DECISION 21/2023 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AS THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, (hereinafter referred to as the ‘EIT Regulation’), and in particular, Section 2, 2.(f) thereof;

Having regard to Decision 21/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 25 September 2019 on the Financial Regulation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (hereinafter referred to as ‘EIT Financial Regulation’);


Having regard to Decision 29/2018 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 20 September 2018 on the appointment of the accounting officer of the European Commission as the accounting officer of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology;

2 Ares(2019)6810859
5 11735.EIT.2018.I.GBS2
Having regard to Decision 14/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 12 May 2023 on the appointment of the accounting officer of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights as the accounting officer of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology;

WHEREAS

(1) Pursuant to Article 50(1) of the Framework Financial Regulation and to Article 1 of the EIT Financial Regulation, the EIT shall appoint an Accounting Officer, covered by the Staff Regulations, who shall be completely independent in the performance of his or her duties.

(2) The Governing Board of the EIT appointed as Accounting Officer, the European Commission’s Accounting Officer, by means of Decision 29/2018 of the Governing Board 20 September 2018, with a starting date as of 01 October 2018.

(3) By a Communication dated 7 July 2022, the European Commission (DG BUDG) informed the EIT of its intention to discontinue the accounting services as of 01 July 2023.

(4) Following the above-mentioned Communication, it was decided to continue to outsource the accounting service and for this purpose, the accounting officer from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (hereinafter ‘FRA’) has been identified as a suitable solution.

(5) In order to implement the proposed solution mentioned, a Service Level Agreement for sharing accounting services should be concluded between the EIT and FRA.

(6) In order to technically implement the proposed solution and considering the changes to be encoded by DG BUDG in the Commission IT accounting tools, the period for the hand-over process from DG BUDG to FRA is 3 months as of 01 July 2023.

(7) In light of the above considerations, it is deemed appropriate to appoint the Accounting Officer of FRA to act as the Accounting Officer of the EIT as of 01 October 2023, while for reasons of legal certainty it is deemed necessary to repeal the EIT Governing Board Decision 14/2023.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Appointment

1. The Accounting Officers of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights are appointed as the Accounting Officers of the EIT as of 01 October 2023, as follows:

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6 Ares(2023)3471757
7 Ares(2022)4961895 – DG BUDG Communication on discontinuation of the accounting services. The treasury services remain under the coordination of DG BUDG, European Commission.
Mr Andreas Miltos, Accounting Officer of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), is hereby appointed as the Accounting Officer of the EIT.

Mr Manuel Wenigwieser, Deputy Accounting Officer of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), is hereby appointed as the Deputy Accounting Officer.

2. The Accounting Officer of the European Commission remains as Accounting Officer for the EIT until 30 September 2023.

3. The appointment of the Accounting Officer of the EIT will be implemented through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the European Institute and Technology, ‘EIT’ and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, ‘FRA’, to be signed by the Directors of both parties.

**Article 2**

*Repeal*

Decision 14/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 12 May 2023 is hereby repealed and replaced by this Decision.

**Article 3 Entry into force**

This decision shall enter into force on 21 June 2023.

Done at Heraklion on 21 June 2023

*(e-signed)*

Nektarios Tavernarakis
Chair of the EIT Governing Board