

## DECLARATION OF EXCLUSION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, the undersigned, ..... hereby declare that I am not in a conflict of interest as defined by the conflict of interest definition below, with respect to the following project applications (applications for funding under the mechanism) within the scope of Component 9 of the Recovery and Resilience Plan of the Slovak Republic. Conflict of interest includes situations where impartial and objective performance of tasks may be influenced, disrupted, or endangered, particularly for family or emotional reasons, due to political or state affiliation, economic interest, or any other direct or indirect personal interest<sup>1</sup>.

With respect to the project application below:

- I am not an applicant;
- I am not a related person on the applicant's side, which includes:
  - a) Partner,
  - b) Supplier,
  - c) Subcontractor,
  - d) Statutory body or member of the statutory body, management body, or supervisory body of the applicant, partner, supplier, or subcontractor<sup>2</sup>.
  - e) Shareholder of a commercial company or member of a cooperative, which are applicants, partners, suppliers, or subcontractors. This does not apply if the shareholder of the commercial company is the state represented by an executor as the state asset manager<sup>3</sup>.
  - f) Person who is in an employment relationship with the applicant, partner, supplier, or subcontractor, or in a similar legal relationship with them<sup>4</sup>.
  - g) Person who participated in the preparation or implementation of the investment for the applicant or partner, or who received financial resources intended for the preparation or implementation of the investment.
  - h) Person who is a close person to the applicant, partner, or person listed in letters b) to g). A close person is a direct relative, sibling, or spouse. Other persons in a family or similar relationship are considered to be close persons to each other if one of them would reasonably feel their loss as their own.
  - i) Another person who is objectively capable of influencing, disrupting, or endangering impartial and objective performance of functions when carrying out the mechanism for family or emotional reasons, due to political or national affiliation, economic interests, or any other direct or indirect personal interest.
- I have not directly or indirectly participated in their preparation (e.g. the process of preparing a project application, the public procurement process, etc.);
- I have no direct or indirect benefit in the event of the approval/rejection of the assigned project application;

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<sup>1</sup> § 24 of Act No. 368/2021 Coll. on Recovery and Resilience Facility and Amendments of Some Acts

<sup>2</sup> currently is or was during the last three years before the conclusion of the mandate contract

<sup>3</sup> currently is or was during the last three years before the conclusion of the mandate contract

<sup>4</sup> currently is or was during the last three years before the conclusion of the mandate contract; in case of universities the relationship to a specific part of the university (e.g. faculty, institute, etc.) is assessed

- I have not been and am not an business partner of the applicant/partner during the last three years prior to the conclusion of the procurement contract (e.g. property linkage in a third company, co-owners of a third company, etc.).

**If I discover during the evaluation process that I am in a conflict of interest or a related party on the applicant's side, including competition with another project application in the evaluation process in which I may be in a conflict of interest, I will immediately report this fact to the. Výskumná agentúra and immediately terminate the evaluation of the relevant project application.**

Project code	Applicant <small>(Official name of the entity)</small>

<b>Full name</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	