

DECISION 32/2024
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE EIC-EIT JOINT WORKING GROUP

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 (recast) (hereafter the 'EIT Regulation'), in particular 2 (h) of Section 2 the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation¹;

Having regard to Decision 18/2021 of the EIT Governing Board of 7 May 2021 on the Rules of Procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee², in particular, Article 20;

Having regard to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) concluded on 8 January 2021³;

Having regard to Decision 11/2023 of the EIT Governing Board of 12 May 2023 on setting the honoraria for the member of the EIT Governing Board, its chairperson, the members of the Executive Committee, the EIT GB Rapporteurs and members of the EIT GB Advisory Groups of the EIT⁴;

Having regard to the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group Terms of Reference⁵;

Having regard to Decision 15/2023 of the EIT Governing Board of 12 May 2023 on the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group⁶;

WHEREAS

- (1) The European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 8 January 2021 with the objective to work together, to design and implement a fully-fledged systemic and structural cooperation, at both strategic and operational levels, whereby European innovators, innovative SMEs and startups, higher education institutions and research organisations should receive high-level support and services in order to deploy and scale their innovations faster and with greater impact.
- (2) In line with the MoU, the EIC Board and the EIT Governing Board established a permanent joint Working Group, composed of at least three members of each Board, with mandate to oversee implementation of complementarities, identify opportunities for stronger cooperation, and report to both Boards.

¹ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61–90

² Ares (2021)3139636

³ [Memorandum of Understanding-eic-eit_08012021_signed.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁴ Ares(2023)3471368

⁵ Ares(2023)1450629

⁶ Ares(2023)3471967





- (3) The EIT Governing Board members of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group shall report to the Governing Board via the Executive Committee in line with the Rules of Procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee.
- (4) The term of office of the EIT GB representatives in the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group, shall be two years. This term of office may be extended once for a period not exceeding two years.
- (5) The EIT Governing Board members appointed as members of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group shall receive an annual fixed amount for the work performed in this regard as set out in Decision of the Governing Board of EIT on setting the honoraria for the member of the EIT Governing Board its chairperson, the members of the Executive Committee, the EIT GB Rapporteurs and members of the EIT GB Advisory Groups of the EIT.
- (6) The following members of the Governing Board were appointed as members of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group: Mr Attila Vegh, Ms Nora Khaldi and Ms Silvia Lenaerts. Mr Stefan Dobrev and Mr Paul Rübzig were appointed as alternate members. Their mandate started on 12 May 2023.
- (7) The terms of office of Mr Attila Vegh and Mr Paul Rübzig as members of the Governing Board expired on 30 June 2024.
- (8) The terms of office of Mr Heinrich Arnold as a member of the Governing Board expires on 30 June 2026.
- (9) Mr Stefan Dobrev resigned from his role as an alternate member of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group on 23 September 2024⁷.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Appointment

1. Mr Heinrich Arnold is appointed as a member of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group for a term of office of two years and may be extended once for a period not exceeding two years. His mandate starts on 23 October 2024 and will end on 30 June 2026.
2. Mr Kyriacos Kokkinos is appointed as an alternate member of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group for a term of office of two year, and may be extended once for a period not exceeding two years. His mandate stars on 23 October 2024 and will end on 22 October 2026.

Article 2
Composition

The members of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group are as follows:

Name	Role	Term of office duration
Ms Nora Khaldi	Member	until 04 May 2025
Ms Silvia Lenaerts	Member	until 11 May 2025
Mr Heinrich Arnold	Member	until 30 June 2026
Mr Kyriacos Kokkinos	Alternate member	until 22 October 2026

⁷ Ares(2024)6737504

Article 3
Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Done in Budapest on 23 October 2024⁸

*For the EIT
(e-signed)
Stefan Dobrev
Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board*

⁸ Adopted by the EIT Governing Board in a written procedure