



# MANAGING CONFLICT OF INTERESTS FOR BETTER USE OF EU FUNDS

**10 APRIL 2019 BRUSSELS**  
CHARLEMAGNE BUILDING - DE GASPERI ROOM

The conference aims at identifying and sharing best practices in managing conflict of interests for a better implementation of EU funds by Member States. It gathers participants from managing, certifying and audit authorities, as well as from the EU Institutions and the OECD.

## Morning session

- 9:30 – 10:00** Registration & welcome coffee
- 10:00 – 10:10** Opening by Mr Gert Jan Koopman, Director-General, DG BUDG
- 10:10 – 10:30** Conflict of interests: EU legal framework and Member States survey, by Mr Olivier Waelbroeck, Director, DG BUDG
- 10:30 – 10:50** Practical experience in applying EU conflict of interests rules in shared management - lessons learned and outlook to the future
- Ms Christina Borchmann, Director, DG AGRI
  - Mr Lothar Kuhl, Head of Unit, DG REGIO
  - Mr Mark Schelfhout, Head of Unit, DG EMPL
- 10:50 – 11:20** **Panel I: Situations that may objectively be perceived as a conflict of interests**
- Moderated by Mr Michael Erhart, Head of Unit, DG BUDG
  - Mr Dan Lucian Vlădescu, President, Audit Authority, Court of Auditors, Romania
  - Ms Nata Lasmane, Director, EU Funds Audit Department, Ministry of Finance, Latvia
  - Ms Meliha Sevinc Husberg, Legal Advisor, Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Sweden
  - Ms Izadora Zubek, International Project Officer, High Authority for Transparency in Public Life, France

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11:20 – 11:30

Questions & answers

11:30 – 12:00

**Coffee break**

12:00 – 12:30

**Panel II: Who must avoid conflict of interests?**

- Moderated by **Mr Horea Todoran**, Head of Unit, DG AGRI
- **Ms Ludmila Rangelova**, Executive Director, Audit of EU Funds Executive Agency, Bulgaria
- **Mr Kari Rouvinen**, Head of Audit Authority (ERDF, ESF, FEAD), Ministry of Finance, Finland
- **Mr Jorge Castejon Gonzalez**, Director, National Audit Office, Spain

12:30 – 12:40

Questions & answers

12:40 – 13:00

**Managing conflict of interests for better use of EU funds**, key-note speech by **Mr Günther H. Oettinger**, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

## Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30

Networking lunch

## Afternoon session

14:30 – 15:00

**Panel III: Mitigating measures in case of conflict of interests**

- Moderated by **Mr Charlie Grant**, Head of Unit, DG REGIO
- **Mr Tony Mortier**, Finance Inspector, Flemish Audit Authority for European Structural Funds, Belgium
- **Ms Eirini Koumparouli**, Antifraud Coordinator, General Secretariat Against Corruption, Greece
- **Mr Jan Szymański**, Director, Regional Programmes Department, Pomorskie Region, Poland
- **Ms Mateja Mahkovec**, Director, Management Authority, Slovenia

15:00 – 15:10

Questions & answers

15:10 – 15:40

**Best practices in managing conflict of interests - lessons learned from the OECD**, by **Mr Janos Bertok**, Head of Division, Public Sector Integrity, OECD

15:40 – 16:00

Questions & answers

16:00 – 16:15

**Concluding remarks** by **Mr Gert Jan Koopman**, Director-General, DG BUDG

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