

**DECISION 31/2018**  
**OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF**  
**THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)**

**ON THE APPROVAL OF THE RESULTS OF THE PANEL OF EXPERTS EVALUATION STAGE**  
**IN THE 'ADDED-VALUE MANUFACTURING' THEME**  
**IN THE 2018 CALL FOR KICs' PROPOSALS**

**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<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>, in particular Articles 5(c), 7 and Section 2(d) of the Statutes thereof;

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)" and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006<sup>3</sup>, in particular Articles 11 and 15(7) thereof;

Having regard to Decision No 1312/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT): the contribution of the EIT to a more innovative Europe<sup>4</sup>;

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>5</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 547/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014<sup>6</sup>, and by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/1929 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 October 2015<sup>7</sup>;

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>8</sup>, as amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2462 of 30 October 2015<sup>9</sup>;

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the EIT of 27 December 2013 adopting the Financial Regulation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (hereafter referred to as the "EIT Financial

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L97 of 09.04.2008, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 81

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 892

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 163 of 29.5.2014, p. 18

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 286 of 30.10.2015, p. 1

<sup>8</sup> OJ L 362 of 31.12.2012, p. 1

<sup>9</sup> OJ L 342 of 29.12.2015, p. 7

Regulation<sup>10</sup>), as amended by Decision 6/2015 of the Governing Board of 5 March 2015<sup>11</sup> and by Decision 11/2016 of the Governing Board of 20 April 2016<sup>12</sup>, in particular Article 90 thereof;

Having regard to Decision 8/2017 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 23 March 2017 on relaunching the call for proposals for the Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) in the ‘Added-value Manufacturing’ theme<sup>13</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 13/2017 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 15 June 2017 on the approval of the evaluation criteria of the EIT’s 2018 Call for KICs’ proposals<sup>14</sup>;

Having regard to the Decision 26/2017 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 23 November 2017 on the approval of the EIT’s 2018 Call for KICs’ proposals<sup>15</sup>;

Having regard to the Decision 7/2018 of the EIT Governing Board of 2 March 2018 on the amendment of Decision 26/2017 of the EIT Governing Board concerning the approval of the EIT’s 2018 Call for KICs’ proposals<sup>16</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 8/2016 of the EIT Governing Board of 24 May 2016 on the Rules of Procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee<sup>17</sup>;

## WHEREAS

- (1) In accordance with Article 7 of the EIT Regulation, a partnership shall be selected and designated by the EIT to become a KIC following a competitive, open and transparent procedure. Detailed criteria for the selection of the KICs, based on the principles of excellence and innovation relevance, shall be adopted and published by the EIT. External and independent experts shall be involved in the selection process;
- (2) The evaluation criteria for the EIT’s 2018 Call for KICs’ proposals were published by the EIT on 27 June 2017;
- (3) The 2018 Call for Knowledge and Innovation Communities’ proposals was launched on 12 January 2018, in two thematic areas addressing the theme of “Urban mobility”, and the theme of “Added-value manufacturing”;
- (4) An Information Day for the 2018 Call for proposals was held on 13 February 2018 to provide potential applicants with information on the Call and guidance on how to submit high quality and successful applications;
- (5) The deadline to submit applications was 12 July 2018.
- (6) The EIT received four proposals in the ‘Added-value manufacturing’ theme;
- (7) An EIT Selection Committee was appointed by the EIT Responsible Authorising Officer, which assessed the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria; as a result, one proposal failed to meet the admissibility and eligibility criteria in the ‘Added-value manufacturing’ theme;

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<sup>10</sup> 01364.EIT.2014.I

<sup>11</sup> 00101.EIT.2015.I.GB34

<sup>12</sup> 00673.EIT.GB.2016.WP

<sup>13</sup> 00302.EIT.2017.I.GB45

<sup>14</sup> 02519.EIT.2017.I.GB45

<sup>15</sup> 11789.EIT.2017.I.GB.WP

<sup>16</sup> 01166.EIT.2018.I.E2

<sup>17</sup> 00507.EIT.2016.I.GB.WP

- (8) The EIT selected independent external experts, based on a transparent procedure ensuring the avoidance of conflicts of interest, to carry out the evaluation of the eligible proposals;
- (9) The Panel of Experts, comprising of four thematic experts, two horizontal experts and one rapporteur, evaluated all eligible proposals with respect to the criteria set out in the 2018 Call for KICs' proposals;
- (10) The 2018 Call for KICs procedure is followed by an Independent Observer to observe and give an independent advice on the evaluation process;
- (11) In line with the 2018 Call text, following the approval of the evaluation results by the Governing Board, representatives of those KIC proposals reaching the threshold of 70% of points at the Panel of Experts stage will be invited to a hearing of the EIT Governing Board;
- (12) The Governing Board shall discuss and assess the results of the evaluation conducted by the independent external experts in the 'Added-value manufacturing' theme and shall decide whether to approve the results of the Panel of Experts evaluation stage;
- (13) The EIT Governing Board has received all the necessary documents and information with regard to the 2018 Call for KICs' proposals in the 'Added-value manufacturing theme, in particular the following documents and records: the 2018 Call text, all the proposals submitted in the 2018 Call for KICs in the 'Added-value manufacturing' theme, the Report of the EIT Selection Committee, the Consensus Report of the Panel of Experts and a summary table with the scores per proposal/criteria/subcriteria, and;
- (14) The EIT Governing Board has reviewed all relevant documents including the proposals, the Report of the EIT Selection Committee and the expert evaluation provided as part of the 2018 Call for KICs' proposals procedure in the 'Added-value manufacturing' theme;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1

##### *Decision on the approval of the results of the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria assessment*

The EIT Governing Board approves the results of the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria assessment in the 'Added value manufacturing' theme, including the exclusion of the following proposal due to its non-compliance with the admissibility and eligibility criteria:

Proposal number	Name
831754	CBA

#### Article 2

##### *Decision on the approval of the results of the Panel of Experts evaluation stage in the 'Added-value manufacturing' theme*

- (1) The EIT Governing Board approves the results of the Panel of Experts evaluation stage of the 2018 Call for KICs' proposals procedure in the 'Added-value manufacturing' theme.

(2) Consequently, the representatives of the following proposals in the 'Added-value manufacturing' theme

- shall be invited to the Hearings to be held on 4-5 December 2018 in Budapest:

Ranking	Proposal number	Name
1.	831894	Made by Europe
2.	831883	manuONE

- shall not be invited to the Hearings to be held on 4-5 December 2018 in Budapest:

Ranking	Proposal number	Name
3.	831835	KIC NAM

### Article 3 *Confidentiality*

This decision shall be kept strictly confidential and shall be published on the EIT website only following the adoption of the designation decision by the EIT Governing Board in the 'Added-value manufacturing' theme.

### Article 4 *Entry into force*

This decision shall enter into force on 25 October 2018.

*Done in Budapest on 25 October 2018*



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Chairman of the EIT Governing Board