

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Ad hoc committee to observe the early parliamentary elections to Bulgaria on 19 April 2026

I. I hereby declare the following interests in connection with the country concerned by this election observation, or which might influence the performance of my duties in the Parliamentary Assembly as member of this election observation mission.

1. I declare that I have an actual or potential conflict of interest in connection with the country concerned by this election observation or which might influence the performance of my duties as member of this election observation mission. This declaration concerns me directly, as well as the members of my family, directly or indirectly related, and/or with whom I am in regular contact:

Please strike out this section if not applicable.

Otherwise, please specify the nature of the actual or potential conflict of interest:

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2. I declare that I have accepted, in the last twenty-four months, the following gifts or other benefits and hospitality,¹ of a value in excess of 200 €, from the Bulgarian authorities concerned, or from a legal or natural person with links to the country concerned by this election observation:

Please strike out this section if not applicable.

Otherwise, please describe the gift and indicate the donor's identity (name, function, address/country):

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3. I declare that I have performed, in the last twenty-four months, the following occasional activities, mandates or missions, as consultant, advisor, expert, lobbyist, lecturer, etc. in connection with the country concerned by this election observation, or which might influence the performance of my duties as member of this election observation mission:

Please strike out this section if not applicable.

Otherwise, please indicate the activities concerned:

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4. I declare that I am a member of the following friendship groups or interparliamentary relations groups in connection with the country concerned by this election observation:

Please strike out this section if not applicable.

Otherwise, please indicate the name of the group(s):

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5. I declare that in the last ten years I took part in the following non-official missions conducted for the purpose of observing elections or in connection with elections in the country concerned by this election observation:

Please strike out this section if not applicable.

¹ Benefits (such as travel, transportation, accommodation, meals, social, sporting or cultural events, etc.) the costs of which are borne by the authorities are excluded from the declaration requirement on condition that these benefits are expressly mentioned in the official programme of the meeting (e.g. Standing Committee, committee or sub-committee or ad hoc committee or sub-committee), visit or mission (for example by the President of the Assembly, a rapporteur or Assembly representative)

Otherwise, please indicate the name of the State, the parliamentary, governmental or non-governmental organisation, association, foundation or other natural or legal person which invited or sponsored you:

II. I hereby declare that I have no actual or potential economic, commercial, financial or other interests on a professional, personal or family level in connection with the country concerned by this election observation, or which might influence the performance of my duties in the Parliamentary Assembly as member of this election observation mission. This declaration concerns me directly, as well as the members of my family, directly or indirectly related, and/or with whom I am in regular contact.

Please strike out this section if not applicable.

III. I confirm that I have taken notice of and undertake to respect the Code of conduct for International Election Observation Missions.

I note that this declaration will be made available to the Bureau of the Assembly when it approves the composition of the ad hoc committee.

Name Erich Hess

Date 5. März 2026

Signature:

