

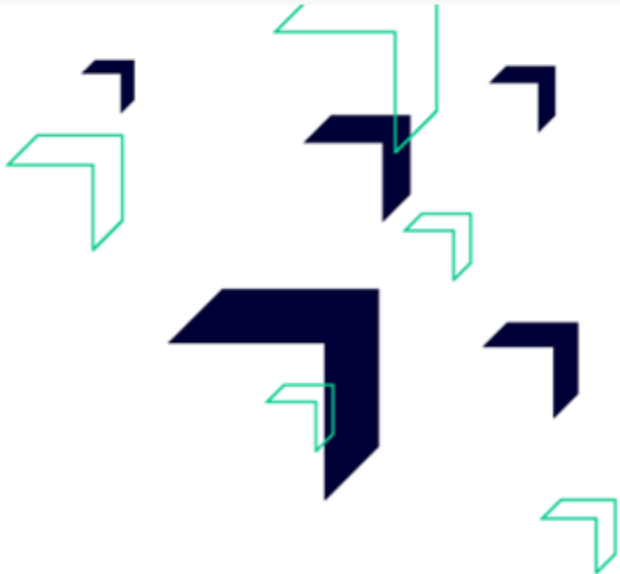


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Declaration of Impartiality and Conflict of Interest



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Impartiality & Conflict of Interest



Rules on avoidance of conflict of interest

EU Financial Regulation (2018/1046) - Article 61

EU Guidance (2021/C 121/01) - The Commission issued guidance that aims to raise awareness and promoting a uniform interpretation and application of the rules on avoidance of conflicts of interest.

The guidance is part of the Commission's efforts to further strengthen the measures to protect the EU's financial interests.

What is conflict of interest?

A conflict of interest exists where the 'impartial and objective exercise is compromised for reasons involving **family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect personal interest.**

In practical terms, to avoid such compromise persons involved in budget implementation should refrain from involvement, influences or pressures that may affect their impartiality and objectivity (or the perception of their impartiality or objectivity) in their professional performance.

Direct and indirect interest can also include gifts or hospitality, non-economic interests, or result from involvement with non-governmental or political organisations (even if non remunerated), competing duties of loyalty between one entity the person owes a duty to and another person or entity the person owes a duty to.

IMCC Mandate (Article 8)

The IMCC members shall abide by Article 61 of the Regulation 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (July 2018) together with the Commission Notice (2021/C 121/01) on the Guidance on the avoidance and management of conflict of interest under the Financial Regulation. Each member shall be requested to endorse the Declaration of Impartiality and Participation.



Declaration of Impartiality and Participation (1)

I also agree to **devote the necessary time and effort** towards this commitment, whilst **ensuring confidentiality** of the discussions taking place during the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee meetings.

I agree to hold in trust and confidence any information or documents disclosed to me during the committee meetings and these shall not be disclosed to any third party. I further declare that I shall execute my responsibilities honestly and fairly.

Declaration of Impartiality and Participation (2)

I hereby **declare that I do not have any interests that are in conflict** with the implementation of the EU budget and with my participation in this Committee.

Should a **real or perceived conflict of interest arise** during the execution of my functions as Member/substitute of the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee, in line with the mandate of the Committee, **I will abstain from participating in the decision-making process.**

In view of this, I confirm that I have **familiarized myself and I shall abide by Article 61 of the Regulation 2018/1046** of the European Parliament and of the Council (July 2018) together with the **Commission Notice (2021/C 121/01)** on the Guidance on the avoidance and management of conflict of interest under the Financial Regulation.

Declaration of Impartiality and Participation (3)

In addition, **should a conflict of interest arise** in view of an item on the Agenda proposed for a particular Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee meeting, **I will inform the Chairperson of the Committee accordingly**. The Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee shall then decide whether I should abstain from participating in the decision-making process relating to that particular item.

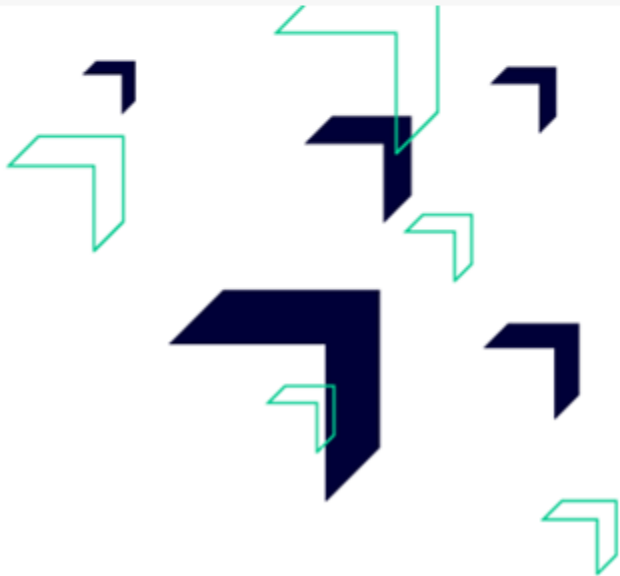


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