

ESC Declaration and Management of Conflict of Interest Policy - **APPENDIX 1**  
*Declaration of interests on 2025 activities*

IMPORTANT: The period covered in this form is from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 unless otherwise stated in the individual questions.

The information you provide in this form must be true and complete. You assume full responsibility for identifying any potential conflicts of interest and raising these with the ESC compliance office. You should be aware that you can be excluded from ESC activities and as a member of the ESC in case of inaccurate declaration. All or part of the information disclosed in this form may be published by the ESC. The personal data collected in this form is processed for the purpose of the legitimate interests pursued by the ESC.

☐ Questions B in this form are related to your spouse/partner<sup>1</sup>. Tick this box if this is not applicable to your situation, or if your spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> has activities unrelated to the healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> or has nothing to declare.

**1 - Ongoing research funding from public and/or not-for-profit organisations<sup>3</sup>. This information is not mandatory and does not impact one's ability to join an ESC activity**

☐ Skip this question

Organisation name:

Period covered:

Funding type:

- ☐ Funding under your supervision received by department/institution  
☐ Funding received personally/by entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you

**2.A - Payment from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup>: speaker fees, consulting fees, advisory board compensation, investigator fees, committee participation fees, proctoring fees, honoraria, etc., including travel funding<sup>5</sup> related to these activities.**

**For yourself/entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company (One company only):

Topic area:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Was the sum of all the direct personal payments received by you and entities controlled by you declared in 2.A greater or equal to 10k€ per year?

☐ Yes, greater or equal to 10k€ ☐ No, lower than 10k€

**2.B - Payment from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup>: speaker fees, consulting fees, advisory board compensation, investigator fees, committee participation fees, proctoring fees, honoraria, etc., including travel funding<sup>5</sup> related to these activities.**

**For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by spouse/partner**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company (One company only):

Topic area:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Was the sum of all the direct personal payments received by your spouse/partner and entities controlled by your spouse/partner declared in 2.B greater or equal to 10k€ per year?  
☐ Yes, greater or equal to 10k€ ☐ No, lower than 10k€

**3.A - Payment from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> to your department or institution or any other body for your personal services: speaker fees, consulting fees, advisory board compensation, investigator fees, committee participation fees, proctoring fees, honoraria, etc., including travel funding<sup>5</sup> related to these activities.**

**For yourself/entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company (One company only):

Topic area:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Did any or all of the payments received by your department/institution declared in 3.A impact your personal remuneration/ your entity's income (yearly remuneration/income)?

☐ Not at all Yes, to a modest degree (<10k€) ☐ Yes, to a substantial degree (>10k€)

**3.B - Payment from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> to a department or institution or any other body for personal services provided by your spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or entity controlled by spouse/partner<sup>1</sup>: speaker fees, consulting fees, advisory board compensation, investigator fees, committee participation fees, proctoring fees, honoraria, etc., including travel funding<sup>5</sup> related to these activities.**

**For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by spouse/partner**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company (One company only):

Topic area:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Did any or all of the payments received by your spouse/partner's department/institution declared in 3.B impact your spouse/partner personal remuneration/ your spouse/partner entity's income (yearly remuneration/income)?

☐ Not at all Yes, to a modest degree (<10k€) ☐ Yes, to a substantial degree (>10k€)

**4.A - Funding from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> for travel to, and attendance of events and meetings<sup>6</sup>, unrelated to the activities listed in 2.A and 3.A.**

**For yourself/entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company (One company only):

Topic area:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

**4.B - Funding from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> for travel to, and attendance of events and meetings<sup>6</sup>, unrelated to the activities listed in 2.B and 3.B.**

**For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or entity<sup>6</sup> controlled by spouse/partner**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company (One company only):

Topic area:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

**5.A - Receipt of royalties for intellectual property<sup>7</sup>.**

**For yourself/entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company (One company only):

Topic area:

Please specify:

