

Background and declaration of interest

Merete Clause - EIF Deputy Chief Executive

Merete Clausen was appointed EIF Deputy Chief Executive as of 16 January 2025.

With a distinguished career spanning over three decades, Merete Clausen has held key leadership positions within the European Commission, contributing significantly to EU investment and economic policy, and legal affairs.

From 2022 onwards, she served as Director for Investment at the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship, and SMEs (DG GROW), overseeing strategic investment initiatives.

Prior to this, Merete Clausen played a pivotal role in economic and financial policymaking, holding various Head of Unit positions in DG ECFIN, where she managed initiatives focusing on financing for innovation, competitiveness, and collaboration with international financial institutions. Earlier in her career, she was a member of the European Commission's Legal Service, specialising in budgetary, taxation, and customs matters.

Before joining the European Commission, Merete Clausen built a strong legal foundation as a lawyer-linguist at the European Court of Justice and practiced EU and competition law in a leading law firm in Denmark.

She began her legal career as an assistant attorney-at-law at Kammeradvokaten, the Legal Adviser to the Danish Government. She has a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Aarhus.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

Annex I

Date Click or tap to enter a date.

FULL NAME:	Merete Clausen
ROLE:	Deputy Chief Executive of the EIF
TERM'S START DATE:	16/01/2025

1 | OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

1.1 | CURRENT ACTIVITIES/POSITIONS NOT CONNECTED TO [EIB/EIF]'S WORK.

Please indicate (i) any official/professional activities/position(s), (ii) membership to governing bodies (e.g. of international, European or national agencies) and (iii) positions in institutes, associations, foundations.

Name of the body	Position (incl. outline of main tasks)	Nature of the business / type of activity of the body	Remunerated? (Yes/No)

☒ No current activities to declare

1.2 | PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES

Please indicate (i) any official/professional position(s), (ii) membership to governing bodies (e.g. of international, European or national agencies) and (iii) positions in institutes, associations, foundations, held in each case over the last 5 years.

End date	Name of the body	Position (incl. outline of main tasks)	Nature of the business/ type of activity of the body
(i)			
15/01/2025	European Commission	Director of the Investment Directorate, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	Government Administration
15/01/2022	European Commission	Head of Unit Coordination with the EIB Group, EBRD and IFIs, DG Economic and Financial Affairs	Government Administration
(ii)			
15/01/2025	EU Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)	Member of the Management Board and Budget Committee	Governance/Decentralized EU agency
25/04/2024	European Investment Fund (EIF)	Member of the Board of Directors	Governance
20/02/2023	European Innovation Council (EIC) Fund	Class A Director	Alternative Investment Fund under private law with the European Commission as sole shareholder

☐ No previous activities/positions to declare

2 | FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Please indicate all your financial interests (including collective investment schemes) above 10,000 EUR.

2.1 | FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ISSUED BY OR LINKED TO LISTED COMPANIES

ISIN	Type of financial instrument*	Issuer name	Number of instruments	Total value / Currency (at the time of declaration)	Managed on an independent basis by a third party portfolio manager (Y/N)

* to be filled in only if ISIN is not available

☒ No financial instrument issued by or linked to listed companies to declare

2.2 | FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ISSUED BY OR LINKED TO NON- LISTED COMPANIES

ISIN	Issuer name	Type of financial instrument*	Number of instruments	Total value / Currency (at the time of declaration)	Managed on an independent basis by a third party portfolio/wealth manager (Y/N)

* to be filled in only if ISIN is not available

☒ No financial instrument issued by or linked to non-listed companies to declare

3 | REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED AFTER THE APPOINTMENT IN THE EIF

The following real estate assets do not need to be declared:

1. Primary residence reserved for the exclusive use of you and/or your family.
2. Inherited properties
3. Real estate acquired prior appointment / hiring

Description	Country/town/city/village	Percentage of ownership

☒ No real estate to declare

4 | LIABILITIES

Please indicate all liabilities towards clients or counterparts of the EIB Group which could reasonably be considered to be capable of giving rise to a conflict of interest.

Type of Liability/Description	Total value / Currency (at the time of declaration)	Name of the entity

☒ No liabilities to declare

5 | SPOUSES / REGISTERED PARTNERS / DEPENDENT CHILDREN

5.1 | PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL ACTIVITY

To the best of your knowledge, please indicate the principal professional/occupational activity of your spouse/registered partner.

Relationship type (spouse/ registered partner or dependent children)	Name of the body	Position (incl. outline of main tasks)	Nature of the business of the body
Spouse	AHK Debelux	Community manager	Chamber of Commerce (EU Member State)

☐ No activity to declare

5.2 | FINANCIAL INTEREST AND LIABILITIES

To the best of your knowledge, please indicate:

- all financial instruments of your spouse/ registered partner and dependent children in excess of 10.000 EUR (including collective investment schemes); and
- all liabilities of your spouse/ registered partner and dependent children in excess of 10.000 EUR towards clients or counterparts of the EIB Group,

which could reasonably be considered to be capable of giving rise for you to a conflict of interest.

5.2.1 | FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ISSUED BY OR LINKED TO LISTED COMPANIES

Relationship type (spouse/ registered partner or dependent children)	ISIN	Type of financial instrument	Issuer name	Number of instruments	Total value / Currency (at the time of declaration)	Managed on an independent basis by a third party portfolio manager (Y/N)

* to be filled in only if ISIN is not available

☒ Nothing to declare

5.2.2 | FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ISSUED BY OR LINKED TO NON- LISTED COMPANIES

Relationship type (spouse/ registered partner or dependent children)	ISIN	Type of financial instrument*	Issuer name	Number of instruments	Total value / Currency (at the time of declaration)

* to be filled in only if ISIN is not available

☒ Nothing to declare

5.2.3 LIABILITIES

Relationship type (spouse/ registered partner or dependent children)	Type of the Liability/ Description	Total value / Currency at the time of declaration	Name of the entity

☒ Nothing to declare.

☒ I hereby declare that, as of 23/01/2025 * the information given here above is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

*on an annual basis on 31st December of each year or in the date of appointment or upon any material changes, as the case might be.

Date: 23/01/2025

Signature:

ANNEX Ia-Privacy statement

