

ECHA DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There is a conflict of interest where the impartiality and objectivity of a decision, opinion or recommendation of the Agency and/or its bodies, is or might in the public perception be compromised by an interest held by, or entrusted to, an individual working for the Agency.

Please note that having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest. In particular, high quality of (scientific) expertise is by nature based on prior experience. Declaring an interest does therefore not automatically disqualify you or limit your participation in the activities of the European Chemicals Agency.

On the other hand it should be emphasised that this declaration of interest form does not contain an exhaustive list of potential interests and that all other elements that might jeopardise your independence when working with the Agency should thus also be indicated. Your answers will then be reviewed and dealt with in accordance with the ECHA Procedure for Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest.

Declaration of Commitment

I hereby declare that I shall make all reasonable efforts to fulfil my duties related to the work of the European Chemicals Agency.

Declaration of Interests

First Name: Gabriele

Last name: Aquilina

Position in ECHA: RAC member

hereby declares to have the following interests:

I. Employment, consultancy, legal representation or advice

Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a commercial entity¹ or other organisation² with an interest in the regulatory field of activity of ECHA?

No

Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of organisation or commercial entity	Description
Senior scientist	December 1986 - present	Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS-Italian Institute of Health)	The Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) is the leading technical and scientific public body of the Italian National Health Service. Its activities include research, control, training and consultation in the interest of public health protection. While risk assessment is part of the remit of ISS, the institute has no official responsibility to carry out risk management. Main fields of activity of G.A. have been: Experimental and advising activity on genetic toxicology of environmental chemicals. Basic research on DNA damage and repair. Basic research on molecular mechanisms of mutagenesis and carcinogenesis.

II. Membership of Governing Body, Scientific Advisory Body or equivalent structure

Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a commercial entity or other organisation with an interest in the regulatory field of activity of ECHA (e.g. board membership, directorship) or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?

No

Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of organisation or	Description
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¹ This includes any commercial business, 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.

² An 'organisation' includes governmental, international or non-profit organisations, as well as interest groups.

		commercial entity	
Expert for genotoxicity and carcinogenicity	December 2013 - present	ISS - Working Group on Biocides	The working group was established by ISS the at the a request of the Italian Ministry of Health. The mandate of the Working Group includes: 1) Evaluation new and existing biocidal and plant protection active substances. 2) Compilation of the harmonized classification and labelling (CLH) evaluation report for the substances mentioned above. 3) Evaluation of the classification proposals submitted by the EU Member States for the substances mentioned above. 4) Scientific support to the Italian members of the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) of ECHA. 5) When requested, participation in the RAC meetings as scientific expert / advisor, according to the ECHA procedures.
Expert for genotoxicity and carcinogenicity	December 2012 - present	ISS - Working Group "Evaluation of intrinsic properties and classification of chemicals".	The working group was established by ISS the at the a request of the Italian Ministry of Health. It supports the activity of the Italian Competent Authority concerning the REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) and classification, labelling and packaging (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008). G.A is member of the Working Group as expert for carcinogenesis and mutagenesis.

III. Other membership or affiliation

Within the past 5 years, have you had any membership or affiliation other than the above that can be perceived as creating a potential conflict of interest?

No

Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of organisation or commercial entity	Description
Member	June 2009 – June 2018	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) – FEEDAP Expert Panel	The Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP) provides scientific advice on the safety and/or efficacy of additives and products or substances used in animal feed. The Panel evaluates their safety and/or efficacy for the target species, the user, the consumer of products of animal origin and the environment. It also looks at the efficacy of biological and chemical products/substances intended for deliberate use in animal feed. G.A. has been mainly involved in the assessment of the genotoxic potential of the substances, as relevant to the evaluation of consumer and user safety.
Member	July 2018 - present	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) – FAF Expert Panel	The Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings (FAF) evaluates the safety of chemical substances added to food and consumer exposure to them. The Panel's work mainly concerns substances evaluated by EFSA before their use can be authorised in the EU. G.A. is mainly involved in the assessment of the genotoxic potential of the substances.

IV. Research funding

Within the past 5 years, have you or the research entity to which you belong received any support from a commercial entity or other organisation with an interest in the regulatory field of activity of ECHA, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support?

