

DECISION 17/2022
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE APPROVAL OF THE RESULTS OF THE PANEL OF EXPERTS EVALUATION STAGE
IN THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2021
FOR A NEW EIT KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITY (KIC)
IN THE CULTURAL AND CREATIVE SECTORS AND INDUSTRIES (CCSI)

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 referred to as the “EIT Regulation (recast)”¹, in particular Articles 6(c), 9 and 17(2) thereof, point (e) of Section 2 of the Statutes and point 5 of Section 3 of the Statutes as annexed to the EIT Regulation (recast);

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 (hereafter referred to as the “Horizon Europe Regulation”)² in particular Articles 24, 28 and 29 thereof;

Having regard to Decision 2021/820 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 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 referred to as the “EIT SIA 2021-2027”)³, in particular Section 3.3 and Appendix 1 thereof;

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (hereinafter referred to as the “EU Financial Regulation”)⁴;

Having regard to Decision 21/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 25 September 2019 on the Financial Regulation of the EIT⁵, in particular Article 1 thereof;

Having Regard to Decision 18/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 7 May 2021 on the rules of procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee⁶;

¹ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61

² OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1

³ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 91

⁴ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1-222

⁵ Ref. Ares(2019)6810859

⁶ Ref. Ares(2021)3139636



Having regard to Decision 29/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 5 July 2021 on the adoption of the evaluation criteria of the EIT's Call for Proposals 2021 for a new EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI)⁷;

Having regard to Decision 38/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 8 October 2021 on the approval of the Call for Proposals 2021 for a new EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI)⁸;

Having regard to Decision 44/2021 of the EIT Governing Board of 25 November 2021 on the amendment of Decision 29/2021 of the EIT Governing Board and on the amendment of Decision 38/2021 of the EIT Governing Board regarding the Call for Proposals 2021 for a new EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI)⁹;

Having regard to the express opinion of the Commission Representative at the extraordinary meeting of the EIT Governing Board on 8 June 2022, as recorded in the minutes of the meeting;

WHEREAS

- (1) In accordance with Article 9(1) of the EIT Regulation (recast), a partnership shall be selected and designated by the EIT as a KIC following a competitive, open and transparent procedure. Detailed criteria for the selection of the KICs, based on the principles of excellence and innovation relevance in delivering on global challenges and Union policy priorities, shall be adopted and published by the EIT. External and independent experts shall be involved in the selection process.
- (2) The evaluation criteria for the EIT's 2021 Call for Proposals were published by the EIT on 6 July 2021.
- (3) The 2021 Call for Knowledge and Innovation Communities' proposals was launched on 26 October 2021 in the thematic area of cultural and creative sector industries.
- (4) Open webinars (information sessions) for the 2021 Call for proposals were held on 9 November, 16 November, 30 November and 7 December 2021 to provide potential applicants with information on the Call and with guidance on how to submit high quality and successful applications.
- (5) The deadline to submit applications was 24 March 2022. The EIT received five proposals.
- (6) An EIT Selection Committee was appointed by the EIT Responsible Authorising Officer before the deadline for submission. The Committee assessed the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria; as a result, one proposal failed to meet the admissibility and eligibility criteria.
- (7) Before the deadline for submission, the EIT selected independent external experts, based on a transparent procedure ensuring the avoidance of conflicts of interest, to carry out the evaluation of the eligible proposals.
- (8) The Panel of Experts, comprising two thematic experts, three horizontal experts and one rapporteur

⁷ Ref. Ares(2019)4370239

⁸ Ref. Ares(2021)6506188

⁹ Ref. Ares(2021)7506011



evaluated all eligible proposals with respect to the criteria set out in the 2021 Call for Proposals.

- (9) Additionally, the 2021 Call for Proposals procedure is followed by an Independent Observer to observe and give an independent advice on the evaluation process.
- (10) Following the completion of the evaluation of the proposals by the Panel of Experts, the EIT Governing Board and the Commission Representative have received all the necessary documents and information with regard to the 2021 Call for Proposals, in particular the following documents: the 2021 Call documents¹⁰, all five proposals submitted, the Evaluation Report of the EIT Selection Committee, the four Evaluation Summary Reports of the Panel of Experts, and a briefing note with a summary table with the scores per proposal/criteria. The Governing Board and the Commission have reviewed all the documents and information received regarding the 2021 Call for Proposals.
- (11) At its extraordinary meeting on 8 June 2022, the EIT Governing Board discussed and assessed the results of the evaluation steps concluded so far and including in particular the evaluation conducted by the Panel of Experts. The purpose of the meeting was to decide on the results of the evaluation procure carried out so far.
- (12) In line with point 5 of Section 3 of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation (recast), the agreement of the Commission, expressed by its Representative in the Governing Board, is necessary for the adoption by the Governing Board of the present decision. The Commission Representative's observations and opinion were shared before the voting by the Governing Board at the extraordinary Governing Board meeting. Following the voting, the Commission, by way of its Representative, gave its agreement with the outcome of the meeting, including the adoption of the present decision.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Decision on the approval of the results of the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria assessment

The EIT Governing Board approves the results of the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria assessment for the 2021 Call for Proposals, including the exclusion of the following proposal due to its non-compliance with the admissibility, eligibility and exclusion criteria:

Proposal number	Name
101081927	GREEN FASHION HUB

Article 2

Decision on the approval of the results of the Panel of Experts evaluation stage

(1) The EIT Governing Board approves the results of the Panel of Experts evaluation stage of the 2021 Call Proposals procedure.

(2) Consequently, the representatives of the following proposals

¹⁰ <https://eit.europa.eu/our-activities/call-for-eit-communities/2021>



- shall be invited to the hearings to be held on 22 June 2022 in Budapest:

Ranking	Proposal number	Name
1.	101089436	ICE
2.	101090890	Creative Futures

- shall not be invited to the hearings to be held on 22 June 2022 in Budapest:

Ranking	Proposal number	Name
3.	101091301	EIT CCI
4.	101091240	SUCCESS

Article 3
Confidentiality

This decision shall be kept strictly confidential and shall be published on the EIT website only following the adoption of the designation decision by the EIT Governing Board.

Article 4
Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on 8 June 2022.

Done in Budapest on 8 June 2022

Gioia Ghezzi
Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

[E-signed in ARES]