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SUMMARY RECORDS FROM 2nd Annual Meeting of the EIT Member State Representatives Group (MSRG)

27 September 2023, 10h – 12h30 (via Microsoft Teams)

The agenda of the meeting (Annex 1) and the list of participating countries (Annex 2) is enclosed.

The meeting was chaired by Martin Kern, EIT Director and Chairperson of the MSRG. Representatives from the European Commission (DG EAC) and the EIT also attended the meeting.

The following subjects were presented and discussed:

- Follow-up actions since the last meeting on 26 April 2023 and adoption of the meeting agenda;
- Verification of conflict-of-interest verification exercise and update on the MSRG membership;
- Update of the main priorities and policy developments by the European Commission, in particular, as regards the new Commissioner's priorities, Horizon Europe, New European Innovation Agenda (NEIA), and the ex-ante analysis on a KIC on Water, Marine and Maritime Sectors and Ecosystems (WMM) as well as timeline and next steps;
- EIT update on the strategic priorities and implementation including the EIT GB decisions taken since the last MSRG meeting, the implementation of the EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) 2021-2027 and the NEIA including the draft Single Programming Document (SPD) 2024-2026, Annual Activity Report 2022, Grant Reporting 2021-2022 results, incl. KPIs, EIT Regional Innovation Scheme, EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative, EIT Campus, EIT Higher Education Initiative, as well as the support actions to Ukraine and the potential synergy areas;
- EIT information on the outline of the process, timeline and next steps for the upcoming MSRG Opinions and upcoming EIT events including INNOVEIT 2024 and EIT Awards;
- Election of Peter Spyns, MSRG Representative of Belgium, as MSRG Co-Chairperson.



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Annex 1 – Meeting Agenda

TIME	AGENDA ITEMS		
1. OPENING REMARKS BY THE EIT DIRECTOR, CHAIRPERSON OF THE MSRG			
10:00 – 10:20	 1.1 Scene setter 1.2 Adoption of the meeting agenda 1.3 Conflict of Interest Verification 1.4 Follow-up actions from the previous meeting 1.5 Update on MSRG Membership and on Co-Chair 		
2. OPENING REMARKS AND UPDATE BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION OBSERVER			
10:20 - 10:30	Scope: The EIT MSRG will receive updates from the Commission Observer concerning the main priorities and developments		
3. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION			
10:30 – 11:55	 Update on priorities & implementation Scope: The EIT MSRG will receive updates by the EIT on the state-of-play of EIT strategic priorities and implementation of the 2023 annual work programme, and by the European Commission on a KIC on Water, Marine and Maritime Sectors and Ecosystems (WMM). Each point will be followed by a Q&A session. EIT Governing Board Decisions (Q2-Q3) Implementation of the EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027 and the New European Innovation Agenda (Status draft SPD 2024-2026, Annual Activity Report 2022, Grant Reporting 2021-2022 results, incl. KPIs, Regional Innovation Scheme, Deep Tech Talent Initiative, EIT Campus, Higher Education Initiative, as well as support actions to Ukraine, etc.) Synergies 		



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• Ex-ante analysis on a KIC on Water, Marine and Maritime Sectors and Ecosystems (WMM) presentation of interim results and request for feedback

Supporting documents:

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4. ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR		
11:55 -12:05	Scope: The MSRG will elect its Co-Chair from the Representatives who expressed interest in the Co-Chair role by secret online voting. One candidacy has been received by the deadline of 8 September. The result will be announced after the break.	
12:05 – 12:15	BREAK – MSRG Secretariat to verify election results	
12:15 – 12:20	Announcement of Co-Chair election result	
5. UPCOMING MRSG OPINIONS		
12:20 – 12:40	Information on upcoming MSRG opinions on the Memoranda of Cooperation with EIT KICs post-15-year Scope: The MSRG will receive an update about the process for the provision of their formal opinions in February 2024. The update will be followed by a Q&A session.	
6. MEETING CLOSURE		
12:40 - 12:45	Wrap-up and Closure	



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Annex 2: List of participating organisations

Country	Participating organisations
AUSTRIA	Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research
BELGIUM	Flemish Department of Economy, Science & Innovation
BULGARIA	Ministry of Innovation and Growth
CYPRUS	Cyrus Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy
DENMARK	Agency for Higher Education and Science
FINLAND	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
FRANCE	Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur, de la recherche et de l'innovation
GERMANY	Federal Ministry of Education and Research
GEORGIA	Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia
GREECE	PRAXI Network
ICELAND	IceTec
ITALY	Ministry of Universities and Research
LATVIA	Ministry of Education and Science
LITHUANIA	Research Council of Lithuania
LUXEMBOURG	Luxinnovation
MALTA	Malta Council for Science and Technology
THE NETHERLANDS	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy
NORWAY	Ministry of Education and Research
POLAND	Ministry of Education and Science
PORTUGAL	ANI - Agência Nacional de Inovação
SLOVENIA	Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Republic of Slovenia
SPAIN	CDTI, EPE.
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SWEDEN	Vinnova
TÜRKIYE	ТÜВİТАК

Co-signed by

Martin Kern EIT Director and Co-Chairperson of the EIT Member State Representatives Group

Peter Spyns Co-Chairperson of the EIT Member State Representatives Group