



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 2021/819¹ 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')²;

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (hereinafter referred to as the 'EU Financial Regulation')³, and in particular Article 78 thereof;

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/715 of 18 December 2018 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies set up under the TFEU and Euratom Treaty and referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (hereinafter referred to as the 'Framework Financial Regulation')⁴, and in particular Article 50 thereof;

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 Technology⁵;

¹ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61.

² Ares(2019)6810859

³ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222.

⁴ OJ L 122, 10.5.2019, p. 1–38.

⁵ 11735.EIT.2018.I.GB52



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 Technology⁶;

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 2023⁷.
- (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:

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