

# EASAC DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(Members of Council, Steering Panels, working groups, review groups)



EASAC Council has agreed that members of Council itself and of EASAC's Steering Panels, working groups and review groups should declare their interests. A register of declarations is held by the EASAC Secretariat and is available, on request, to EASAC Programme Directors, Steering Panel Chairs, and Bureau (EASAC President and Vice-Presidents). Information will be made available to members of the public only in exceptional circumstances and after consulting with the groups and/or individuals concerned.

The intention is that EASAC should be able to demonstrate that it is acting independently. This is important because commentators frequently dismiss analysis and advice if it can be shown that one or more of the people involved in preparing it may have a stake in the outcome.

Experts with a vested interest (eg a large shareholding in a commercial company which is active in the area under discussion in a particular project) will normally be excluded from membership in an EASAC group. Experts with a known bias (a pre-existing strongly held view on the issue) will normally not be nominated or be counter-balanced within a working group. Nevertheless, EASAC may decide to seek evidence from anyone (vested interest or not), provided that those experts responsible for framing EASAC's policy recommendations are demonstrably independent.

Should the member of an EASAC group become aware of a possible conflict of interests during the course of a meeting (or during electronic exchange of scientific opinions) s/he should declare it without delay. Where a member has declared an interest, the Steering Panel Chairman or Programme Director will decide whether s/he should take (further) part in specific areas of discussions or the drafting of specific documents.

Potential conflicts of interest include any interests that may justifiably be *perceived* by others, such as the member's financial interests, family connections, personal friendships and business associations, including debtor/creditor relationships. When members of EASAC groups are in doubt, they should seek advice from the respective Programme Director. Council members should consult with the EASAC President. EASAC would always encourage to declare interests rather than not.

Name

Address

Member of EASAC Council/Steering Panel/Working Group/Review Panel on (please delete / fill in as appropriate)

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I have no direct or indirect interests that I wish to declare

The interests that I wish to declare are listed overleaf

## DECLARATION

Whilst I am working with EASAC, I agree to declare any new interests that I acquire after the date of this declaration.

SIGNED

Date

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Date

EASAC Secretariat

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**1 Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation**

A. Occupation

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Employer

B. Other relevant offices held and appointing body

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**2 Membership**

Membership of relevant organisations (e.g. health authorities and trusts, training and enterprise councils, research council, political parties, pressure groups)

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**3 Grants**

Major grants received for scientific work other than from employers or a Research Council during the past 5 years

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**4 Directorships**

I am a director of the following company/companies:

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**5 Companies and securities**

I have an interest exceeding €40,000 (nominal value) or 1% of the total issued share capital (1% of the relevant class of share where there are several classes) in the following companies/cooperative societies/industrial and provident societies/other corporate bodies.

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**6 Any other interests relevant to my work with EASAC (e.g. consultancies)**

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