

DECISION 37/2018
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

**ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITY (KIC)
IN THE “ADDED VALUE MANUFACTURING” THEMATIC AREA**

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 Technology¹, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013², and 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 1906/2006³, in particular Articles 11 and 15 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 Europe⁴;

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 Union⁵, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 547/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014⁶, and by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/1929 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 October 2015⁷;

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 Union⁸, as amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2462 of 30 October 2015⁹;

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the EIT of 27 December 2013 on adopting the Financial Regulation for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology¹⁰, as amended by Decision 6/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 5 March 2015¹¹, and by Decision 11/2016 of the Governing Board of 20 April 2016¹², in particular Article 90 thereof;

¹ OJ L97 of 09.04.2008, p. 1.

² OJ L347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174.

³ OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 81

⁴ OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 892

⁵ OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1

⁶ OJ L 163 of 29.5.2014, p. 18

⁷ OJ L 286 of 30.10.2015, p. 1

⁸ OJ L 362 of 31.12.2012, p. 1

⁹ OJ L 342 of 29.12.2015, p. 7

¹⁰ 01364.EIT.2014.I

¹¹ 00101.EIT.2015.I.GB34

¹² 00673.EIT.GB.2016.WP

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” theme¹³;

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’ proposals¹⁴;

Having regard to 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’ proposals¹⁵;

Having regard to Decision 7/2018 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 2 March 2018 on the amendment of Decision 26/2017 of the Governing Board of the EIT concerning the approval of the EIT’s 2018 Call for KICs’ proposals¹⁶;

Having regard to Decision 31/2018 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 25 October 2018 on the approval of the results of the panel of experts evaluation stage in the “Added-value Manufacturing” theme¹⁷;

Having regard to Decision 8/2016 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 24 May 2016 on the Rules of Procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee¹⁸;

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;
- (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;

¹³ 00302.EIT.2017.I.GB45

¹⁴ 02519.EIT.2017.I.GB45

¹⁵ 11789.EIT.2017.I.GB.WP

¹⁶ 01166.EIT.2018.I.E2

¹⁷ 00507.EIT.2016.I.GB.WP

¹⁸ 00507.EIT.2016.I.GB.WP

- (9) On 25 October 2018, by its Decision 31/2018 the Governing Board approved the results of the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria assessment, and approved the results of the Panel of Experts evaluation stage of the 2018 Call for KICs' proposals procedure in the "Added-value manufacturing" theme;
- (10) Representatives of those KIC proposals reaching the threshold of 70% of points at the Panel of Experts stage were invited to the hearings of the EIT Governing Board;
- (11) The hearings were held on 5 December 2018;
- (12) The 2018 Call for KICs procedure was followed by an Independent Observer to observe and give an independent advice on the evaluation process;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Designated KIC in the "Added-value manufacturing" thematic area

The following applicant is selected and designated as Knowledge and Innovation Community in the "Added-Value manufacturing" thematic area:

Proposal number	Name
831894	Made by Europe

Article 2

Reserve list in the "Added-value manufacturing" thematic area

- (1) The following applicant is put on a reserve list in the "Added-value monitoring" thematic area:

Proposal number	Name
831883	manuONE

- (2) The reserve list shall be valid until the signature of the Framework Partnership Agreement with the designated KIC and shall expire on the date of signature of the Framework Partnership Agreement by the last party.
- (3) Before the expiry of the validity of the reserve list,
 - the list can be cancelled by a decision of the Governing Board of the EIT with due justification, following a formal request of the EIT Director;
 - the validity of the list may be prolonged by a decision of the Governing Board of the EIT with due justification, following a formal request of the EIT Director.
- (4) The applicant put on the reserve list can be considered for replacing the designated KIC if it fails to achieve its operational capacity within due time. Such a proposal may be submitted by the EIT Director for the Governing Board's consideration.

Article 3***Application not selected in the “Added-value manufacturing” thematic area***

The following application was not selected in the “Added-value manufacturing” thematic area:

Proposal number	Name
831835	KIC NAM

Article 4***Rejected application in the “Added-value manufacturing” thematic area***

In accordance with Article 1 of Decision 31/2018 of the EIT Governing Board, the following application was rejected due to its non-compliance with the admissibility and eligibility criteria:

Proposal number	Name
831754	CBA

Article 5***Entry into force***

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

Done in Budapest on 5 December 2018



Dirk Jan van den Berg
Chairman of the EIT Governing Board