Minutes
77th EIT GB Meeting

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Overview of participants

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present in person: Attila VEGH [AV]; Nektarios TAVERNARAKIS [NT]; Razvan NICOLESCU [RN]; Janis GREVINS [JG]; Stefan DOBREV [SD]; Heinrich ARNOLD [HA]; Martina LARKIN [ML]; Nora KHALDI [NK].

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present online: Jan FIGEL [JF]; Inga SKISAKER [IS]; Pia SANDVIK [PS]; Mark Boris Andrijanic [MA]; Paul RÜBIG [PL].

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members not present: Silvia LENAERTS [SL]; Maria Gabriella COLUCCI [MGC];

Proxy given: Silvia Lenaerts to Pia Sandvik.

Representatives of the European Commission present in person: Antoaneta ANGELOVA-KRASTEVA (Deputy Director-General, in charge of Directorates C and D - Innovation, Digital Education and International Cooperation, DG EAC) [AAK]; Luca PEREGO (Head of Unit, Innovation and EIT, DG EAC) [LP];

Representatives of the European Commission present online: Ingrid RIGLER (Deputy Head of Unit, Innovation and EIT, DG EAC) [IR]; Marijke DECLERCK (Policy Officer, DG EAC C1) [MD].

EIT KIC Supervisory Board Chairs present in person: Herve BERNARD (Chair of the Supervisory Board of EIT InnoEnergy) [HB]; Egbert LOX (Member of the Supervisory Board of EIT RawMaterials) [EL]; Michiel DE RUITER (Chair of the Supervisory Board of EIT Food) [MDR]; Mar ALARCON (Interim Chair of the Supervisory Board of EIT UrbanMobility) [MA]; Daria TATAJ (Interim Chair of the Supervisory Board of EIT Culture&Creativity [DT]; Linnar VIIK (Chair of the Supervisory Board of EIT Digital) [LV];

EIT KIC Supervisory Board Chairs present online: Barna BARATH (Chair of the Supervisory Board of EIT Climate-KIC) [BB]; Lisa SHAW-MAROTTO (Chair of the Supervisory Board of EIT Health) [LSM];

EIT staff present in person: Martin KERN (Director) [MK]; David TAS (Head of Supervision and Monitoring Unit) [DT]; Michal GORZYNSKI (Head of Director’s Office) [MG];

EIT staff present online: Caroline VANDENPLAS (Acting Head of Communication and Engagement Unit) [CV]; Manuel IRUN MOLINA (Head of Grant Implementation Unit) [MIM]; Marton HERCZEG (Head of Innovation Ecosystem Unit) [MH]; Adam ROTTNBACHER (Head of Operations Knowledge and Innovation Communities Department) [AR]; Nora TOSICS (Head of Legal Section) [NT]; Patricia JUANES BURGOS (Legal Officer) [PJB].

Draft Minutes: Michal Gorzynski (Head of Director’s Office), Judit Balogh (Governance Officer).
21 June- DAY 1

### Welcome by the Chair and EIT Director

#### Conclusions
- Quorum was confirmed with 13 GB members participating in the meeting and one proxy provided.
- The agenda was adopted with no changes.
- The GB took note of the revisions of the CoC.¹

#### Action points
- N/A

### 2.1 Follow up on the strategic discussions from the March meeting

#### Conclusions
- A dedicated AG on communication and stakeholder engagement will be set up in the summer.
- In the next GB meeting the functioning of AGs and Hearing approach for November will be discussed, as well as dedicated session on measurement of success and risks against SIA mandate will be included.

#### Action points
- EIT Director to turn the conclusions from the strategic discussion into the action plan to be further discussed at the September GB.

### 2.2 Debrief from the Advisory Group meetings

#### Conclusions
- N/A

#### Action points
- As a rule, circulate action points of the AG meetings regularly to the whole GB.
- EIT members of the EIC-EIT WG to prepare a position prior to the meeting, given the strategic importance, if needed present it for endorsement at EIT level.

### 2.3 Preparation for the meeting with KIC Chairs

#### Conclusions
- Key messages by the Chair to the KIC SB chairs were agreed upon.

#### Action points
- N/A

### 3.1 Updates from the European Commission on policy priorities

#### Conclusions
- The ExCo will have the mandate to prepare for the strategic discussions of the mid-term evaluation and prepare an input for the next Financial Perspective.

#### Action points
- The EIT-EIC Advisory Group should aim to come up with a joint action plan to be presented to the GB on the approach in the future collaboration.

### 4.1 Post-year 15 cooperation with the KICs - in-depth study and outline of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)

#### Conclusions
- Adjustments will be made to the text based on the discussion and merged in one document to be put for written procedure as soon as possible.

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¹ The CoC was included for adoption in a Written procedure launched on 6 July 2023.
### Action points

- GB decision on duration, structure and content of the MoC and mandating EIT Director to negotiate with the KICs is proposed for July.

#### 5.1 Brief from the EIT GB Audit Committee meeting

**Conclusions**
- Audit committee meeting in autumn, update report on open audit recommendations to be done by then.

**Action points**
- N/A

#### 5.1 Written Procedures update (incl. Revision of the Code of Conduct)

**Conclusions**
- N/A

**Action points**
- N/A

#### 5.2 GB opinion on the Director’s Consolidated Annual Activity Report

**Conclusions**
- N/A

**Action points**
- Adoption of CAAR and adoption of financial accounts.

#### 5.3 Administrative decisions for GB consideration and plan for the written procedure

**Conclusions**
- Four decisions adopted unanimously by the GB.

**Action points**
- N/A

### 6. Closed session - New EIT GB member selection (EIT GB members, Commission observer and EIT Director only)

**Conclusions**
- N/A

**Action points**
- N/A

### 7. Closure of the meeting

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**22 June – DAY 2**

#### 8. Meeting with the Chairs of the KICs Supervisory Boards

**Conclusions**
- N/A
Action points

- EIT KIC Chairs are requested to submit written contribution.
- EIT to process points raised and come up with new formats for continuous discussion.
- EIT and EIT GB to consider associating KIC chairs to strategy development for next MFF.

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9.1 Structured reflection session of the GB members

Conclusions

- The strategic reflections among the GB and with KIC chairs led to a clear agenda of priority topics to be tackled by the EIT GB.

Action Plan outline:

1. **KIC Supervision Framework**: focus on KIC financial sustainability and assess management performance of KICs, including corrective actions as needed; review relationship with KIC Boards
2. Dedicated GB agenda point on **measurement of success and mitigation of key risks** against SIA mandate in September
3. **Raise EIT awareness**: EIT to set up GB AG on communication and stakeholder engagement to be set up to make EIT achievements more visible;
4. **EIC relations**: EIT members of AG to meet asap to develop a position prior to next EIC-EIT WG meeting with the aim to have a joint proposal;
5. **Entrepreneurship Education agenda**: AG to propose strategic directions to the GB;
6. **ExCo to lead** strategic positioning of EIT for HE mid-term review and next MFF, follow up on evaluations; associate representatives of KIC Chair group;
7. **Further follow up issues**:
   - Review functioning of AGs and share their conclusions with whole GB
   - ExCo to develop hearing approach November
   - Year 15 lessons learnt/ MoC negotiation update by the Director in September.

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Action points

- ExCo to look into how to make the Hearings more effective by September.
- GB chair to send a letter to VP Schinas and present EIT achievements.
- EIT to develop a more detailed action plan on the key strategic issues raised by the EIT GB and KIC chairs.

The minutes of the 77th EIT Governing Board meeting are hereby adopted.

Done in Budapest, 20 September 2023

Nektarios Tavernarakis
Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board
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