

STATEMENT ON IMPARTIALITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY /TEMPLATE/¹

NAME AND SURNAME OF THE EXPERT:

The Statement applies to applications for funding submitted under (name of the programme), competition/round no. (name of the competition/round no.), year, according to the list attached.

No conflict of interest means that participation in the selection of applications shall be impartial, objective and not jeopardised by family, personal relationships or any economic interest.

I. STATEMENT ON IMPARTIALITY

I hereby declare as follows:

there are no circumstances that could raise reasonable doubts as to my impartiality towards the above-mentioned applicant(s)²,
including that:

- 1) I did not participate in the preparation of any of the applications for funding submitted as part of the competition,
- 2) I am not in a personal relationship with the applicant(s) that could raise doubts as to my impartiality,
- 3) with the applicant(s):
 - I am not or have not been in a marital relationship, a relationship of consanguinity or affinity up to the second degree,
 - I am not or have not been related by adoption, guardianship or custody,
- 4) I am not in a legal relationship with the applicant(s) such that the outcome of the case may affect my rights or obligations,
- 5) I am not, and in the period of three years preceding the date of submission of this statement and the date of submission of the application(s), I have not been in a professional relationship or in any other form of cooperation with the applicant(s), in particular:
 - I am not, and in the period of three years preceding the date of submission of this statement and the date of submission of the application(s), I have not been in an employment relationship with the applicant(s);
 - I am not, and in the period of three years preceding the date of submission of this statement and the date of submission of the application(s), I have not been providing services under civil law for the applicant(s), which could raise doubts as to my impartiality;
 - I am not, and in the period of three years preceding the date of submission of this statement and the date of submission of the application(s), I have not been a member of the management or supervisory bodies of the applicant(s);
 - I am not, and in the period of three years preceding the date of submission of this statement and the date of submission of the application(s), I have not been a partner, shareholder or member of the applicant(s).

¹ The template of the Statement constitutes the minimum scope of provisions that must be supplemented with provisions relevant to the competition under which the Statement is submitted; in such cases, compliance of the Statement with applicable legal regulations must be ensured.

² The applicant shall be understood as an entity filing an application for the co-funding of tasks under a project, whereby in the case of a multi-entity applicant, the applicant shall be understood additionally as each of its constituent entities, including subcontractors (if applicable):

- a) where the expert is employed at a university as referred to in the Act of 20 July 2018 *the Law on Higher Education and Science* – the expert shall be excluded from the evaluation of a grant application if the applicant in the above-mentioned call is the basic organisational unit of the university where the expert is employed.
- b) where the expert is employed in a research institute referred to in the Act of 30 April 2010 on *Research Institutes* – the expert shall be excluded from the evaluation of a grant application if the applicant in the above-mentioned call is a facility or other organisational unit specified in the statutes of the research institute, in which the expert is employed,
- c) where the expert is employed by the Polish Academy of Sciences, referred to in the Act of 30 April 2010 on *the Polish Academy of Sciences* - the expert shall be excluded from the evaluation of a grant application if the applicant in the above-mentioned call is an institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences in which the expert is employed.

Should I become aware of any circumstance that may give rise to justified doubts as to my impartiality in relation to the application submitted to me for evaluation, I undertake to immediately notify the authority organising the competition of such circumstance in writing and exclude myself from further participation in the evaluation process.

II. STATEMENT ON CONFIDENTIALITY

I hereby declare that:

- 1) I will perform my duties with honesty, integrity and fairness to the best of my knowledge,
- 2) I undertake to keep confidential all information and documents disclosed to me or produced by me, or prepared by me during or as a result of the evaluation, and that this information will be used only for the purposes of this evaluation and will not be disclosed to third parties;
- 3) I undertake to use any information obtained in connection with the evaluation commissioned to me by the NCBR only for the purposes of the evaluation,
- 4) I undertake not to copy, reproduce, publish or distribute, in whole or in part, any information related to the evaluation commissioned to me by the NCBR, except for the purposes related to performance thereof,
- 5) the content of my Peer Review or opinion will not be prepared, either fully or partially, using any artificial intelligence (AI) systems or other automated analytical tools³. Furthermore, by submitting this statement on confidentiality, I acknowledge that I may not transmit the contents of applications or any other materials to external tools, including AI-based systems, whether in explicit or anonymised form. I also acknowledge that, in all circumstances, I bear full responsibility for the content, accuracy and compliance with requirements of the Peer Review or opinion submitted to the NCBR, and that I will maintain full confidentiality and protect all data contained in the applications and other materials in accordance with applicable law and professional ethics.

At the same time, I acknowledge that the obligation of confidentiality is not affected by the disclosure of information:

- 1) that is part of the public domain at the time of disclosure or enters the public domain after disclosure without violating the aforementioned information protection principles;
- 2) that was available to me prior to its disclosure by the NCBR, provided that there is no legal impediment to the disclosure of this information;
- 3) that I have obtained after it has been made available by the NCBR from a source other than the NCBR, provided that there is no legal impediment to the disclosure of such information;
- 4) required to be disclosed under generally applicable law.

I hereby declare as follows:

- 1) I have full civil rights,
- 2) I have full legal capacity,
- 3) I have not been sentenced by a final judgment for an intentional crime or for an intentional fiscal crime⁴.

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(place)

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(legible signature of the expert)

³ It is stipulated that Artificial intelligence (AI) systems and other automated analytical tools may only be used for ancillary purposes, including the collection of publicly accessible information or technical and editorial activities, as long as they do not alter the substance of the Expert's Peer Review or opinion. Such use is only permitted provided that full confidentiality and protection of the documentation entrusted to the Expert are maintained, including personal data, trade secrets, know-how, etc., and that such use complies with the Expert's contractual obligations and applicable laws.

⁴ Applies to experts performing tasks arising from the Act of 11 July 2014 on the principles governing the implementation of the cohesion policy programmes financed under the 2014–2020 financial perspective and the Act of 28 April 2022 on the principles governing the implementation of tasks financed from European funds under 2021–2027 financial perspective.