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Directorate F – Health and Food  
**Disease Prevention**

## **Annual Declaration of Interests<sup>1</sup> (DoI) form (v2)**

European Commission Initiative on Colorectal Cancer (ECICC)

**Please answer each of the questions below.**

**If the answer to any of the questions is "Yes"<sup>2</sup>, please complete the corresponding fields, describing the circumstances, as appropriate.**

**If you do not submit a filled-in and signed DoI form, please consider that you cannot be involved in the current ECICC activities.**

**If you do not disclose relevant activities of interest for the ECICC, your role may be revised.**

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<sup>1</sup> According to European Commission's Decision C(2016) 3301 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups, Articles 2(4) and 11 each member of an expert group has to complete a DoI form

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<sup>2</sup> Answering "Yes" to the questions on this form does not automatically limit your participation in the ECICC activities. Your answers will be reviewed to determine whether you have a conflict of interest (CoI) (i.e. any interest that may affect, or may reasonably be perceived to affect, an expert's objectivity and independence).

<b>Name and Surname:</b>	<b>Holger Schunemann</b>
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Activities	Yes/No	Period (From - To)	Information	Details
<b>1. Do you have current investments<sup>3</sup> in a legal entity<sup>4</sup> with an interest related to colorectal cancer which either:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has a value of more than 10.000 EUR, or</li> <li>• entitle you to a voting right of 5% or more?</li> </ul>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY	If yes, please provide information about where the investment is placed (Name, Country, Public/Private).	[Please describe the entity and your role.]
<b>2. Have you, within the last five years (January 2018 – December 2022), received remuneration from a legal entity with an interest related to colorectal cancer?</b>  <b>A. Employment</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	01/2009 – 05/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McMaster University caring for patient with CRC</li> </ul>	Faculty member

<sup>3</sup> **Investments** refer to stocks, bonds, stock options, other securities as well as to commercial business interests (e.g., proprietorships, partnerships, joint ventures, board memberships, controlling interest in a company).

<sup>4</sup> **Legal entity** refers to 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.

Activities	Yes/No	Period (From - To)	Information	Details
<b>B. Consultancy, including advisory activities</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	05/2003 – 05/2023 (ongoing)	Hamilton, Canada Evidence Prime (Public/Private)	Advice about programming of GRADEpro ( <b>not remunerated</b> ) and research grants in my role as GRADE Working Group co-chair and McMaster Faculty Member and in the conduct of background work for ECICC; none related to the content (recommendations) area of CRC
<b>3. Have you, within the past five years (January 2018 – December 2022), been involved in research related to colorectal cancer?</b>				
<b>A. Have you been an investigator in research studies on colorectal cancer?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	09/2015 – 05/2023 (ongoing)	European Commission	Research on recommendations, questions and guidelines as well as designing the ECICC approach to quality integration and guideline development. Publications on analytical frameworks in CRC.
<b>B. For the mentioned research studies, did you receive support<sup>5</sup>?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	09/2015 – 05/2023 (ongoing)	Grants and honoraria from the EC	Research on recommendations, questions and guidelines as well as designing the ECICC approach to quality integration and guideline development. Publications on analytical frameworks in CRC.

<sup>5</sup> **Support** refers to research support (i.e. grants, collaborations, sponsorships) as well as to non-monetary support (equipment, facilities) and other type of support (i.e. honoraria for being a speaker, holding a training).

Activities	Yes/No	Period (From - To)	Information	Details
<b>4. Do you have a membership in national or international organisations<sup>6</sup>, including committees, working groups, collaborative platforms, managing bodies or scientific advisory bodies with an interest in colorectal cancer?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	09/2015 – 01/2023 (ongoing)	- Ispra, Italy, 2015	Co-chair European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC)  I am an Associate Editor of the journal Gastroenterology
<b>5. Did you take part in other activities with interests related to colorectal cancer?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	09/2015 – 05/2023 (ongoing)	European Commission	Research on recommendations, questions and guidelines as well as designing the ECICC approach to quality integration and guideline development. Publications on analytical frameworks in CRC.
<b>6. Do you have intellectual property rights (IPR)<sup>7</sup> related to colorectal cancer?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY	Please specify the title of the IPR.	Please describe the IPR.

<sup>6</sup> **Organisation** refers to a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

<sup>7</sup> **Intellectual property rights** refer to patents, trademarks, or copyrights (including pending applications) as well as proprietary know-how in a substance, technology or process.

Activities	Yes/No	Period (From - To)	Information	Details
<b>7. Do any of your immediate family members<sup>8</sup> have direct interests related to colorectal cancer that could undermine your independence?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY	Please mention the interest.	Please describe the interest.

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<sup>8</sup> **Immediate family members** refer to family members and relatives (spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters, irrespective of whether they live at the same address or not) or other persons under the care of the members of the household of the expert.

**Notes:**

If you declared any direct interests of your immediate family members, it is your responsibility to inform them about how data on their interests are collected and published<sup>9</sup> before you send the DoI form to the Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission.

After submission of this form, you need to inform the JRC in case of any new activity during the course of the year by sending a message as soon as possible to: [JRC-CANCER-POLICY-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-CANCER-POLICY-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu).

- I hereby declare the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I agree my DoI form to be publicly available on the JRC Healthcare Quality website, during the European Commission Initiative on Colorectal Cancer subgroup membership<sup>10</sup>.
- I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published by the European Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725<sup>11</sup>.

**Name and Surname:** Holger Schunemann

**Date:** April 12, 2023



**Signature:**  
Hamilton

**Place:**

<sup>9</sup> Personal data processing including the Declaration of Interests

<https://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register/detail/DPR-EC-00656>

<sup>10</sup> Note: Technical measures are in place to ensure that search engines do not index the content from the DoI form.

<sup>11</sup> Protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32018R1725>