



Annex II

European Commission Initiative on Colorectal Cancer (ECICC)

Guidance for the compilation of the declaration of interests (DOI) form

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

You must also declare relevant interests of your immediate family members, as defined in the DOI form. If you declare any interests of your immediate family members, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in this DOI form. It is also your responsibility to provide them with the privacy statement information available in [this link](#), before you sign and send the DOI form to the Commission.

If there is any change concerning the information provided in the form, including upcoming activities, you must promptly inform the JRC by completing a new DOI form that describes 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 the DOI form does not automatically disqualify you or limit your participation. The competent Commission department will review your answers in accordance with the horizontal rules and determine whether a conflict of interest relevant to the subject at hand exists (C(2016) 3301, Article 11).

Where the JRC concludes that no conflict of interest exists, you are eligible to be appointed in your personal capacity. If the JRC concludes that your interests may compromise your capacity to act independently and in the public interest in relation to the subject of the work performed by the working group in question, it will take one of the following measures, depending on the specific circumstances:

- You will not be appointed to the working group in question;
- You will be appointed as a member of the working group with a number of specific restrictions: you may be excluded from certain meetings and/or activities carried out by the group, such as drafting opinions or recommendations; you may also be required to abstain from discussing certain agenda items and/or from any vote on those items.

Your DOI form will be made publicly available on the JRC Healthcare Quality website, as long as you are appointed as a member of the working group. The JRC will take the necessary technical measures to indicate to search engines that your DOI form should not appear in search results.

If you decline to complete a DOI form, you will not be eligible to be appointed as a member of the working group in question.

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