☐ pending ☐ granted but not generating royalties ☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

**5.B - Receipt of royalties for intellectual property<sup>7</sup>.**

**For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by spouse/partner<sup>1</sup>**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company (One company only):

Topic area:

Please specify:

☐ pending ☐ granted but not generating royalties ☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

**6.A - Research funding<sup>8</sup> from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> received personally<sup>9</sup> by you or an entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you.**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company/organisation providing financial support or other resources (One company only):

Total estimated amount of grant/financial support for entire project:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Total amount from the grant/financial support received to support own research or activity:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

**6.B - Research funding<sup>8</sup> from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> received personally<sup>10</sup> by your spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or an entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by your spouse/partner<sup>1</sup>.**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company/organisation providing financial support or other resources (One company only):

Total estimated amount of grant/financial support for entire project:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Total amount from the grant/financial support received to support own research or activity:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

**7.A - Research funding<sup>8</sup> from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> received by your department/institution or an entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by your department/institution, under your direct/personal responsibility.**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company/organisation providing financial support or other resources to any institution to which you belong (One company only):

Short description of activity including topic area:

Start year of research activity:

End year of research activity:

Total estimated amount of grant/financial support for entire project:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Role<sup>11</sup> in research or activity:

Total amount from the grant/financial support received to support own research or activity:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Did any or all of the research funding declared in 7.A impact your personal remuneration or your entity's remuneration/income? (yearly remuneration/income)

☐ Not at all Yes, to a modest degree (<10k€) ☐ Yes, to a substantial degree (>10k€)

**7.B - Research funding<sup>8</sup> from healthcare industry<sup>2</sup> received by your spouse/partner's<sup>1</sup> department/institution or an entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by your spouse/partner's<sup>1</sup> department/institution, under your spouse/partner's<sup>1</sup> direct/personal responsibility.**

☐ Nothing to declare

Company/organisation providing financial support or other resources to any institution to which your spouse/partner belongs (One company only):

Short description of activity including topic area:

Start year of research activity:

End year of research activity:

Total estimated amount of grant/financial support for entire project:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Role<sup>11</sup> in research or activity:

Total amount from the grant/financial support received to support own research or activity:

☐ <10 k€/year ☐ 10-50 k€/year ☐ 50-100 k€/year ☐ 100 k€/year+

Did any or all of the research funding received by your spouse/partner's department/institution declared in 7.B impact your spouse/partner's personal remuneration or your spouse/partner entity's remuneration/income? (yearly remuneration/income)

☐ Not at all Yes, to a modest degree (<10k€) ☐ Yes, to a substantial degree (>10k€)

**8.A Direct financial interest<sup>12</sup> in healthcare, media, education companies, or in companies related to or in competition with the ESC and its mission: to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease. For yourself/entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you**

☐ Nothing to declare

Healthcare

Media

Education

Other

**8.B Direct financial interest<sup>12</sup> in healthcare, media, education companies, or in companies related to or in competition with the ESC and its mission: to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease. For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by spouse/partner<sup>1</sup>**

☐ Nothing to declare

Healthcare

Media

Education

Other

**9.A Employment<sup>13</sup> (including part time) in healthcare industry<sup>2</sup>.**

**For yourself**

- ☐ Nothing to declare  
Name of employing organisation:  
Position held (job title or role):  
Number of days per week:

**9.B Employment<sup>13</sup> (including part time) in healthcare industry<sup>2</sup>.**

**For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup>**

- ☐ Nothing to declare  
Name of employing organisation:  
Position held (job title or role):  
Number of days per week:

**10.A Membership or affiliation in political or advocacy groups working in the field of cardiovascular medicine/sciences.**

**For yourself/entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you**

- ☐ Nothing to declare  
Description

**10.B Membership or affiliation in political or advocacy groups working in the field of cardiovascular medicine/sciences.**

