

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:
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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	1 January 2014 onwards	University of Eastern Finland	Professor of International Law and Co-Director, Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law CCEEL	
External expert Advisor	March – May 2026	Ecologic Institute	Expert advisor in a project by the Ecologic Institute and Ramboll supporting the Commission in its impact assessment for the revision of the Governance Regulation. Mainly commenting on reports prepared by the consultants.	Related to EU climate policy
Consultant	June–September 2025	Finnish Ministry of the Environment	Co-authoring a report on the legal framework applicable to the review of Finland's climate targets under the Climate Change Act of 2022: https://api.hankeikkuna.fi/asiakirjat/0e5c1169-2025-449c-963c-0ce86149328f/99e60778-6707-41aa-8633-afe142ba7dba/MUISTIO_20251113122212.PDF	Related to EU climate law
Consultant	Sept. – Dec. 2025	Finnish Institute for Foreign Affairs	Co-authoring a report commissioned by the Finnish Ministry of the Environment on the Paris Agreement at Ten: https://valtioneuvosto.fi/-/1410903/tutkimus-pariisin-sopimuksella-on-merkittava-vaikutus-ilmastopolitiikkaan-tulevaisuus-epavarmempi?languageId=en_US	Related to climate change law
Consultant	2023	Ministry of the Environment (through CC Law Consulting)	Part of a consortium co-authoring a Guide on Best Practices in the Voluntary Carbon Markets: https://urn.fi/URN:ISBN:978-952-383-815-4	
Consultant	2022	Finnish Government	Part of a consortium co-authoring a report on specific issues related to the voluntary carbon market: https://ym.fi/documents/1410903/33891761/Selvitys_Vapaa	

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Civil servant (spouse)	ongoing	European Commission	Work since Feb. 2021 not related to climate policy. Previously working on UN climate negotiations, including as a Member of the Standing Committee on Climate Finance (UNFCCC) until 12/2021.	
2. Member of a governing body or equivalent structure of a company or organisation				
Board Member	1 October 2025 onwards	European Association of Climate Law	Non-profit organization advancing the study of climate change law in Europe	Focus on EU climate policy and law
Member of Editorial Board	1 January 2017 onwards	Climate Law Journal	Publishing peer-reviewed articles on topics related to climate change law.	Also covers EU climate change law
Member of Editorial Board	until Dec. 2025	Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law	Publishing peer-reviewed articles on topics related to environmental law.	Also covers EU climate change law
Partner	1 August 1990 onwards	with additional trade name of CC Law – Climate Change Law Consulting	Partner in family-owned company offering business consulting services. The company is mainly inactive after parent's retirement in 2008 and its work is mainly not relevant for the ESABCC's mandate. I have undertaken two short-term consultancies on climate change policy through the company in the past five years listed above under consultancies	

3. Other membership, affiliation, or advisory role (paid and non-paid)				
Member (own)	1 January 2024 - 31 Dec. 2027	Finnish Climate Change Panel	Independent scientific advice on climate policy	Providing advice on EU climate policy and law
Member on behalf of the Finnish climate Change Panel (own)	1 January 2025 to 31 Dec. 2027	Sami Climate Council	Independent expert advice on climate policy.	Providing advice on EU climate policy and law
Member (own)	1 January 2022 onwards	Finnish Association for Environmental Law	Advancing the study of environmental law in Finland and facilitating collaboration in the field	Contribution to events on EU climate law and policy
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)				
Principal Investigator (PI) at the University of Eastern Finland (UEF)	Sept. 2024 - 31 Aug. 2027	Finnish Ministry of the Environment	Funding for a project by the Finnish Climate Change Panel: Options for implementing the EU's 2040 climate architecture I and II (€ 46 700 + € 30 000)	Related to EU climate policy
PI at UEF	1 Nov. 2025 - 30 June 2027	Finnish Ministry of the Environment	Funding for a project by the Finnish Climate Change Panel: Synthesis of AFOLU-sector emission reductions and economic impacts (€ 40 000)	Related to EU climate policy

PI at UEF Law School	Jan. 2021 - June 2028	Research Council of Finland	Finnish science flagship: Atmosphere and Climate Competence Centre ACCC	Related to EU climate policy
Consortium PI	Nov. 2020 - Sept. 2026	Finnish Strategic Research Council	Project funding: Leaving No One Lost in Transition: Citizens and the Legitimacy of Finland's Transition to a Carbon Neutral Welfare State (2035 Legitimacy) (€ 1 243 000)	Related to EU climate policy
PI at UEF	Aug. 2023 - Aug. 2027	Research Council of Finland	Project funding: Voluntary carbon offsetting in (climate) action: Perception coalitions, representations, and regulation (Consortium: OFFCORR (€ 280 000)	Related to EU climate policy
PI at UEF	Jan. 2018 to Sept. 2023	Finnish Strategic Research Council	Project funding: Novel Soil Management Practices - Key for Sustainable Bioeconomy and Climate Change Mitigation (SOMPA) (€ 333 333)	Related to EU climate policy
PI at UEF	June 2021 - 2024	European Commission Horizon 2020	Project funding: Innovation, Investment, Infrastructure and sector Integration: Transformative policies for a Climate-neutral European Union (4iTracgtion, €356 219)	Related to EU climate policy
PI	Jan. 2017 - Dec. 2022	European Research Council	Project Funding: Slowing Down Climate Change: Combining Climate Law and Climate Science to Identify the Best Options to Reduce Emissions of Short-lived Climate Forcers in Developing Countries (ClimaSlow, € 1.5 million)	Related to EU climate policy
PI	Jan. 2024 - Dec. 2026	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland	Funding for the annual UEF-UN Environment Programme course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements, providing training to climate negotiators and diplomats from developing countries. Own: organizing and leading the course in 2024 and 2026.	Related to climate policy
Expert	2022 - 2025	Horizon 2020 and Europe	Contribution to reports and activities of GreenDealNet (Towards an EU Climate Governance Framework to Deliver on the European Green Deal), including co-authoring three policy	Related to EU climate

		an Climat e Found ation	options papers on EU climate governance funded by the European Climate Foundation.	e policy
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)				
			Only through investment fund	
7. Public statements and positions				
Expert statem ent	Nov. 2025		Legal expert statement in a process related to the application of EU Emissions Trading Directive to a Finnish manufacturing company	
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.

Signature:

Date: 13 March 2026

