



DECISION 12/2023  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE FUNCTION OF EIT GOVERNING BOARD RAPPORTEURS

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast)<sup>1</sup>, in particular point (1) c) and j) of Section 2 of the Statutes annexed thereto;

Having regard to Decision 20/2016 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the designation, mandate and remuneration of the EIT Governing Board rapporteurs in the grant allocation process for the KICs of the EIT;<sup>2</sup>

Having regard to Decision 13/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the code of good conduct on conflicts of interest for members of the EIT Governing Board;<sup>3</sup>

Having regard to Decision 14/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the principles for financing, monitoring and evaluating KIC activities;<sup>4</sup>

Having regard to Decision 07/2022 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the EIT monitoring and evaluation strategy (2022-2027);<sup>5</sup>

Having regard to Decision 42/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the Supervision framework of KICs;<sup>6</sup>

Having regard to Decision 11/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT setting the honoraria for the members of the Governing Board, its chairperson, the members of the Executive Committee, the EIT GB Rapporteurs and members of the EIT Governing Board Advisory Groups of the EIT, in particular Article 4 thereof;<sup>7</sup>

Having regard to the opinion of the Commission, expressed by its representative at the Governing Board;

<sup>1</sup> OJ L189 of 28.5.2021, p. 61.

<sup>2</sup> 01994.EIT.2016.I.WP

<sup>3</sup> 00227 EIT 2015.I.GB35

<sup>4</sup> Ares(2021)3111256 - 10/05/2021

<sup>5</sup> Ares(2022)2098829 - 22.03.2022.

<sup>6</sup> Ares(2021)7384565 - 30/11/2021

<sup>7</sup> Ares(2023)3471368



**WHEREAS**

- (1) In order to increase the confidence and involvement of the EIT Governing Board in the supervision, evaluation and the performance-based assessment of KICs, the EIT Governing Board shall designate Governing Board members as rapporteurs;
- (2) Indeed, in the past years since the establishment of the role of the GB rapporteurs by Decision 20/2016 of the Governing Board, GB rapporteurs have a well-established role in the grant allocation process of KICs;
- (3) In line with Decision 42/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the Supervision framework of KICs, GB rapporteurs also play an important role in the implementation of intervention measures and may participate in the reinforced monitoring of a KIC;
- (4) The Partnership Agreement between the EIT and the first wave KICs - EIT Climate-KIC, EIT Digital and EIT InnoEnergy – will end in 2024. Subject to the positive outcome of a final review before the expiry of the Partnership Agreement, the EIT may conclude a memorandum of cooperation with a KIC, and the GB may decide to appoint specific rapporteurs in this context;
- (5) Taking into account the experiences of the past years, the changes of the EIT legal framework and the KIC funding model, the increased focus on the supervision of KICs, as well as the upcoming change in the legal and contractual framework for the first wave KICs, the rules governing GB rapporteurs shall be reviewed, and a new Decision on the function of EIT GB rapporteurs shall be adopted;
- (6) In order to increase the involvement of GB members and to ensure knowledge transfer and continuity in the performance of the rapporteur function in the grant allocation process to the KICs under the partnership agreement, the GB may appoint associate rapporteurs to participate along the lead rapporteur. Associate rapporteurs shall follow and assist the performance of the rapporteur mandate in order to transmit the experience from a previous rapporteur assignment, or in preparation for a prospective lead rapporteur function.
- (7) Following consultation by the EIT, the Commission representative expressed her agreement with the present decision in accordance with point 5 of Section 3 of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation on 10/05/2023.

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:****Article 1  
*Designation***

- (1) The rapporteurs shall be appointed from among the EIT Governing Board members.
- (2) The Governing Board shall appoint rapporteurs – including lead and associate rapporteurs, if appropriate - per wave(s) of KICs in the grant allocation process to the KICs under the partnership agreement, with the possibility to combine waves whenever appropriate in line with the funding allocation principles adopted by the Governing Board.
- (3) As a rule, the appointment of rapporteurs in the grant allocation process shall be made for a year, ending with the adoption of the decision of the Governing Board on the allocation of the EIT financial contribution to KICs.



- (4) The rapporteurs in the grant allocation process shall not be re-appointed for the same - lead or associate - rapporteur role for a successive term for the same wave(s) of KICs, or the same KIC in the subsequent two years.
- (5) In the interest of knowledge transfer and continuity, lead rapporteurs may be appointed as associate rapporteurs, and associate rapporteurs may be appointed as lead rapporteurs in the grant allocation process for the same wave of KICs, or the same KIC in the subsequent year.
- (6) The Governing Board may make the appointments referred to in paragraph (6) of this article in one decision, also for the subsequent year, subject to a conflict of interest assessment before the start of the subsequent assignment, and to the availability of the GB member.
- (7) In addition to the rapporteurs in the grant allocation process, the Governing Board may appoint specific rapporteurs whenever needed, for example for the purpose of KIC supervision or evaluation including to follow the implementation of an intervention measure under the Supervision framework of KICs, or the cooperation with a KIC under a memorandum of cooperation.

