



DECISION 38/2024
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

**ON THE APPOINTMENT OF EIT GOVERNING BOARD RAPPORTEURS FOR THE 2026 AND 2027
GRANT ALLOCATION PROCESSES FOR THE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KICS)
UNDER PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast)¹, in particular point (1) c) of Section 2 of the Statutes annexed thereto;

Having regard to Decision 12/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the function of EIT Governing Board rapporteurs;²

Having regard to Decision 18/2024 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the appointment of the EIT Governing Board rapporteurs for the 2025 and 2026 grant allocation processes for the knowledge and innovation communities (KICs)³;

WHEREAS

- (1) In accordance with Decision 12/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the function of EIT Governing Board rapporteurs, in order to increase the confidence and involvement of the EIT Governing Board in the supervision, evaluation and the performance-based assessment of KICs, the EIT Governing Board shall designate Governing Board members as rapporteurs;
- (2) In line with Decision 12/2023, which defines the designation and the mandate of the GB rapporteurs, as well as the applicable conflict of interest and reimbursement rules, the Governing Board shall appoint rapporteurs – including lead and associate rapporteurs, if appropriate – per wave(s) of KICs in the grant allocation process to KICs under the partnership agreement, with the possibility to combine waves whenever appropriate in line with the funding allocation principles adopted by the Governing Board;
- (3) In the interest of knowledge transfer and continuity, lead rapporteurs may be appointed as associate rapporteurs, and associate rapporteurs may be appointed as lead rapporteurs in the grant allocation process for the same wave of KICs, or the same KIC in the subsequent year. The Governing Board may make these appointments in one decision, also for the subsequent year, subject to a conflict of interest assessment before the start of the subsequent assignment, and to the availability of the GB member;

¹ OJ L189 of 28.5.2021, p. 61.

² Ares(2023)3471515

³ Ares(2024)3049345



- (4) The partnership agreement between the EIT and the first wave of KICs (EIT InnoEnergy, EIT Digital and EIT Climate-KIC) has come to an end in 2024, and a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed between the EIT and the respective KICs. The mandate and the appointment of an EIT Governing Board specific rapporteur (advisor) for KICs under MoC is defined by means of separate GB decision.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Appointment of Rapporteurs for the 2026 financial allocation process for KICs under Partnership Agreement

In accordance with Article 1 of Decision 12/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the function of EIT Governing Board rapporteurs, the following Governing Board members are appointed as EIT Governing Board Rapporteurs for the 2026 financial allocation process for the Knowledge and Innovation Communities under partnership agreement:

- a) Kyriacos Kokkinos is appointed as Lead Rapporteur, and Heinrich Arnold is appointed as Associate Rapporteur for the financial allocation process for the second and third waves of KICs (EIT Health, EIT RawMaterials and EIT Food);
- b) Anna Lindén is appointed as Lead Rapporteur, and Michel Mariton is appointed as Associate Rapporteur for the financial allocation process for the fourth and fifth wave of KICs (EIT Manufacturing, EIT Urban Mobility and EIT Culture & Creativity).

Article 2

Conditional appointment of Rapporteurs for the 2027 grant allocation process for KICs under Partnership Agreement

In accordance with paragraphs (5)-(6) of Article 1 of Decision 12/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the function of EIT Governing Board rapporteurs, the Associate Rapporteurs appointed in points a) and b) of Article 1 of this Decision may be appointed as Lead Rapporteurs for the 2027 grant allocation process for the wave(s) concerned, subject to a conflict of interest assessment before the start of the subsequent assignment, and to the availability of the GB member.

Article 3

Conflict of interest declarations

In accordance with Decision 12/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the function of EIT Governing Board rapporteurs, GB Rapporteurs (Lead and Associate Rapporteurs) shall sign a declaration of absence of conflict of interest prior to the start of their assignment.

Article 4

Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Done in Budapest, 17 December 2024⁴

(e-signed)

Stefan Dobrev

Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

⁴ Adopted in written procedure