**For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by spouse/partner**

- ☐ Nothing to declare  
Description

**11.A Positions of influence in non-ESC organisations and non-ESC journals with a focus in the field of cardiovascular medicine/sciences.**

**For yourself**

- ☐ Nothing to declare  
Leadership position in non-ESC organisations with an interest in cardiovascular medicine/sciences:  
Position as Editor in Chief in non-ESC Journals (list journals<sup>14</sup>):  
Any other editorial position in non-ESC journals (list positions and journals):

**11.B Positions of influence in non-ESC organisations and non-ESC journals with a focus in the field of cardiovascular medicine/sciences.**

**For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup>**

- ☐ Nothing to declare  
Leadership position in non-ESC organisations with an interest in cardiovascular medicine/sciences:  
Position as Editor in Chief in non-ESC Journals (list journals<sup>14</sup>):  
Any other editorial position in non-ESC journals (list positions and journals):

**12.A Any other interest (financial or otherwise) that should be declared in view of holding an ESC position.<sup>4</sup>For yourself/entity controlled by you**

- ☐ Nothing to declare  
Description

**12.B Any other interest (financial or otherwise) that should be declared in view of holding an ESC position.**

**For spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> or entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by spouse/partner<sup>1</sup>**

☐ Nothing to declare

Description

**13 Was the total impact on your and your spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> income or income to an entity<sup>4</sup> controlled by you or your spouse/partner<sup>1</sup> (as declared in 2.A, 2.B, 3.A, 3.B, 6.A, 6.B, 7A, 7B) greater or equal to 10k€ per year?**

☐ Yes, greater or equal to 10k€ ☐ No, lower than 10k€

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I confirm the following:

- I have read the [ESC Declaration and Management of Conflict of Interest Policy](#) available on the ESC website.
- I understand that certain positions or activities of the ESC require the publication of elements included in my declaration of interests, in the framework defined in the personal data privacy terms.
- The information I provided above is true and complete.
- I will promptly advise the ESC at [doi@escardio.org](mailto:doi@escardio.org) should any changes occur concerning my financial interests or positions of influence which might impact my ESC activities during the current year.
- I assume full responsibility for identifying any potential conflicts of interest and I am aware that I can be excluded from the ESC in case of inaccurate declaration.
- (if applicable) I confirm that I have informed my spouse/partner and received explicit permission for this disclosure.

**Personal Data privacy**

The personal data collected in this form is processed for the purpose of the legitimate interests pursued by the ESC, to ensure transparency of potential conflicts of interest, in alignment with the ethical and statutory obligations of the ESC and to determine whether there may be a potential conflict of interest in accordance with the [« ESC Declaration and Management of Conflict of Interest Policy »](#).

The recipients of the data are:

- ESC Management and ESC staff who handle the administration of the DOIs.
- The cardiologists carrying out peer reviews of your declaration (to determine whether there may be a potential conflict of interest).
- Other cardiologists engaged on the same activities as you (e.g., those on the same Committee or Task Force) who can view your DOI.
- Visitors to the ESC website: certain ESC activities / positions may require the publication of your DOI, e.g., ESC Guideline positions.
- Subcontractors in the framework of the random checks of DOIs against published sources, journal publishers in the framework of the conflict of interest management for scientific publications.

Data collected in your Declaration of Interests will be kept within the ESC database for 10 years or longer if they are related to a publication or a mandate within the ESC which remains still current. Data included in a publication will also remain available as part of the published material as long as

the latter is available.

In accordance with the chapter 3 of the European Regulation 2016/679 with regards to data protection, you and your spouse/partner have the right to request from ESC, access to and rectification or erasure of your personal data or restriction of processing concerning your data or to object to processing as well as the right to data portability.

For such, please contact [dataprivacy@escardio.org](mailto:dataprivacy@escardio.org) (be aware that a proof of identity will be requested during the process via a secured web link).

You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, and for information, ESC has appointed a Data Protection Officer that you can reach at [dpo@escardio.org](mailto:dpo@escardio.org).

