

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

of 16 February 2012

**ON THE MANDATE OF THE 2012 STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE
APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EIT**

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 "EIT Regulation")¹ and in particular Article 1 of the Annex (hereinafter referred to „EIT Statutes”);

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with EIT regulation the mandate of 12 appointed members expires on 30 July 2012.
- (2) The replacing members should be appointed by the Commission, on the basis of a list of potential candidates proposed by the Governing Board.
- (3) At its meeting in April 2010, the EIT Governing Board took a decision² concerning the Guiding principles for the replacement of GB members in situations where their mandate comes to end or due to resignation. The note defined the initial criteria and procedure for the selection of candidates as well as provided for establishment of dedicated Committee responsible for evaluation of candidates.
- (4) At its meeting in December 2011, the EIT Governing Board approved a note concerning the replacement and appointment of “appointed members” of the EIT Governing Board and proposed that, in order to guarantee transparency, neutrality and absence of conflict of interest, a Steering Committee should be created and should be composed of GB members chosen among the outgoing twelve members. The following board members were identified: Bertrand Collomb, Giovanni Colombo, Anders Flodström and Julia King.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Steering Committee responsible for identifying a list of potential candidates shall be created.
The Steering Committee shall be composed by:

- Bertrand Collomb

¹ OJ L 97/1 of 9.4.2008

² Extract from the minutes: " The Board approved the guiding principles for the replacement GB members, almost identical to the ones adopted for the designation of "elected" GB members (see above) - namely: independence, diversity, knowledge and experience. An on-line open consultation will be launched, as part of the overall replacement procedure, in order to gather names of potential candidates to allow the EIT to reach out to the widest possible range of stakeholders. O. Quintin reminded that while it is up to the Board to select candidates, the latter are officially appointed by the Commission. The Commissioner observer has an oversight role in the selection of replacement members (regard to overall disciplinary, geographic and gender balance within the Board) and can advise against the selection of any particular candidate."

- Giovanni Colombo
- Anders Flodström
- Julia King.

Article 2

The mandate of the Steering Committee as per Annex I is hereby approved. The Steering Committee is fully mandated to draft a shortlist of a maximum 18 candidates to be submitted to the European Commission.

Article 3

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

Done in Budapest, on 16 February 2012

For the EIT

Mr. Alexander von Gabain

Chairman of the Governing Board

2012 Steering Committee for the identification of the appointed members of the Governing Board of the EIT

MANDATE

Nomination and mandate of the 2012 Steering Committee (SC)

The Steering Committee is appointed by the EIT Governing Board. This Committee is composed of four out of the twelve outgoing GB members.

The role of the SC is to guarantee transparency, neutrality and absence of conflict of interest during the selection process of the future twelve new members of the EIT Governing Board.

The Steering Committee is fully mandated to identify a list of maximum 18 potential candidates that will be submitted by the EIT Governing Board to the European Commission who will formally appoint the twelve new members.

The EIT Director shall provide the secretariat for the work of the Steering Committee. During the process the Commission observer will be consulted in relation to the application of the selection criteria and of the principles of transparency, neutrality and absence of conflict of interest. The EIT will cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the SC members.

Once finalised the appointment of the four members of the Steering Committee, the EIT will publish a press release informing stakeholders about the upcoming call as well as the appointment of the Steering Committee and the names of the members.

Role of the Chairperson

The members of the Steering Committee will appoint a Chairperson who will lead and coordinate the work of the SC.

The Chairperson shall ensure the full independence of the Steering Committee and shall communicate progress of the selection process to the EIT Governing Board and the European Commission observer.

The SC Chairperson might be invited to present and discuss the outcome of the selection procedure to the ITRE Committee (European Parliament).

Selection process

The selection process for the identification of twelve new appointed EIT GB members shall consist of a call for expression interest. The process is expected to take around five months following the designation of the members of the Steering Committee.

The SC shall prepare a list of individuals to be proposed as members of the future EIT Governing Board. To draw up the list of candidates, organisations representative of the various segments of research, academic and innovation, as well as Member States, will be asked to provide suggestions of candidates who in their views:

- have the appropriate qualifications and experience, reflecting the set criteria;
- are available and willing to work as a member of the EIT Governing Board independently of any other interest, and
- would be expected to have the trust and confidence of their respective communities.

The text of the call will be drafted on the basis of the elements and criteria approved by the EIT GB on 1 December 2011 as follows:

"A member of the EIT Governing Board should:

- Have a substantial experience as innovator, entrepreneur, academic, scientific, financial or business leader with widespread reputation.
- Have outstanding leadership abilities on European and global level.
- Have a broad view and practical understanding of overall European innovation goals and systems and academic, research and business environments.
- Have a thorough understanding of key economic and societal challenges for Europe as defined in EU2020 strategy.
- Have a capacity to take strategic decisions and extensive managerial and financial experience, in particular in mobilising resources from private, public and philanthropic sources.
- Have a high level networking abilities with relevant players within and outside the EU, with a special emphasis on the integration of the knowledge triangle.
- Have a proven record in promoting academia-business cooperation and knowledge transfer.”

The call will be published on the EIT website and will remain open for at least one month. Stakeholder organisations at European level will be informed by e-mail about this call. Candidatures will be submitted via email to a functional mailbox until the deadline of the call.

Following the closure of the call, the SC is expected to meet twice to evaluate the expression of interest received along a set of criteria and to shortlist maximum 18 candidatures. Following consultation with the European Commission observer and, if decided, with the EIT Governing Board, the SC will shortlist maximum 18 candidatures.

The GB will formally transmit the shortlist to the European Commission for the formal appointment of the twelve new EIT Governing Board members.

On the basis of a proposal submitted by the EIT, the Commission will send a report summarising the selection process and its results to the Council and the European Parliament, who have a period of one month to take cognisance of the outcome of the selection process. The twelve members of the Governing Board will then be nominated by a Commission Decision.