

DECLARATION OF IMPARTIALITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY of a Member of the Evaluation Committee of the Estonian Research Council

I, NAME, confirm that

- 1) I will carry out the work with complete independence and will represent neither the interests of the organisation that has appointed me nor my employer;
- 2) I will act in accordance with this Declaration as well as with the universally accepted principles of research ethics and good research practice;
- 3) I will inform the Chairman of the Evaluation Committee immediately if I discover any conflict of interest*;
- 4) I will neither participate in making decisions and proposals with which I have a conflict of interest nor give my assessment and participate in the discussions regarding such cases;
- 5) I will not disclose any confidential information that has become known to me while carrying out the tasks of a member of the Evaluation Committee.

*A conflict of interest is a situation in which the member of the Evaluation Committee or a related party is in a position to derive personal benefit from the actions taken or decisions made by him/her, or from the results he/she has the capacity to affect. The following situations in particular, but not exclusively, classify as a conflict of interest:

- 1) the member of the Evaluation Committee has been involved in the preparation of the application;
- 2) the Principal Investigator or the member of the (senior) research staff of the application is:
 - 2.1) a blood relative of the member of the Evaluation Committee (parent or a relative of the parent's descendant, incl. his/her child and grandchild) or a relative of him/her by marriage (spouse or partner, their parent, or a relative of their parent's descendant). Adoptive parent, spouse of the parent, and foster parent are also regarded as parents, and the adopted child and the spouse's child are also regarded as the relatives of the descendants;
 - 2.2) a person with whom he/she has a superior-subordinate relationship;
 - 2.3) a person with whom he/she has co-authored a research article in the past five years;
 - 2.4) a person whose doctoral work he/she has supervised in the past five years;
 - 2.5) a person who relates to the member of the Evaluation Committee via a shared household or whose position or activity otherwise significantly and directly affects the member of the Evaluation Committee, or who is significantly or directly affected by the activity of the member of the Evaluation Committee outside the work being carried out, or who acts in the interests of or on behalf of the member of the Evaluation Committee.

Name of the member of the Evaluation Committee
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