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<sup>1</sup> Spouse/partner or spouse equivalent is defined, for the purpose of completing this declaration, as a domestic partner or a person with whom you cohabit and/or share a stable relationship, generally equivalent to that of a spouse/partner. This is not limited to those relationships where there is a formal agreement or registered partnership.

<sup>2</sup> Healthcare industry: Any legally incorporated, revenue-driven entity engaged in direct commercial/profit activities within the healthcare sector. Examples: Pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, imaging companies, biotechnology firms, diagnostic service providers (e.g. core laboratories), digital health companies, profit medical education organisations, and profit contract research organisations (CROs).

For the purpose of filling out this form, healthcare industry excludes health service delivery such as private and public hospitals, universities, institutions, and charities focusing on direct patient care and clinical decision-making—and, by extension, professionals employed in these settings: physicians (general practitioners and specialists), nurses and allied professionals (including paramedics, hospital pharmacists, rehabilitation/clinical social workers/mental health counsellors), physician assistants, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) & healthcare administrators (within healthcare institutions).

<sup>3</sup> Public funding includes funds received from local, national, or international (e.g. EU) government-funded entities including direct branches of government and institutions or foundations financed by governmental entities. This also includes funding received from not-for-profit charities and foundations not directly funded by cardiovascular diagnostic, pharmaceutical, or device industry. Such organisations typically organise an independent expert review process prior to deciding on funding. Examples for such charities are the British Heart Foundation, Dutch Heart Foundation, Deutsche Herzstiftung, and many others. This does not include funds received by private corporations or companies or their subsidiaries. Such funding needs to be reported as industry funding.

<sup>4</sup> Entity does not refer to your (or your spouse/partner's) department, university, institution. Control of an entity, such as an organization or business, exists when one has, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of an entity, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract, by beneficial ownership, or otherwise, e.g., trust funds.

<sup>5</sup> If the exact amount of travel funding is not known, please estimate.

<sup>6</sup> Travel funding that supports or complements activities disclosed in Sections 2 and 3 and/or honoraria should be reported within those sections, not here.

<sup>7</sup> Intellectual property includes not only patents, but also ownership of technologies (e.g., software), data or a company involved in the creation and/or curation of datasets containing healthcare data. This does not include income generated by publication, e.g., royalties from textbooks.

<sup>8</sup> This includes grants or other forms of financial or 'in-kind' support from healthcare industry.

<sup>9</sup> Research grants received personally (i.e. paid directly to you): This does not include funding managed by you through the department/institution.

<sup>10</sup> Research grants received personally (i.e. paid directly to your spouse/partner): This does not include funding managed by your spouse/partner through the department/institution.

<sup>11</sup> E.g. chief investigator, principal investigator, site investigator, ...

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<sup>12</sup> Financial Interest is defined, for the purpose of completing this declaration, as direct or material indirect ownership of debt or equity securities or participation in mutual funds or other rights of participation, including shares, puts, calls, options, warrants, bonds, short sales, seed capital and any derivatives related to such interests. A financial interest ‘beneficially owned’ is one where an individual or entity has the right, in a company or sector, to some or all of the benefits of ownership. These include rights to direct the voting, detailed investment decisions within a mutual fund, or to receive the benefits of ownership.

Note1: Interest in healthcare, media, education as part of a packaged investment portfolio do not need to be declared.

Note2: If in doubt, please declare for review by the appropriate ESC body. We refer you to the transparency principles described in the Policy.

<sup>13</sup> For this form, "employment" means any ongoing, formal job—full-time or part-time—with a company in the healthcare industry (see definition).

- Do not include your main job if it is at a hospital, university, or similar institution, as these are not considered part of the healthcare industry for this declaration.
- Temporary or occasional work (like advisory roles, talks, or board participation) should be declared in Sections 2 and 3, not here.

If unsure, please declare it for review.

<sup>14</sup> List any journal outside of the ESC Journal Family.