



DECISION 11/2023  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF

THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

SETTING THE HONORARIA OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, ITS CHAIRPERSON, THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE EIT GB RAPPORTEURS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE EIT GOVERNING BOARD ADVISORY GROUPS OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

**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<sup>1</sup> (hereafter ‘EIT Regulation’), and in particular, Annex 1, Section 2.2 2(c) thereto the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

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 Committee<sup>2</sup> (hereafter ‘Rules of Procedure’) and in particular Article 1 and 23 thereof;

Having regard to Decision 7/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 5 March 2015 on setting the honoraria of the Members of the Governing Board, its Chairperson and the Members of the Executive Committee of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology<sup>3</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 20/2022 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 22 June 2022 on setting the honoraria of the Members of the Governing Board, its Chairperson and the Members of the Executive Committee of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**

- (1) In accordance with Section 2. 2 (c) of Annex 1 of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation, the Governing Board shall set appropriate fees for members of the Governing Board and of the Executive Committee, which shall be in line with similar remuneration in the Member States.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure, members of the Governing Board shall receive an honorarium for their participation in Governing Board meetings, independently of whether they are physical or virtual meetings; they shall also receive additional fees for any other activities performed in relation to the tasks assigned to them pursuant to the EIT Regulation and Article 1 of the Rules of Procedure.
- (3) A definition of appropriate fees for members of the Governing Board and the Executive Committee shall be provided by the Governing Board with the Commission’s agreement in a separate decision pursuant to Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure.
- (4) There is also a need to further define ‘additional fees’ for any other activity performed by the Governing Board members in relation to the tasks assigned to them pursuant to the EIT Regulation.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61–90

<sup>2</sup> Ref. Ares(2021)3139636 - 11/05/2021

<sup>3</sup> 00081.EIT. 2015.I.GB3

<sup>4</sup> Ref. Ares(2022)4609321 - 23/06/2022



- (5) The honoraria shall reflect the responsibilities of the Chairperson and the members of the Governing Board and of the Executive Committee and are benchmarked against similar remuneration in the Member States as laid down in the EIT Regulation.
- (6) Since the members of the Governing Board and of the Executive Committee are not expected to work full time for the EIT, their work for the EIT should be reconciled with the requirements of their other obligations. The use of distance communication should permit full and effective participation at and between meetings.
- (7) The substantive contribution and participation of the person concerned in case of partial attendance at meetings of the Governing Board should be recognised, bearing in mind the work done outside the meetings and in particular the work carried out in preparation of those meetings.
- (8) As laid down in point (2)(h) of Section 2 of the Statutes of the EIT, the Governing Board shall, where appropriate, establish advisory groups, which shall have a defined objective, tasks and duration. The Advisory groups shall contribute to the work of the Governing Board and shall report to the Governing Board via the Executive Committee. The organisation, scope and mandate of such groups shall be determined by the Governing Board in separate decisions.
- (9) Over the last years there has been an increased number of additional activities carried out by the Governing Board members in relation to the responsibilities set out in the EIT Regulation which go beyond their participation in ordinary and extraordinary sessions. Furthermore, the recast EIT Regulation introduced changes as regards the responsibilities of the Governing Board. For this reason, it was decided the establishment of different advisory groups to support the work of the Governing Board in relation to the additional activities mentioned above.

Besides the above-mentioned advisory groups, the function of the Governing Board rapporteurs, which was established by Decision 20/2016 of the EIT Governing Board, has acquired an increasing importance in the grant allocation process of KICs, in particular, due to their involvement within this process, in accordance with the mandate provided by Decision 12/2023 of the EIT Governing Board on the function of EIT Governing Board rapporteurs as well as in the implementation of intervention measures and potential participation in the reinforced monitoring of a KIC;

- (10) In light of the above considerations and for reasons of clarity and legal certainty, Decision 20/2022 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 22 June 2022 on setting the honorarium of the Members of the Governing Board, its Chairperson and the Members of the Executive Committee of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology should be repealed and replaced by this Decision;
- (11) As laid down in the EIT Regulation the agreement of the Commission is required regarding the definition of 'appropriate fees' for members of the Governing Board and of the Executive Committee. The Commission's agreement expressed by the Commission Representative was provided on 10/05/2023.

#### **HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **Article 1**

1. Members of the Governing Board shall receive an honorarium for their participation in Governing Board meetings, independently of whether they are physical or virtual meetings in accordance with Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure.



