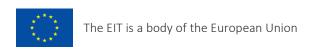# Summary points
79th EIT Governing Board meeting

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EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present in person: Paul RÜBIG [**PL**]; Attila VEGH [**AV**]; Nektarios TAVERNARAKIS [**NT**]; Razvan NICOLESCU [**RN**]; Jan FIGEL [**JF**]; Janis GREVINS [**JG**]; Stefan DOBREV [**SD**]; Silvia LENAERTS [**SL**]; Maria Gabriella COLUCCI [**MGC**]; Mark Boris Andrijanic [**MBA**]; Heinrich ARNOLD [**HA**]; Martina LARKIN [**ML**]; Inga SKISAKER [**IS**].

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members not present: Pia SANDVIK [**PS**]; Nora KHALDI [**NK**];

Proxy given: The proxy was given by Pia SANDVIK to Martina LARKIN

Representative of European Commission in the EIT Governing Board present in person: Arturo CABALLERO BASSEDAS (Deputy Director-General, DG EAC) [**ACB**]; Luca PEREGO (Head of Unit, DG EAC C1) [**LP**].

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

EIT staff present in person and online: Martin KERN (Director) [**MK**]; Ilaria Tagliavini (Head of Operations) [**IT**]; Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Operations Knowledge and Innovation Communities Department) [**AR**]; David TAS (Head of Supervision and Monitoring Unit) [**DT**]; Marton HERCZEG (Head of Innovation Ecosystem Unit) [**MH**]; Michal GORZYNSKI (Head of Director's Office) [**MG**]; Iuliana VIZITIU (Head of Administration Unit) [**IV**]; Marian BELKO (Head of Entrepreneurship Education Section) [**MB**]; Patricia JUANES BURGOS (Legal Officer) [**PJB**].

Draft Minutes: Judit Balogh (Governance Officer).

1. Welcome and opening remarks by the Chair and EIT Director	
Conclusions	• The agenda was adopted without changes. • Minutes from the 78th meeting were approved.
Action points	- N/A
2.1 Updates from the European Commission on policy priorities	
Conclusions	- N/A
Action points	- N/A
2.2 Higher Education Institutions initiative (HEI) - Pilot extension	
Conclusions	- GB decided to continue the HEI initiative (option 2) but the conditionality on the resources to be softened. - The EIT and EC will further discuss how to ensure proper staffing to effectively run the initiative.
Action points	- EIT to continue the discussion with DG EAC to address the staffing issue in order to go ahead with the Initiative.
3.1 EIT Culture and Creativity – endorsing the progress of the start-up phase and finalisation of the designation process	
Conclusions	- The GB decided not to endorse a finalisation of the KIC start-up stage at this November session. - The Board decided not to cancel the KIC and asking the reserve list consortium to start the start-up process taking the KIC progress so far. - The Board decided to agree on option no 2 and decide on endorsement of the KIC start-up phase only in Q1 2024 - a positive decision should be a subject to

	addressing shortcomings identified and achieving start-up milestones. The Board indicated a need to change the KIC leadership. - The GB agreed on Option 2, to be confirmed after the hearings with the KIC and the 80th GB meeting.
Action points	- Provisional adoption of Option 2 to be considered – including or the change of the leadership. To be confirmed after the hearings with the KIC.
3.2 EIT Urban Mobility and EIT Manufacturing: 3-year reviews	
Conclusions	- N/A.
Action points	- N/A.
3.3 Updates on the negotiations of the Post-year 15 cooperation with the first wave KICs	
Conclusions	- N/A
Action points	- N/A
4.1 Debrief from the EIT Audit Committee meeting	
Conclusions	- N/A.
Action points	- N/A.
4.2 Presentation and decision on the EIT SPD 2024-2026 and the EIT Budget	
Conclusions	- N/A
Action points	- Comment of the GB members to be reflected in the SPD 24-26 - GB Decision of adoption of SPD 2024-2026 and the 2024 EIT Budget GB Decision to be to be put in written procedure in December after confirming the EIT budget for 2024.
4.3 GB Decisions, plans for the written procedures and other administrative decisions for GB consideration	
Conclusions	• The GB approved three decisions
Action points	N/A
5. AOB and Conclusions of the meeting	
Summary of discussion	• The action points were summarised
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	N/A
6. Closed session	

The minutes of the 79th EIT Governing Board meeting are hereby adopted.

Done in Budapest, 6 March 2024[1]

Nektarios Tavernarakis

Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

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[1] Adopted in a written procedure on 6 March 2024

OVERVIEW OF DECISIONS	
35-2023	ADOPTING THE EIT BUDGET AMENDMENT No 2/2023 - Ares(2023)8035839
36-2023	AMENDMENT OF THE FINAL SINGLE PROGRAMMING DOCUMENT (2023-2025) OF THE EIT - Ares(2023)8035875
37-2023	AMENDING DECISION 18/2023 ON THE CHARTER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND ON THE MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE EIT AUDIT COMMITTEE - Ares(2023)8035963
38-2023	CONTINUATION AND SCALING UP OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY'S HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEI) INNOVATION CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE BEYOND ITS PILOT PHASE - Ares(2023)8036119