

STANDARD DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (DOI) FORM

Definitions:

"Activity" or "Activities" (capitalised 'A') means an activity or activities of or under the the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors for instance in its formation as Coordination Group or in sub-groups, or that or those in relation thereto.

"Conflict of interest" means any situation where an individual has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the individual's capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission in relation to Activities performed.

"Immediate family member" means the individual's spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. "Children" means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

"Legal entity" means any commercial business, industry association, 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.

"Body" means a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"Meeting" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please briefly describe relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate. If you do not describe relevant interests and your DOI form is considered to be incomplete, or if declared interests are considered to constitute a Conflict of Interest, you may be excluded from all or part of the Activities.

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| First name: Geert |
| Family name: Van Calster |
| Date: 13 September 2018 |
| Description of the Activity: Support in preparation of the Group's position on micro- and nanoplastics |

1 EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

| | <u>Yes</u> | No |
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| <p>Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a natural or legal entity, or held any non-remunerated post in a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of the Activity in question?</p> | <u>x</u> | |
| <p>I have been appointed to the University of Leuven since 10.1994, as PhD research fellow, assistant professor, associate professor and full professor respectively. The University has an academic interest in the issues under consideration (leading in particular to my publications and presentations in the field of environmental law, which I assume led to my appointment to the Panel for which I am submitting this declaration.</p> <p>I am assuming but have no factual knowledge of, let alone am involved in, that some of my colleagues in the sciences department to research</p> | | |

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| | <p>inti plastics for which they have obtained, or may wish to obtain, intellectual property protection.</p> <p>I have also been a member of the Bar since 1999 (I am currently a sole practitioner). Being engaged in regulatory law, I directly, or colleagues of mine in the law firms I have worked for (SJ Berwin; Andersen Legal; DLA Piper) have advised companies with an interest in the plastics manufacturing chain, including petrochemical companies: this would have included advise on REACH, but more intensily, on waste management, including waste trade (export rather than import).</p> | | |
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2 MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE

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| | <p>Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of Activities in question or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?</p> | <p>yes</p> | <p><u>No</u> <u>x</u></p> |
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3 RESEARCH SUPPORT

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| | <p>Within the past 5 years, have you, or the research entity (institute or department) to which you belong, received any support from a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of Activities in question?</p> | <p><u>Yes</u> <u>x</u></p> | <p>no</p> |
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| 3a | <p><i>Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support</i></p> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p><i>Activity</i></p> | <p><i>Time period (from... until month/year)</i></p> | <p><i>Name of legal entity or body</i></p> | <p><i>Description</i></p> | |
| <p>Research on the circular economy. Including on certain aspects of the plastics regulatory cycle.</p> | <p>12.2015-01.2016</p> | <p>OVAM: The Flemish Waste Agency.</p> | <p>Completed a two-month review of the legal obstacles to a circular economy, including one section on plastics recycling.</p> | |

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4 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

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| | Do you have current investments in a legal entity with an interest in the field of Activities in question, including holding of stocks and shares, and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per legal entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such legal entity? | yes | <u>No</u> <u>x</u> |
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5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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| | Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the Activities in question? | yes | <u>No</u> <u>x</u> |
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6 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

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| | <i>Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the field of Activities in question, for a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Within the past 5 years have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended a public statement or position in the field of Activities in question?</i> | <u>yes</u> | <u>no</u> | |
| 6a | For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 6b | Represented interests or defended an opinion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Activity | Time period (from... until month/year) | Name of legal entity or body | Description |
| | I have as my CV shows, on occasion published on and spoken of topics relevant to the issue under consideration. For the past five years: Geert VAN CALSTER, <i>Handbook of EU waste law</i> , Oxford, Oxford University Press, January 2015, 404p.; | Continued | / | Part of my academic activities. |

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7 INTERESTS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS yes no

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| 7a | To your knowledge, are there any interests of your immediate family members which could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of the Activities in question? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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8 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION yes no

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| 8a | Are there any other elements that could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of the Activities in question? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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I hereby declare on my honour that I have read the guidance for completing this form. I also declare on my honour that the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, including as regards upcoming activities, I will promptly notify the competent department or entity and complete a new DOI form describing the changes in question.

I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published in accordance the applicable data protection legislation.

Dated 21/09/2018

Signed Geert van Calster