

DECISION 31/2021
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

**ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE SELECTION PROCEDURE
FOR A PROPOSAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE EIT GOVERNING BOARD**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast) ('EIT Regulation'), and, in particular, to Section 1 of the Statutes annexed thereto ('Statutes')¹;

Having regard to Decision 18/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 11 May 2021 on the Rules of Procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee, and, in particular, Article 16 thereof²;

Having regard to Commission Decision of 14 May 2018³ appointing three new members to the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology;

Having regard to Commission Decision of 9 November 2018⁴ appointing three new members to the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology;

Having regard to Decision 13/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 3 June 2015 on the Code of Good Conduct on conflicts of interest for members of the EIT Governing Board⁵;

Having regard to Decision 30/2021 of the Governing Board of 28 July 2021 of the EIT on the selection procedure for new EIT Governing Board members⁶;

WHEREAS

- (1) The EIT Governing Board shall consist of 15 members, appointed by the European Commission ('the Commission') for a four-year term of office, which may be extended once by a two-year period.⁷

¹ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61–90

² Ref. Ares(2021)3139636

³ C(2018)2760

⁴ C(2018)7320

⁵ 00227.EIT.2015.I.GB35

⁶ Ref. Ares Ares(2021)4874859

⁷ EIT Regulation, Section 1 (1), first indent.

- (2) The Commission shall appoint three additional members to the Governing Board to reach the number of 15 by 29 November 2022. The members of the Governing Board appointed before 28 May 2021 shall complete their non-renewable term of office.⁸
- (3) The mandate of three appointed members of the EIT Governing Board will expire on 30 June 2022, while the mandate of one appointed member of the EIT Governing Board will expire on 8 November 2022.
- (4) Members of the Board act in the interest of the EIT, safeguarding its goals and mission, safeguarding its mission and objectives, identity, autonomy and coherence, in an independent and transparent manner.⁹ They are bound by the Code of Good Conduct on conflicts of interest for the members of the Board¹⁰.
- (5) Where necessary, the Governing Board shall submit to the Commission a shortlist of candidates for the purposes of the appointment of a member or members. The shortlisted candidates shall be selected on the basis of the outcome of a transparent and open procedure initiated by the EIT.¹¹
- (6) In appointing the members of the Governing Board, the Commission shall make best efforts to ensure a balanced representation of those with experience in the fields of higher education (including vocational education and training), research, innovation and business, as well as gender and geographical balance and an appreciation of the higher education, research and innovation environment across the Union.¹²
- (7) Members of the Steering Committee shall be appointed from among the Board members and will be responsible for identifying a list of potential candidates.¹³
- (8) The Steering Committee shall be composed of three members of the Board, appointed by the Board, and an observer of the Commission.¹⁴

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Members of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is composed of the following members of the Board:

Mr Nektarios Tavernarakis – *Chair*
Ms Martina Larkin – *Member*
Ms Nora Khaldi – *Member*
Ms Agnès Plagneux - *Substitute*

⁸ EIT Regulation, Section 1 (1), sixth indent.

⁹ EIT Regulation, Section 1 (2).

¹⁰ Decision 13/2015 of the Board of 3 June 2015 (ref.no. 00227.EIT.2015.I.GB35).

¹¹ EIT Regulation, Section 1 (1), third indent.

¹² EIT Regulation, Section 1 (1), second indent.

¹³ Decision 30/2021 of the Board of 28 July 2021 (ref.no. (2021)4874859), Annex II, Section I.

¹⁴ Decision 30/2021 of the Board of 28 July 2021 (ref.no. (2021)4874859), Annex II, Section I.

Article 2
European Commission Observer

The Commission will ensure its representation as observer in the Steering Committee.

Article 3
Chairperson of the Steering Committee

Mr Nektarios Tavernarakis, member of the Board, is appointed as Chairperson of the Steering Committee.

Article 4
The role of the Steering Committee and its Chairperson

The role of the Steering Committee and its Chairperson is defined in Annex II of Decision 31/2021 of the Board on the selection procedure for new Board members.¹⁵

Article 5
Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication on the EIT's website.

Done in Budapest on 28 July 2021¹⁶

[E-signed]

Gioia Ghezzi

Chair of the EIT Governing Board

¹⁵ Decision 30/2021 of the Board of 28 July 2021 (ref.no. (2021)4874859)

¹⁶ Approved by written procedure on 28 July 2021.