



European Ombudsman Declaration of Interests Year 2021

I, the undersigned, on my honour and in full cognisance of the Decision of the European Parliament on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties (Decision 94/262/ECSC, EC, Euratom) and of the Code of Conduct for the European Ombudsman adopted on 5 February 2015,

hereby declare:

A) Previous activities

1. I declare my occupation(s) during the three-year period before I took up the office of European Ombudsman:

Occupation(s)	Categories of income ¹			
	1	2	3	4
1. Irish Ombudsman and Information Commissioner (2003-2013) and Commissioner for Environmental Information (2009-2013)				X
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

¹ Any income received in respect of each item declared shall be placed in one of the following categories:

1. EUR 500 to EUR 1000 a month;

2. EUR 1001 to EUR 5000 a month;

3. EUR 5001 to EUR 10 000 a month;

4. More than EUR 10 000 a month.



2. I declare my participation in boards, committees or supervisory bodies of companies or other bodies devoted to commercial or economic activities, during the three-year period before I took up the office of European Ombudsman:

Membership(s) (nature of the post - name of the company)	Categories of income			
	1	2	3	4
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

3. I declare any post held in foundations or similar bodies and in teaching or research establishments, during the three-year period before I took up the office of European Ombudsman:

Membership(s) (nature of the post - name of the institution)
1. Member of the International Advisory Board of Harvard's Nieman Foundation for Journalism
2.
3.
4.
5.

B) Current activities

4. Pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Decision of the European Parliament on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, I declare that I undertake no political and administrative duties or any other occupation, whether gainful or not.



C) Outside activities

5. Pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Decision of the European Parliament on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, I declare that I do not have any occasional remunerated outside activity.

6. Pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Decision of the European Parliament on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties and the Code of Conduct, I declare that I do not participate in any board or committee of non-governmental organisations, associations or other similar bodies, whether remunerated or unremunerated.

7. Pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Decision of the European Parliament on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties and the Code of Conduct, I hold the following honorary posts in foundations or similar bodies² in the cultural, social, sporting or charitable domains and in teaching or research establishments.

Honorary post(s) (nature of the post - name of the institution)
1. Member of the International Advisory Board of Harvard's Nieman Foundation for Journalism
2. Honorary Patron of the University Philosophical Society at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
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4.
5.

D) Financial interests

8. Pursuant to Article 9(1) and Article 10(1) of the Decision of the European Parliament on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties and the Code of Conduct, I declare that I have no holdings in any companies which might create an actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest in the performance of my duties.

9. I declare the following further financial interests which might create an actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest in the performance of my duties.

² The expression 'foundations or similar bodies' means non-profit organisations or associations which carry out activities in the general interest in the above-mentioned domains.



E) Assets (except the homes reserved for the owner or her family)

10. I declare any real estate asset which might create an actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest in the performance of my duties:

11. I declare any other property which might create an actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest in the performance of my duties:

F) Spouse's/partner's/dependent family members' professional activity and financial interests

13. I declare my spouse's/partner's professional activity and financial interests which might create an actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest in the performance of my duties:

Date

January 22nd 2021

Signature

Statements included in this declaration are made under the sole and personal responsibility of the incumbent European Ombudsman.

This statement will be published on the European Ombudsman's homepage.