

# 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 : **Frank Verdonck**  
Title: **MR.**  
Profession : **Head of Unit**

## Current EFSA Involvements

- BIOHAW

## Interests

### I. Financial investments

No interests

### II. Managerial role

No interests

### III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

### IV. Employment

Period: **01/07/2013 - now**

Organisation: European Food Safety Authority

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

*Subject matter:* 01/07/2013 - 31/01/2017: scientific officer animal health and welfare (AHAW unit)

01/02/2017 - 31/12/2018: team leader animal health and welfare (ALPHA unit) 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2021:

ad interim head of unit (FEED unit) 01/01/2022 - 31/08/2022: team leader feed (FEEDCO unit)

01/09/2022 - present: head of unit (BIOHAW unit)

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

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Period: **01/03/2022 - now**

Organisation: European Commission / DG Sante

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

*Subject matter:* A close family member is working in DG SANTE unit E2

Interest related to close family member: **Yes**

## 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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## User Agreement

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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Remarks: -

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.

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Signature: SIGNED

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