2. The honoraria of the members of the Governing of Board shall be:
  - (a) 2,000 EUR for full attendance at a meeting of the Governing Board;
  - (b) 1,000 EUR for partial attendance<sup>5</sup> at a meeting of the Governing Board.
3. The attendance list of each Governing Board meeting will indicate if each member's attendance covered the full extent of the meeting (full attendance) or otherwise (partial attendance).

## Article 2

The honoraria of Executive Committee members shall be 1,500 EUR in the case of participation at the Executive Committee meeting.

## Article 3

1. The honoraria of the Chairperson of the Governing Board for chairing a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be 2,000 EUR.
2. The honoraria of the Chairperson of the Governing Board for chairing a meeting of the Governing Board, shall be:
  - (a) 3,000 EUR for full attendance;
  - (b) 1,500 EUR for partial attendance.
3. In line with the Rules of Procedure, if the Chairperson cannot attend a meeting, the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior of the longest serving members. In such cases, the member of the Governing Board chairing the entire meeting shall be entitled to receive the honoraria of the Chairperson.

## Article 4

1. Governing Board members might receive additional fees for other activities performed in relation to the tasks assigned to them pursuant to the EIT Regulation.
2. The activities referred to in Article 4.1 are performed by the Governing Board members in the context of the established advisory groups and GB rapporteurs.
3. The following annual fixed amount shall be paid to the Governing Board members for the work performed as members of an advisory group and as GB rapporteurs:
  - a. EUR 2,000 for each lead GB rapporteur assigned by the Governing Board to assess the multi-annual progress of a particular wave of KICs in the implementation of their respective Strategic Agendas, contributing to the decision on the maximum allocation of EIT financial contribution to KICs as per Article 1 (c) of Section 2 of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

EUR 1,000 for each associated GB rapporteur assigned by the Governing Board to follow and assist in the execution of the mandate of the GB Rapporteur and participate in the relevant meetings to the extent possible.

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<sup>5</sup> Where the attendance of the member is less than 50% participation, this shall be indicated in the attendance list.



- b. EUR 1,000 for the participation in any advisory group provided that Governing Board member attended at least one meeting of the group in the year in question; the following additional activities shall be covered by the established or new advisory groups: strategic monitoring and advice on the key strategic agendas of the EIT including global outreach, education, or communications (including InnovEIT); appeals committee activity; audit committee activity; conflict of interest advisory committee activity; selection of the members of the Governing Board and selection, reclassification and extension of the EIT Director.
- c. Any other additional activity not covered by the advisory groups (in line with Article 4.3.and Article 4.3.b of this decision) shall be considered as a part of the honoraria received by the members of the Governing Board pursuant to Article 1 of this decision.
- d. In the event that a member of the Governing Board, appointed as full member of an advisory group, is replaced by an alternate member of an advisory group, the latter shall also receive EUR 1,000 for his/her participation in the meeting in question.
- e. EIT Governing Board members shall be remunerated on annual basis for participating in maximum two EIT Governing Board advisory groups (meaning that maximum annual remuneration would be EUR 2,000 according to the payment modality outlined in Article 4.3.b of this decision) without prejudice to performing function of GB Rapporteur. Participation in more than two advisory groups will not be remunerated.

#### Article 5

1. Proof of participation in meetings of the Governing Board and Executive Committee shall be the attendance list as approved by the Chairperson of the Governing Board.
2. Proof of participation in activities of the advisory groups shall be recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the advisory groups or any other relevant evidence listing participants (report, timesheet, note evidencing performed activity).

#### Article 6

1. The honoraria referred to in Article 1, 2 and 3 of this decision are due and shall be paid solely for the Governing Board meetings (i.e. the ordinary and extraordinary sessions) and for the Executive Committee meetings (i.e. the ordinary and extraordinary meetings). It shall be paid irrespective of the length (i.e. number of days) of the meeting.
2. Payment will be authorised by the Director of the EIT or his/her duly authorised delegate on the basis of an attendance list validated by the Chairperson of the EIT as regards the meetings of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee and in the case of advisory groups, based on the recorded minutes of the meetings, or any other relevant evidence listing participants (report, timesheet, note evidencing performed activity). As referred in Articles 1 and 2 of this decision, the attendance list will indicate if each member's attendance covered the full extent of the meeting (full attendance) or otherwise (partial attendance).



### Article 7

This decision repeals and replaces Decision 20/2022 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 22 June 2022 on setting the honorarium of the Members of the Governing Board, its Chairperson and the Members of the Executive Committee of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.

### Article 8

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

Done in Budapest on 12 May 2023<sup>6</sup>

*(e-signed)*

Nektarios Tavernarakis

Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

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<sup>6</sup> Adopted by means of written procedure on 12 May 2023