain the erasure of your data. If you have any queries concerning the processing of your personal data, you may address them to the Head of the Administration Unit (entity acting as data controller) at EC-SAM@ec.europa.eu by indicating 'EC-SAM data protection notice' in the subject line.

You shall have the **right of recourse** at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) at <https://edps.europa.eu>.

