

DECISION 21/2021
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE AUTHORISATION OF THE EIT DIRECTOR TO PREPARE, NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS AND GRANT AGREEMENTS

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast) (hereafter 'EIT Regulation'), in particular, Articles 6 (c) and 7 (4) thereof, point (1) (f) and (i) of section 2 and points (6) (f) and (h) of section 5 of the Statutes of the EIT annexed to the EIT Regulation;

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013;

Having regard to Decision 2021/820 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 2021-2027: Boosting the Innovation Talent and Capacity of Europe and repealing Decision No 1312/2013/EU (hereafter 'EIT SIA 2021-2027');

WHEREAS

(1) Pursuant to the EIT Regulation, the EIT shall set out the KICs' rights and obligations by means of partnership agreements and grant agreements;

(2) As of 2021, the EIT is part of the Horizon Europe Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and the new financial framework (i.e. EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027). In view of the start of the Horizon Europe Framework Programme, the EIT shall sign new partnership agreements with the KICs, which shall repeal the framework partnership agreements with retroactive effect as of 1 January 2021, and keep them up to date in line with the new legal framework;

(3) In order to implement the EIT legal framework, the EIT shall prepare, negotiate and conclude grant agreements with the KICs in line with the financial allocation decision(s) of the Governing Board, and amend these agreements as necessary during their implementation;

(3) In order to implement the objectives laid down in the EIT SIA 2021-2027 and in the Single Programming Document of the EIT, the EIT may prepare, negotiate and conclude grant agreements with other legal entities, and amend these agreements as necessary during their implementation;

(4) Pursuant to the recast EIT Regulation that entered into force on 28 May 2021, the Governing Board shall authorise the Director to prepare, negotiate and conclude partnership agreements and grant agreements with the KICs, as well as with other legal entities;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Authorisation to prepare, negotiate and conclude partnership agreements with the KICs

- (1) The EIT Director is hereby authorised to prepare, negotiate and conclude partnership agreements with the KICs.
- (2) The EIT Director is also authorised to prepare, negotiate and conclude amendments to the partnership agreements with the KICs.

Article 2

Authorisation to prepare, negotiate and conclude grant agreements with the KICs

- (1) The EIT Director is hereby authorised to prepare, negotiate and conclude grant agreements with the KICs, in line with the relevant decision(s) of the Governing Board on the allocation of the EIT financial contribution to the KICs.
- (2) The EIT is also authorised to prepare, negotiate and conclude amendments to the grant agreements with the KICs, within the framework of the relevant decision(s) of the Governing Board referred to in paragraph (1).

Article 3

Authorisation to prepare, negotiate and conclude grant agreements with other legal entities

- (1) The EIT Director is hereby authorised to prepare, negotiate and conclude grant agreements with other legal entities, in line with the objectives of the EIT SIA 2021-2027 and the Single Programming Document of the EIT.
- (2) The EIT is also authorised to prepare, negotiate and conclude amendments to the grant agreements referred to in paragraph (1) of this article, within the framework of the Single Programming Document of the EIT.

Article 4

Final provisions

- (1) This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption by the Governing Board. It shall be applicable with retroactive effect as of 28 May 2021, the entry into force of the recast EIT Regulation.
- (2) This decision shall be published on the EIT website.

Done in Budapest on 9 June 2021

Gioia Ghezzi
Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board