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1. THE PRINCIPLE

When selecting independent experts, the DESIRE consortium has to ensure that the expert does not have any conflict of interest in relation to the proposal or innovative idea on which they are required to give an opinion.

The expert must perform their work impartially. To this end, the expert is required to:

- a. confirm there is no conflict of interest for the work s/he is carrying out by signing a declaration prior to starting their work.
- b. inform the contracting party of any conflicts of interest arising in the course of their work.

In general, a conflict of interest exists if an expert has any vested interests in relation to the proposal or innovative idea upon which s/he is asked to give advice, or the expert and/or their organisation stands to benefit directly or indirectly, as a direct result of the work carried out, or is in any other situation that compromises their ability to carry out their work impartially.

The DESIRE consortium will decide whether a conflict of interest exists, taking into account the circumstances, available information and related risks when an expert is in any situation that could cast doubt on their ability to carry out their work.

If an expert knowingly conceals a conflict of interest, and is discovered during the evaluation or judgement, the expert will be immediately excluded, and (part of) the evaluation or judgement needs to be redone.

A disqualifying conflict of interest exists if an expert:

- Was involved in the preparation of the proposal or innovative idea;
- Stands to benefit directly should the proposal be accepted;
- Has a close family relationship with any person representing an applicant organisation in the proposal;
- Is an investor, director, trustee or partner of an applicant organisation;
- Is employed by one of the applicant organisations in a proposal;
- Is in any other situation that compromises his or her ability to evaluate the proposal or

innovative idea impartially.

A potential conflict of interest may exist, even in cases not covered by the clear disqualifying conflicts indicated above, if an expert:

- Was employed by one of the applicant organisations in a proposal or innovative idea within the previous three years;
- Is involved in a contract or collaboration with an applicant organisation, or had been so in the previous three years;
- Is in any other situation that could cast doubt on his or her ability to evaluate the proposal or innovative idea impartially, or that could reasonably appear to do so in the eyes of an external third party.

Experts with a disqualifying conflict of interest may not participate in the evaluation at all.

2. IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING

- a. The DESIRE consortium shall brief the experts in writing or verbally on the need to exclude a conflict of interest prior to their engagement. The briefing shall be documented.
- b. The DESIRE consortium provides experts with a contact to report conflicts of interests as soon as they arise, upon which the evaluation the DESIRE consortium takes action without delay. The DESIRE consortium shall monitor potential conflicts of interest and document all issues arising from it.
- c. As part of the evaluation report provided to the Commission, the DESIRE consortium shall include a section reporting how conflicts of interest have been handled and any specific issues which arose prior and during the evaluation.



3. MODEL DECLARATION TO SIGN

I undertake to abide by the provided “GUIDELINES FOR THE JURY AND EVALUATORS”.

I undertake to inform the evaluation organiser immediately if I discover any disqualifying or potential conflict of interest with any proposal that I am asked to evaluate or which is the subject of discussion in any evaluation meeting in which I participate (Declaration of no conflict of interest).

Please check one of the two boxes below

- In particular, I declare that I have not submitted, nor am I, to my knowledge involved in any proposal currently under evaluation or submitted for evaluation, under the DESIRE project.
- In particular, I declare that my participation in the Jury panel of DESIRE open call could create a conflict of interest:

I undertake not to reveal any detail of the evaluation process and its outcomes or of any proposal submitted for evaluation without the express written approval of the DESIRE consortium. In case of evaluations carried out outside evaluation organisers' controlled premises, I understand that I will be held personally responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of any documents or electronic files sent and for returning, erasing or destroying all confidential documents or files upon completing the evaluation, unless otherwise instructed.

For acceptance:

Signature and Stamp:

Place, Date:

