

DECISION 19/2022
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE START-UP GRANT TO
THE NEWLY DESIGNATED EIT KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITY (KIC)
EIT CULTURE & CREATIVITY

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 Article 18(7) thereof, point 1(c) 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;

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 3.6.2 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;

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

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

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;

Decision 45/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 13 December 2021 on adopting the EIT Budget and Establishment Plan for the financial year 2022¹⁰;

Having regard to Decision 48/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 22 December 2021 on the adoption of the Final Single Programming Document (2022-2024) of the EIT¹¹;

Having regard to Decision 17/2022 of the EIT Governing Board of 8 June 2022 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 (KIC) in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI)¹²;

Having regard to Decision 18/2022 of the EIT Governing Board of 22 June 2022 on the designation of the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) in the area of Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI)¹³;

Having regard to the express opinion of the Commission Representative at the meeting of the EIT Governing Board on 22 June 2022, as recorded in the minutes of the meeting;

WHEREAS

- (1) On 22 June 2022, the EIT Governing Board designated the new Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC), EIT Culture & Creativity.
- (2) Point XI.1, Annex XI Grants 2022 of the Final Single Programming Document (2022-2024) of the EIT states that the EIT will provide the newly designated KIC with a start-up grant during the start-up phase. The indicative amount for the grant is up to EUR 6 million.
- (3) The purpose of the start-up grant is to support the efficient setting up of the KIC, by covering the eligible costs of, inter alia, the establishment of legal structures, including the set-up of the KIC Legal Entity, the recruitment and appointment of a CEO and other core staff, set up of the Co-location Centres (CLCs), expansion of the partnership, and the preparation of the first KIC Business Plan.
- (4) In line with point 5 of Section 3 of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation (recast), the agreement of the European Commission, expressed by its Representative in the Governing Board, is necessary for the adoption by the EIT Governing Board of the present decision. The Commission Representative's observations and opinion were shared before the voting by the EIT Governing Board at its meeting.

⁷ Ref. Ares(2019)4370239

⁸ Ref. Ares(2021)6506188

⁹ Ref. Ares(2021)7506011

¹⁰ Ref. Ares(2021)7694323

¹¹ Ref. Ares(2021)7938768

¹² Ref. Ares(2022)4242712

¹³ Ref. Ares(2022) 4608261



Following the voting, the Commission, by way of its Representative, gave its agreement with the adoption of the present decision.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Maximum amount of the start-up grant

The maximum EIT financial contribution for the start-up grant for EIT Culture & Creativity shall be EUR 6 million, covering the period from the date of submission of the Start-up Plan until 31 December 2023.

Article 2

Final amount of the start-up grant

The final amount of the start-up grant of EIT Culture & Creativity shall be determined in the award decision of the EIT Director, acting in the capacity of Authorising Officer, based on the evaluation and approval of the Start-up Plan proposal of EIT Culture & Creativity, as a result of the 2022 Invitation for a Start-up Plan proposal and estimated budget.

Article 3

Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Article 4

Publication

This decision shall be published on the EIT website.

Done in Budapest on 22 June 2022

Gioia Ghezzi
Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

[E-signed in ARES]