

Summary

62nd EIT Governing Board Meeting

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Overview of participants

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present: Dirk Jan VAN DEN BERG (Chairperson) [DB]; Marja MAKAROW [MM]; Sasha BEZUHANOVA [SB]; Gioia GHEZZI [GG]; Romana JORDAN [RJ]; Laima KAUSPADIENE [LK]; Péter LAKATOS [PL]; Rolf P. NAGEL [RN]; Barbara NOWAKOWSKA [BN]; Agnès PAILLARD [AP]; Patrick PRENDERGAST [PP]; Ana S. TRBOVIĆ [AT]

EIT GB members excused: None

Proxy given: None

European Commission Observer present: Viviane HOFFMANN (Deputy Director-General, DG EAC) [VH]

Representatives of the European Commission present: Begoña ARANO (Head of Unit, DG EAC C1) [BA], Gauthier GROUSSET (Policy Officer, DG EAC C1) [GGr]

EIT staff present: Martin KERN (Director) [MK]; Alice Fiser (Head of Communications and Stakeholder Relations) [AF]; David TAS (Acting Head of Innovation Communities) [DT]; Marton Herczeg (Head of Strategy and Impact) [MH]; Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Director's Office) [AR]; Tamas SAFRANY (Internal Audit Capability) [TS]

Draft Minutes: Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Director's Office)

1. Welcome by the Chair and the EIT Director	
Conclusions	The discussion with the KICs should be focused on concrete action plans of the KICs rather than the simple presentation of vision and projects.
Action points	N/A
2.1 Update on the follow-up of horizontal recommendations	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIT shall prepare a brief note to summarise the conclusions and next steps resulting from the meeting with the KIC Chairs.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to prepare a note to summarise the conclusions and next steps, in particular the review of financial sustainability principles.
2.2 Meeting with the Chairperson and CEO of EIT Climate-KIC	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A follow up discussion at the next Board meeting is required based on different options to go forward. The EIT GB shall give mandate to the EIT and the GB Rapporteur to decide on the Stage Gate assessment.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT Climate-KIC should be asked to reply in writing to some remaining questions about concrete funding, mobilisation of new revenue and to bring examples of successful models by the end of June. The stage gate assessment will take place in July based on the replies of EIT Climate-KIC to additional questions and taking into account the results of the GB Rapporteur exercise. A follow up discussion in the next EIT GB should be organised about the KIC's future strategy and business model.
2.3 Stocktaking on EIT Manufacturing	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB agreed that the recent developments in EIT Manufacturing are positive. The EIT shall carry out the stage gate assessment after 30 June based on the information available and report back to the GB.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT Manufacturing to prepare a short note to the GB on how they have addressed the comments on strategy (impact and openness in particular).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to carry out the stage gate assessment in July.
2.4 Stocktaking on EIT Digital	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KIC is now in a transformation phase, as the new Chair of the Supervisory board is in office since September 2019 only. The trend is seen as positive.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT Digital will be requested to prepare a succinct presentation about the mitigation actions for the remaining concerns, to be further discussed during the rapporteur visit in July.
3.1 Update on the COVID-19 response of the EIT Community	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiative is on track, with GB Decision to be taken on 25 June and the implementation starting in July.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An extraordinary GB meeting will take place on 25 June to take decision on the funding allocation.
3.2 Update on the negotiations of the European Commission's proposal for the EIT Legislative Package	
Conclusions	The EIT GB and the EIT team will continue to follow the negotiations closely and support the Commission in the trilogue if needed. The EIT will continue to follow up with DG EAC on the Horizon Europe transition.
Action points	N/A
3.3 Update on the new EIT initiative to increase entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of HEIs	
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	N/A
3.4 Synergies with EIC and other parts of Horizon Europe	
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	N/A
4.1 Audit Update, GB Assessment of the 2019 Annual Activity Report (AAR) of the Authorising Officer and adoption of the AAR and annual accounts for 2019	
Conclusions	The GB adopted the decision on the AAR 2019 with the changes in the assessment as proposed by the Commission Observer. The discussion on the EIT Director's proposal to strengthen the Audit Committee and the first-level controls of the EIT has been postponed to the next meeting on 25 June.
Action points	N/A
4.2 Outlook for the next GB meeting in September	
Conclusions	The planned joint meeting with the EIC Advisory Board for 23 September will need to be further discussed with DG RTD. The onboarding of the new members will start as soon as the European Commission has appointed them.
Action points	N/A
4.3 AOB and upcoming written procedures	
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	N/A
5.1 Handover of GB chairmanship and farewell	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This agenda point has been postponed to the next meeting on 25 June.
Action points	N/A

The minutes of the 62nd EIT Governing Board meeting are hereby adopted.

Done in Budapest, 10 July 2020¹

[E-signed]

Gioia Ghezzi²

Chair of the EIT Governing Board

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¹ Adopted by the EIT Governing Board via written procedure on 10 July 2020

² Gioia Ghezzi took over the Chairmanship of the EIT Governing Board on 1 July 2020 and was already present in this meeting.

