

**DECISION 23/2020**  
**OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF**  
**THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)**

**Appointment of Members for the EIT Audit Committee**

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "EIT Regulation")<sup>1</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013<sup>2</sup>, and in particular to Section 2 (l) of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation (hereinafter referred to as the "Statutes");

Having regard to Decision 16/2016 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 2 June 2016 on the renewal of the mandate of the Audit Committee<sup>3</sup> and Decision 36/2016 of the Governing Board of 8 December 2016 on the renewal of the mandate of the Audit Committee<sup>4</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 20/2018 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 7 June 2018 adopting the Charter of the EIT Audit Committee<sup>5</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 34/2018 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 3 December 2018 on the prolongation of the mandate of the members of the Audit Committee<sup>6</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 5/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 18 March 2019 on the appointment of the members of the Audit Committee.<sup>7</sup>

**Whereas:**

- (1) Section 2 (l) of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation stipulates that the Governing Board can establish, where appropriate, advisory groups which may have a defined duration.
- (2) In order to support the Governing Board for strengthening the basis on which the Governing Board performs oversight regarding audit follow-up and to improve the quality of reporting to the Governing Board, an Audit Committee was established as advisory group to the Governing Board.
- (3) The Audit Committee's role, composition, responsibilities and terms of office is defined in the Charter of the EIT Audit Committee adopted by Decision 20/2018 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 7 June 2018. The Audit Committee ('AC') is composed of 2 members elected among the appointed members of the Governing Board. The Director responsible for supervising the EIT's budget implementation at Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, may attend the meetings of the AC as an observer from the European Commission. The observer from DG EAC represents the European Commission in the AC and this role may be delegated.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 97 of 9.4.2008, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174.

<sup>3</sup> 01049.EIT.2016.I.GB.40

<sup>4</sup> 006397.EIT.2016.I.GB.44

<sup>5</sup> 03128.EIT.2018.I.GB51

<sup>6</sup> Ares(2018) 6177326

<sup>7</sup> Ares(2019) 1764832

- (4) On 13 March 2019, the Governing Board appointed<sup>8</sup> Ms Romana Jordan and Mr Patrick Prendergast, members of the Governing Board as members of the EIT Audit Committee for a term of office running until 20 September 2020.
- (5) The term of office of the appointed Governing Board members shall cease if they leave the Governing Board. Mr Patrick Prendergast left the Governing Board in June 2020.
- (6) At the Governing Board meetings of 10 June 2020 and 23 September 2020, Ms Laima Kauspadiene and Ms Martina Larkin expressed interest to be members of the Audit Committee.

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

***Article 1***

Ms Laima Kauspadiene and Ms Martina Larkin, members of the EIT Governing Board are appointed as members of the EIT Audit Committee for a term of office running for two years.

***Article 2***

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

Done in Budapest, 30 October 2020<sup>9</sup>

*Gioia Ghezzi*  
*Chair of the Governing Board*

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<sup>8</sup> Ares(2019)1764832

<sup>9</sup> Adopted by written procedure