

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.

First name: Richard

Family name: Cronin

Date: 27th August 2018

Description of the Activity: [...SAPEA Microplastics Working Group....]

	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?	Yes X	no
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<i>1a</i>	<i>Employment</i>	●	□
<i>1b</i>	<i>Consultancy, including services as an advisor</i>	□	●
<i>1c</i>	<i>Non-remunerated post</i>	●	□
<i>1d</i>	<i>Legal representation</i>	□	●

<i>activity</i>	<i>time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>name of entity or body</i>	<i>description</i>
Policy development on and national and EU implementation of Marine Strategy Framework Directive (including Marine Litter)	April 2013 – Present	Ireland- Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government	Policy Adviser/Senior Adviser – Marine Environment (including marine litter)
Regional cooperation on marine litter measures	April 2013 – Present	OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Environment of the Northeast Atlantic and EU TG on marine litter	Technical expert and Irish Head of Delegation

2 MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE

	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?	Yes X	no
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<i>2a</i>	<i>Participation in a decision-making process</i>	●	□
<i>2b</i>	<i>Participation in the work of a Scientific Advisory Body</i>	□	●

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>Name of legal entity or body</i>	<i>Description</i>
Development of background information on marine litter and regional action plans on marine litter	April 2013 – Present	OSPAR Convention & EU Common Implementation Strategy for MSFD	National Representative and MSFD Art. 25 delegate

3 RESEARCH SUPPORT

	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?	yes	no X
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<i>3a</i>	<i>Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>Name of legal entity or body</i>	<i>Description</i>

4 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

	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	No X
<i>4a</i>	<i>Shares</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<i>4b</i>	<i>Other stock</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

<i>Investment</i>	<i>Name of legal entity</i>	<i>Description</i>

5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

	Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the Activities in question?	yes	No X
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<i>5a</i>	<i>Patent, trademarks, or copyrights</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>5b</i>	<i>Others</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<i>Intellectual property</i>	<i>Description</i>

6 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

	<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>	Yes X	No
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6a	For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process	<input checked="" 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
Implementation at national and EU level of Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)	April 2013 – Present	Department of Housing Planning and Local Government	Policy Adviser/Senior Adviser

7 INTERESTS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS **yes** **no**

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="radio"/>
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<i>Interests</i>	<i>Time period (from... until month/year)</i>	<i>Name of legal entity or body</i>	<i>Description</i>

7b	<i>If interests of your immediate family members are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in the DOI and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to the guidance for filling in this DOI, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the Commission.</i>
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8 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION **yes** **no**

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="radio"/>
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Description:

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.

Date: 27th August 2018

Signature: 