

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)				
Associate professor	2018-ongoing	University of Milan	Academic	Primary professional role. Directly relevant because it provides my scientific expertise in forest ecology, climate change impacts, mitigation, adaptation, and evidence-based policy analysis
2. Member of a governing body or equivalent structure of a company or organisation				
President	2025-ongoing	Climate Media Center Italia (Association)	Supporting climate communication for journalists	Relevant through climate communication and science-policy-public interface activities. This role supports dissemination and understanding of climate science but does not involve decision-making on ESABCC matters.
3. Other membership, affiliation, or advisory role (paid and non-paid)				
Member of scientific committee	2023-ongoing	WWF Italy	Scientific advisory	Relevant because it involves scientific advice on biodiversity, conservation, and climate-related environmental issues. Role is advisory only.
Member of ethical committee	2024-ongoing	Banca Etica srl	Ethical and scientific advisory	Relevant in relation to sustainability, ethical evaluation, and environmental responsibility in the bank's investments.

Member of scientific committee	2022-ongoing	Europa Verde	Scientific advisory	Political party – with external role (not affiliated). Relevant because it involves scientific input to Italian MPs and local representatives on environmental and climate-related matters and campaigns
Member of scientific committee	2021-ongoing	Federparchi Italia	Scientific advisory	Relevant because it concerns advising on protected areas, biodiversity, ecosystem resilience, and climate adaptation
Member of scientific committee	2022-ongoing	Oasi Zegna	Scientific advisory	Relevant through advisory work on sustainable landscape and ecosystem management in the Oasis (Northern Italy, private ownership)
Member of scientific committee	2022-ongoing	Festival della Biodiversità Parco Nord Milano	Scientific advisory	Relevant mainly through advising and organizing public engagement and science communication on biodiversity and climate issues.
Member of scientific committee	2023-ongoing	ANARF National Association for Regional Forestry Activities	Scientific advisory	It concerns advising and organizing events and communications on forestry, land management, ecosystem resilience, and climate-related risks and adaptation by national and regional forests.
Member of scientific committee	2022-ongoing	Climalteranti	Scientific advisory	Relevant because it involves climate science communication and public dissemination

				of climate-related knowledge.
Member of scientific committee	2022-ongoing	Fondazione Alberitalia ETS	Scientific advisory	Relevant through advising on forest planting, forests, ecosystem services, climate mitigation/adaptation, in consultancy and communication activities by these NGO.
Member of scientific committee	2022-ongoing	Giant Trees Foundation	Scientific advisory	
Member of scientific committee	2023-ongoing	Italian Climate Network	Scientific advisory	Relevant because it concerns climate science outreach, stakeholder engagement, and public understanding of climate issues.
Member of scientific committee	2023-ongoing	FIPER Italian Federation of Producers of Renewable Energy	Scientific advisory	Relevant through scientific advising on lobbying and communication activities on renewable energy, especially biomass
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)				
Funded research	2020-ongoing	Parco Nazionale Appennino Tosco Emiliano	Four contracts for funded research, about 60 000 EUR total	
Funded research	2019-2021	Parco Agricolo Sud Milano	Contract for funded research, 18 000 EUR	
Funded research	2021-2024	Treedom srl	Contract for cofounded PhD position, 30000 EUR	
Funded research	2022-2024	Parco Regionale della Valle del Ticino	Contract for funded research, 18 000 EUR	

Funded research	2020-ongoing	Ente Regionale Servizi Agricoltura e Foreste Lombardia	Five Contracts for funded research, about 100 000 EUR overall	
Funded research	2023-2025	Comunità Montana Valli del Verbano	Two Contract sfor funded research, about 60 000 EUR overall	
Funded research	2023-2025	Parco Regionale Campo di Fiori	Contract for funded research, 25 000 EUR	
Funded research	2023-2025	DG Walfare Lombardia	Contract for funded research, 5 000 EUR	
Funded research	2024-ongoing	Nestlé Waters – Gruppo Sanpellegrino	Annual Contracts for funded research, about 40 000 EUR overall	
Funded research	2025-ongoing	Sorgenia Luce e Gas	Contract for funded research, 55 000 EUR	
Funded research	2025-ongoing	Comune di Modena	Contract for funded research, 45 000 EUR	
Funded research	2025-ongoing	Comune di Cologno Monzese	Contract for funded research, 30 000 EUR	
Funded research	2025-ongoing	RSE S.p.A.	Contract for funded research, 60 000 EUR	
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				
Many interviews, public talks, and participation to Italian TV/radio programs and podcasts on issues around climate change, forest management, and biodiversity.				
8. Other relevant information that could be seen as jeopardising your independence as the Advisory Board Member				
Testimonial in an ad (2019 – Ikea italia)				
Since 2019 I've been engaged in multiple (200+) public speaking and teaching activities, paid by public administrations, NGOs, media outlets, or private companies (examples include Edison, A2A, Rilegno, Keminova, SATA agricultural consultancy, and others). Payment never exceeded 3000 EUR. For some of these activities, I am managed by the creator agency Elastica srl.				
In 2025 and 2026 I've served as unpaid external committee member for selection procedures of personnel by RSE S.p.A (https://www.rse-web.it)				
Additional funded research (through University of Milan) < 10 000 EUR between 2018 and 2026 from Lifegate srl, DREAM soc. coop., Demetra soc. coop., Comune di Branzi, SAFE s.c.a.r.l., eNOVIA venture studio. Treedom srl.				
At the moment of writing, I am engaged in talks to start paid consultancies as a private expert on biodiversity and restoration activities for EETRA Italia (www.eetra.it) and SAVET srl (www.savet.it).				
In all my private consultancy activity, public speaking, and university funded research activities, I always strive to avoid stipulating contracts with companies from the Oil and Gas sector, or with a climate mitigation policy which I deem non compliant with the Paris Agreement Goals. This includes trying to avoid public speaking at events or venues sponsored by such companies.				

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: 7.3.2026