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**Conflict of Interest Declaration Form for Controllers of Malta based partners in Interreg programmes[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| Full Name and Surname of Controller (Auditor): |  |
| I.D. Number Controller: |  |
| Date of birth: |  |
| Controller Warrant Number: |  |

In terms of the applicable EU and national rules and legislation, I the undersigned, hereby declare that:

1. I ***do not have*** a conflict of interest in the implementation of the ***Project [insert project name]*** (*with reference to relations with project partner by virtue of a professional or work relationship as a result of my professional independence as regulated at law, from the unit dealing with the activities and finances of the project partner);* or have any interests that are in conflict with the implementation of the EU budget and/or in conflict of interest linked to the implementation of the EU budget.
2. I ***do not have*** a conflict of interest in the implementation of the***Project [insert project name]*** (*with reference to relations with project partner*); or have any interests that are in conflict with the implementation of the EU budget and/or in conflict of interest linked to the implementation of the EU budget.
3. There ***are no*** other circumstances where the relationship I have with the project partnerhave any direct or indirect personal interest or have any form of influence on me or can cause influence on my judgement in such manner that I would not be in a position to perform my duties in an impartial and fair manner. These can include emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect personal interest.
4. There ***are no*** current circumstances (including interests) that might place me in a conflict of interest in the near future.
5. I will immediately report to the project partner and to the Malta National Contact Authority (MNCA) within the Funds & Programmes Division (FPD), any possible conflict of interest in the event of any circumstance that might put me in such a situation.

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Signature of Controller Date

**Annex I to Conflict of Interest Declaration Form (Explanatory Note)**

The following definitions in relation to the respective declaration are being provided:

1. **Direct personal interest** – direct connection between the person in question and the beneficiary of EU funds including contractors/sub-contractors and ultimate beneficiary owners. This can 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 the duty to.
2. **Indirect personal interest** – indirect connection goes beyond the direct connection between the person in question and the beneficiary of EU funds including contractors/sub-contractors and ultimate beneficiary owners. This 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 the duty to.
3. **Professional and working relationships** - The declaration of conflict of interest should also include any reference to current and past interests. The latter are relevant as long as the person continues to have obligations/liabilities stemming from past positions/employment (during a specific period for ‘cooling off’ and abstention from exercise of duties which may interfere with duties of past employment). Declarations of past interests are to be limited to 5 years or as long as the person continues to have liabilities/obligations related to those past positions/employment situations.
4. **Family relationship** - a person who is either the spouse (including a partner with whom the individual has a (non-)registered non-marital partnership), children and parents, (great)grandparents and (great-)grandchildren, (half-) brothers and sisters (including from blended families), uncles and aunts, nieces and nephews, first-degree cousins, parents-in -law, children-in-law, siblings-in-law, stepparents and stepchildren or any other person who is in a personal friendship (or god-parents or god-children relationships) which may imply a closer proximity to immediate family. This will also include someone permanently living in the concerned persons’ household.
5. **National affinity, political affinity, emotional life or others as listed in Article 61(3) FR 2024[[2]](#footnote-2)** – these are factors that could compromise the impartiality and objectivity of a person involved in budget implementation. 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. This could in particular result from friendships or enmities, family relationships, party affiliations, associations or religious beliefs. Persons involved in budget implementation should base their performance and professional judgment only on legal and objective criteria and on sufficient and appropriate evidence.

N.B The conflict-of-interest related procedures as outlined in this declaration can be adapted in case of a need.

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1. Please refer to the explanatory note (Annex I) attached to this declaration for clear guidance on the aspects of this declaration form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1, a conflict of interests exists where the impartial and objective exercise of the functions of a financial actor or other person, as referred to in paragraph 1, is compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect personal interest. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)