No

Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of organisation or	Description

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		commercial entity	

V. Investments

Do you have current investments in a commercial entity with an interest in the regulatory field of activity of ECHA, including holding of stocks and shares, stock options, equity, bonds, partnership interest in the capital of such undertaking, one of its subsidiaries or a company in the capital of which it has a holding and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per commercial entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such commercial entity?³

No

Yes, and more in particular:

Investment	Name of organisation or commercial entity

VI. Intellectual Property

Do you have any intellectual property rights (e.g. patent, trademark, copyright or proprietary know-how) in the regulatory field of activity of ECHA that might create a potential conflict of interest?

No

Yes, and more in particular:

Intellectual Property	Name of organisation or commercial entity	Description

³ You may exclude financial interests held through an investment fund, pension fund and/or interests in non-nominal unit trusts or similar arrangements, provided that these investments are broadly diversified and you have no influence on their financial management.

VII. Public statements and positions

Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the regulatory field of activity of ECHA for a commercial entity or other organisation as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended an opinion in the regulatory field of activity of ECHA?

No

Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Time period (from...until month/year)	Name of organisation or commercial entity	Description
Expert for genotoxicity and carcinogenicity	December 2013 - present	ISS - Working Group on Biocides	In the last five years G.A. was responsible for the assessment of genotoxicity and carcinogenicity studies of three Assessment Reports on biocides (Directive 98/8/EC). The details on the individual opinions/statements are provided in the annex 1 of the CV, section "Risk assessment papers and opinions".
Expert for genotoxicity and carcinogenicity	December 2012 - present	ISS - Working Group "Evaluation of intrinsic properties and classification of chemicals".	In the last five years G.A. has been responsible for the assessment of genotoxicity and carcinogenicity studies of 11 Draft decisions on substances evaluated by Italy in the frame of the Community rolling action plan (CoRAP) of ECHA. The details on the individual opinions/statements are provided in the annex 1 of the CV, section "Risk assessment papers and opinions".
Member	June 2009 – June 2018	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) – FEEDAP Expert Panel	G.A. is co-author of over 300 scientific opinions of EFSA published on EFSA Journal, 18 as rapporteur, 69 as responsible for the genotoxicity section. The details on the individual opinions/statements are provided in the annex 1 of the CV, section "Risk assessment papers and opinions".
Member	July 2018 - present	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) – FAF Expert Panel	G.A. is co-author of 5 scientific opinions of EFSA published on EFSA Journal, 1 as responsible for the genotoxicity section. G.A. was rapporteur of an opinion adopted by the panel in December 2018 and not yet published in January 2019. The details on the individual opinions/statements are provided in the annex 1 of the CV, section "Risk assessment papers and opinions".

VIII. Other relevant information

Are there any other elements that could be seen as jeopardising your independence when working for the Agency?

No

Yes, and more in particular:

IX. Interests held by close family members⁴

Do any of your close family members hold any current interests in the regulatory field of activity of the Agency (as specified above in the sections I.-VIII.)?

No

Yes, and more in particular:

Function/Activity	Name of organisation or commercial entity	Description

I wish to have any reference to interests held by close family members removed if this declaration is to be made public on the ECHA website.⁵

I hereby declare that I have read both the ECHA Procedure on Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest and the related ECHA Guidance document and that the above Declaration of Interest is at my best knowledge complete. I understand that for all members of the ECHA bodies, the Executive Director and the other ECHA management staff (Directors and Heads of Unit), as well as for the chairpersons of the ECHA Committees this declaration will be published on the ECHA website.

Please note that the European Chemicals Agency will ensure on its part that your personal data hereby submitted is processed as required by [Regulation \(EC\) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data](#). The data is necessary for the purpose of implementing the Agency's Procedure for Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest and will be retained for a time period of 7 years. You have the right to access and rectify that data. Under certain conditions, a right to erasure, restriction, objection and/or data portability also applies. To exercise these rights, please contact the relevant secretariat. You can contact the Agency's [Data Protection Officer](#) for any questions or complaints with regard to the processing of your personal data. In case you do not receive a satisfactory outcome, you can have recourse to the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#).

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⁴ For this purpose, 'close family members' are considered to be the persons forming a household with the person making this declaration (spouse, partner, and/or dependent children). For privacy reasons neither the relationship nor the name is to be included. Only current interests held by close family members are of relevance and not past interests.

⁵ As full transparency is one of the general principles of this Procedure, this option should only be used in case the consent of the individual concerned has not been obtained, when he/she has objected to the disclosure on compelling legitimate grounds or if there is reason to believe that the legitimate interests of the individual involved might be prejudiced by the disclosure (see also Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of personal data).