## **Article 2**

### ***Mandate of GB rapporteurs in the grant allocation process to KICs under the partnership agreement***

- (1) As part of their role in the grant allocation process to the KICs under the partnership agreement the GB rapporteurs shall:
  - a) closely liaise with the EIT supervision, monitoring and grant implementation units and review the monitoring information of the EIT about progress of a KIC towards its multiannual strategy;
  - b) meet each KIC in the wave(s) assigned to them to obtain first-hand information on the KIC's performance, results and planned activities;
  - c) attend the Supervisory Board or other high-level meetings of the KIC on a need basis;
  - d) evaluate the status of implementation of the strategic recommendations of and the KICs' progress towards the implementation of their multiannual strategies;
  - e) report and inform the Governing Board on the results of the rapporteur's assessment.
- (2) The GB rapporteur's assessment shall be duly documented. Prior to the Hearings of the KICs as part of the grant allocation process, the GB rapporteur shall submit a briefing document to the EIT Governing Board describing all elements listed under paragraph (1) of the present article and indicating the outcome of the evaluation of the GB rapporteur.
- (3) The GB rapporteurs shall attend the preparatory meeting(s) of the Governing Board prior to the Hearings of the KICs as part of the grant allocation process, report to the Governing Board on the outcome of their evaluation and present their observations on the multiannual progress of the KIC and main strategic challenges.



### Article 3

#### *Lead and associate rapporteurs in the grant allocation process to KICs under the partnership agreement*

- (1) In order to strengthen the monitoring and supervision capacity of the EIT Governing Board and ensure knowledge transfer and continuity of the role of GB rapporteurs in the grant allocation process, in line with Article 1 (2) of this decision, the GB may decide to appoint lead and associate rapporteurs for the same wave(s) of KICs.
- (2) Lead rapporteurs shall be responsible for the performance of the mandate of the GB rapporteur in the grant allocation process as defined in Article 2 of the present decision, including the formulation of the outcome of the evaluation and of the GB rapporteur's observation.
- (3) Associate rapporteurs shall follow and assist in the execution of the mandate of the lead rapporteur and participate in the relevant meetings to the extent possible, with a view to transmit the experience of a previous rapporteur assignment or to prepare for a prospective lead rapporteur function.

### Article 4

#### *Mandate of specific GB rapporteurs*

In case the Governing Board decides to appoint specific rapporteurs, for example for the purpose of KIC supervision or evaluation including to follow the implementation of an intervention measure under the Supervision framework of KICs, or the cooperation with a KIC under a memorandum of cooperation as foreseen in article 1(8) of this decision, the appointment decision shall set out the duration and the scope of their specific mandate, and the relationship to the decision-making process of the Governing Board.

### Article 5

#### *Conflict of interest*

- (1) GB rapporteurs including rapporteurs in the grant allocation process (lead and associate rapporteurs) and specific rapporteurs may have no conflict of interest with the KICs falling under the rapporteur mandate.
- (2) The conflict of interest situation of GB rapporteurs shall be assessed in line with the Code of good conduct on conflicts of interest of the members of the Governing Board.
- (3) GB rapporteurs shall sign a declaration of absence of conflict of interest prior to the start of their assignment, as included in Annex to the present decision.
- (4) In case the GB rapporteur becomes aware of a possible conflict of interest situation during the performance of the rapporteur mandate, he/she shall inform the chairperson of the Governing Board. The chairperson of the Governing Board is empowered to take the decision on the necessary measures in this case, including, if conflict of interest is confirmed, the replacement of the GB rapporteur by another GB member. The performance of the role of the GB rapporteur concerned shall be suspended until the decision of the chairperson.

**Article 6*****Fees and allowances***

- (1) The remuneration of GB rapporteurs is foreseen in Decision 11/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT setting the honoraria for the members of the Governing Board, its chairperson, the members of the Executive Committee, the EIT GB Rapporteurs and members of the EIT Governing Board Advisory Groups of the EIT.
- (2) In addition to this fee, the GB rapporteurs will be reimbursed for the travel expenses directly connected with the performance of their role. GB rapporteurs are entitled to the reimbursement of their travel expenses to and from the point of departure and to and from the place of the meeting.

**Article 7*****Entry into force and repeal***

- (1) This decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.
- (2) Decision 20/2016 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the designation, mandate and remuneration of the EIT Governing Board rapporteurs in the grant allocation process for the KICs of the EIT shall be repealed.

*Done in Budapest on 12 May 2023<sup>8</sup>*

*(e-signed)*

Nektarios Tavernarakis

Chairman of the EIT Governing Board

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<sup>8</sup> Adopted by means of written procedure on 12 May 2023

**Annex***Conflict of interest declaration*

<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> GB Rapporteur / Lead Rapporteur for <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Associate rapporteur for <input type="text"/>

- ☐ I have read Decision 12/2023 of the Governing Board on the function of Governing Board rapporteurs.
- ☐ I hereby declare on my honour that, to the best of my knowledge, I have no interests which may create a conflict of interest, based on the Code of good conduct of the members of the Governing Board with the KICs falling under the rapporteur mandate.
- ☐ I undertake to inform the Chairperson of the Governing Board if I become aware of a possible conflict of interest situation during the performance of the rapporteur mandate.

**Please sign and date this form:**

Date:	Signature:
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