

European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change

Declaration of interests

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Date of designation as member of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change:
24/03/2026

I, the undersigned, hereby declare to the best of my information, knowledge and belief, that:

☐ I have no interests to declare in the field of activities of the Advisory Board ⁽¹⁾.

☒ I have recorded all relevant interests in the field of activities of the Advisory Board ⁽²⁾.

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Please provide information on all interests that are or might be perceived as related to the activities of the Advisory Board and which may thus lead to any actual or potential conflict of interest prejudicial to your independence in the performance of your duties as a member of the Advisory Board. Please add as many rows to the table below as necessary. Annexed to the form you will find the **Declaration of Interests guidance** that you are requested to read and follow when filling in the form below.

⁽¹⁾ If you have no interests to declare, tick here, date, sign and return the form to the Secretariat.

⁽²⁾ If you have interests to declare, please complete, date, sign and return the form to the Secretariat.
The guidance to the declaration of interests is annexed below.

Title/function + own/family member	Period of activity	Company/ organisation	Activity	Relevance to Advisory Board
1. Employment with a company or organisation, including any contractual link (e.g. leave on personal grounds/secondment)				
Professor of Climate Change Adaptation	Since 2012	School of Earth, Environment and Sustainability, University of Leeds	Research, teaching, administration	
Priestley Principal Fellow	Since March 2025	Priestley Centre for Climate Futures, University of Leeds	Research and administration	
Deputy Director for Policy Engagement	Jan 24-Feb 25	Priestley Centre for Climate Futures, University of Leeds	Research and administration	
Seconded	Oct-Dec 2024	UK's Government Office for Science	Research	
2. Member of a governing body or equivalent structure of a company or organisation				
3. Other membership, affiliation, or advisory role (paid and non-paid)				
Member of the UK Climate Information Expert Advisory Group	March 2026-	UK Government	Advisor	
Member of the Met Office Hadley Centre (MOHC) Science Review and Advisory Group (SRAG)	Jan 2024-	UK Government	Advisor	
Member of the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) – Climate Transdisciplinary Advisory Body	Sep 22-Present	Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) – Climate	Advisor	
Member of the Expert Advisory Group for the European Climate Risk Assessment	Sep 22-May 24	European Environment Agency	Advisor	
Specialist Advisor to the Joint	Jan 22-Mar 23	UK Parliament	Advisor	

Committee on the National Security Strategy (JCNSS) of the UK Parliament (for inquiry on critical national infrastructure and climate adaptation)				
Member of the National Infrastructure Commission Advisory Panel on Climate Resilience	Jun 21-Oct 23	UK's National Infrastructure Commission	Advisor	
Member of Elsevier's Climate Advisory Board	Jun 21-Sep 22	Elsevier	Advisor	
4. Research funding from a company or organisation, including any contractual link (e.g. grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support > 10,000 EUR per year)				
Funder	PI or Col	Title	Duration	Local value
NIHR	Col	Whole-system Adaptation for Resilient Mental Health (WARM) Development Award	Jan-26-Nov-26	£99k (total value)
NERC	Col	Understanding Uncertainty to Reduce Climate Risks (UNRISK) NERC Centre for Doctoral Training	Jun-25-Feb-32	£975,840 (total value)
Met Office	PI	Climate Services at Scale - Training and User Support	May-25-Nov-25	£62k
UKRI	PI	Public Climate Adaptation Dialogue extension project	Oct-24-Jun-25	£55k
Met Office	Col	The Role of Purveyors in Delivering Climate Services in the UK	Oct-24-Mar-25	£75k
UKRI (ESRC, AHRC, NERC) and Defra	Col	COastal Communities And Seas Together for Resilience Network Plus (COAST-R)	Mar 24-Sep 28	£28,553
NERC	Named	Integrating Nature-Climate Scenarios & Analytics for Financial Decision-Making	Nov-23-Mar-24	£75,000

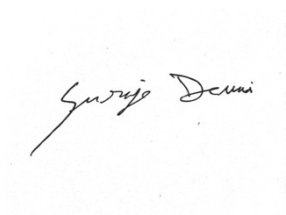
		(INCAF) – Rapid Project		
Lloyd's Register Foundation	Col	An integrative approach to the World Risk Poll: Analysing risk perception and preparedness to develop effective disaster risk communication strategies	Aug-23-Jul-26	£435,115
Horizon Europe	PI	Adaptation-oriented Seamless Predictions of European Climate (ASPECT)	Jan-23-Dec-26	€ 626,156
Horizon Europe	PI	Climateurope2 - Supporting and standardizing climate services in Europe and beyond	Sep-22-Feb-27	€ 155,867
UKRI (through Ipsos UK)	PI	A Sciencewise and Defra Public Dialogue on Climate Adaptation	Feb-22- Jun-22	£29,400
British Academy	PI	Horizon Europe Pump Priming Collaboration between UK and EU Partners	Dec-21- Mar-22	£10,000
Horizon 2020	PI	REmote Climate Effects and their Impact on European sustainability, Policy and Trade (RECEIPT)	Sep-19- Dec-23	€405,903
5. Intellectual property rights (e.g. patent, trademark, copyright or proprietary know-how)				
6. Investments in a company or organisation, including holding of stocks and/or shares, stock options, equity, bonds, partnership interest in the capital of such undertaking, one of its subsidiaries or a company (> 10,000 EUR per commercial entity)				
7. Public statements and positions				
8. Other relevant information that could be seen as jeopardising your independence as the Advisory Board Member				

I hereby declare that I have read the Advisory Board policy for the prevention and management of conflict of interest and the Declaration of Interests guidance and that to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief the information above is true and complete.

I am aware that I am exclusively responsible for the complete and truthful declaration of the interests held by my family members.

I acknowledge that I will immediately inform the Head of the Secretariat of any change in my situation resulting in additional relevant interests and that I will fill out and sign a new declaration of interests accordingly.

Date: 20/03/2026



Signature: