

## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Title: Dr.  
First Name: Verena  
Surname: WEBER  
Position: Director of the BEREC Office

hereby declares to have the following direct or indirect interests of relevance to BEREC and/or the BEREC Office:

1. Work and activities in organisations relevant to the operating area of BEREC and/or the BEREC Office.

During the past 3 years, all activities performed for or on behalf of an organization operating in a related field, whether related to the substance of BEREC and/or the BEREC Office mandate or to its operational support, and whether or not these activities have been subject to regular or occasional remuneration in cash or kind, either by the declaring member or to the best of his/her knowledge the members of his/her household, including i) participation in the internal decision-making of a company (e.g. Board membership, executive or non executive directorship), ii) permanent or temporary member of the personnel of a company/institute (Other activities performed within a company (e.g. traineeship) are also subject to declaration.), iii) work contracted out by companies/institute, through consultancy or otherwise. Indicate names of organisation/Position/Period:

During the past 3 years, I held the position as Head of the Connectivity Services and Infrastructure Unit at the OECD which is a full-time position with full-time salary. The OECD is an International Organisation composed of 38 Member countries at the day of writing this document. More information on the OECD can be found at: [www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org).

2. From the moment of taking up the duties of Director of the BEREC Office, any financial interests in a company relevant to the operating area of BEREC and/or the BEREC Office and/or voting rights in a company, including holding of stocks and shares, equity, bonds, partnership interests<sup>1</sup> in the capital of a company, one of its subsidiaries or a company in the capital of which it has a holding (names of the companies):

I hold shares in ETF funds, which track indices and, as such, are passive investment vehicles.

The ETFs in my portfolio track the following indices:

<sup>1</sup> When declaring financial interests e.g. stocks and shares, only the kind, number and company name need be stated.

- MSCI EM ex Egypt ESG Leaders Select 5% Issuer Custom Capped
- MSCI EM Asia ESG Leaders Select 5% Issuer Custom Capped
- Solactive ISS ESG US Tech 100
- STOXX Europe 600 NR
- S&P 500 Composite (NR)

3. Other links with the field of activity of BEREC and/or the BEREC Office during the preceding 3 years, including the participation in relevant activities supported by EU grants or contracts. All assistance and support received from stakeholders of BEREC and/or the BEREC Office, whether associated with direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefits, including: i) grants for study or research, ii) fellowships or sponsorships endowed by a company operating in the related business and iii) any other relevant activity related to EU grants and contracts. If such assistance or support is still subject to compensation in any form then declaration of any activity independently of granting period:

Joint organization of two virtual BEREC and OECD webinars on QoS and QoE in June 2020 with BEREC.

4. Any membership role or affiliation, or any other links with the organisations relevant to BEREC and/or the BEREC Office.

During the preceding 3 years, interests of non-pecuniary or material benefit to the declaring member, arising from professional activities or affiliation with national or international organisations or bodies with tasks similar to BEREC. It also includes the participation in public interest groups, professional societies, clubs or organisations which have an agenda or an interest or involvement in BEREC's and/or the BEREC Office's work:

Internet Sanctions Project – Member of the oversight board. Non-remunerated activity.

The Internet Sanctions Project is an open, Internet community governed, project which will produce real-time BGP and RPZ data feeds of network resources (IP addresses, Autonomous System numbers, and domain names) associated with sanctioned entities. These data feeds facilitate Internet network operators in complying with governmentally-mandated sanctions against violators of international and human rights law.

The oversight board will provide a final check on which resources are included in the blocking feed, verifying its conformity with international and human rights law. When anything is added to the feed, an announcement will be posted to the (read-only) announcement email list.

5. Other interests or facts whether or not related to such organisations which you consider should be made known to BEREC and/or the BEREC Office, including matters relating to the members of your household:

To the best of my knowledge, the only direct or indirect interests I, or any members of my household have, in organisations relevant to the operating area of BEREC and/or the BEREC Office related to my position referred to above are those listed above.

I further declare that should any changes occur and should it appear that I have or acquire additional interests that should be made known to BEREC and/or the BEREC Office I shall forthwith declare them and complete a new declaration of interests detailing the changes.

I understand that this Declaration **will be published on BEREC's website** and entered in a register held by the BEREC Office, which is accessible to the public, on request at the seat of the BEREC Office.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Weber".

Date: 21 February 2024

## ANNEX

### **Conflict of Interest: Legal basis**

General provisions on conflict of interest are laid down in the Staff Regulation and the Conditions of Employment of other Staff<sup>2</sup>. The Financial Regulation defines what a conflict of interest of a financial nature is<sup>3</sup>.

Article 42 (1) of the BEREC Regulation<sup>4</sup> requires the Director to make a written declaration indicating his/her commitments and the absence or presence of any direct or indirect interests that might be considered to prejudice his/her independence.

Such declarations shall be made at the time of taking up the responsibilities, shall be accurate and complete, and shall be updated where there is a risk of there being any direct or indirect interest that might be considered to prejudice the independence of the person making the declaration.

The declarations made by the Director shall be made public.

The Board of Regulators and the Management Board have therefore decided to give guidance on how these rules should be interpreted as far as the Members of the Board of Regulators Members of the Management Board, the Director and the staff of the BEREC Office are concerned.

### **Conflict of Interest: Definition**

A conflict of interest exists when a person appointed to a function has a personal or vested interest in the outcome of decisions resulting from that function. Consequently, a person must not be involved in any decision during the course of his/her duties with the knowledge that there is an opportunity to further his/her personal interests.

It must be highlighted that an "interest" declared is not automatically considered a conflict of interest. Therefore, the immediate aim of a conflict-of-interest policy is to protect the integrity of official policy and administrative decisions and of public management generally.

Interests can be direct or indirect depending on their likely or potential impact on the individual's behaviour at a given point in time:

- Direct interests: Interests of personal benefit to the individual at the time of declaration, likely to influence or given the appearance of influencing his behaviour.
- Indirect interests: Other interests that may have some influence over the individual's behaviour and therefore have to be neutralised.

Some examples of cases that could lead to a conflict of interests are:

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<sup>2</sup> See in particular Article 11 of the Staff Regulations, Consolidated text in force as of 01/01/2023, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01962R0031-20230101>

<sup>3</sup> See Article 61 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222

<sup>4</sup> See Regulation (EU) 2018/1971 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office), OJ L 321, 17.12.2018, p. 1–35

Some examples of cases that could lead to a conflict of interests are:

- a) any matter being considered by, or arising at, a meeting of the Board of Regulators and/or of the Management Board in which a Member, the Director, the staff of the BEREC Office or any household member have a direct or an indirect pecuniary interest;
- b) a situation where a Member of the Board of Regulators and/or of the Management Board, the Director or the staff of the BEREC Office are in a position to make or make a decision, or are in a position to act or do act, motivated by other or additional considerations than the best interests of BEREC;
- c) a situation where a Member of the Board of Regulators and/or of the Management Board, the Director, the staff of the BEREC Office or any members of their household learn of an opportunity for profit which might be valuable either personally or to any person in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest.

These cases are not intended to be exhaustive.

It is recognized that it is often difficult to objectively assess whether a Conflict of Interest situation exists. If a Member of the Board of Regulators and of the Management Board, the Director or the staff of the BEREC Office feels that a potential Conflict of Interest position may exist he/she is bound to declare it immediately. Each individual is responsible for the declaration of his/her interests and, to the best of his/her knowledge, those of his household members. In order to maintain privacy, the names of the household members do not need to be declared.