

DECISION 41/2024  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF  
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

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')<sup>1</sup>, in particular, Article 2 (h) of Section 2 the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

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 Committee<sup>2</sup>, in particular, Article 20;

Having regard to Decision 11/2023 of the EIT Governing Board of 12 May 2023 on setting the honoraria for the members 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<sup>3</sup>.

WHEREAS

- (1) Pursuant to the EIT Regulation, the Governing Board shall establish, where appropriate, advisory groups with a defined objective, tasks, and duration.
- (2) The established Advisory Groups shall contribute to the work of the Governing Board and 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. The organisation, scope and mandate of such groups shall be determined by the Governing Board in separate decisions.
- (3) The Strategy Advisory Group should be established by a decision of the Governing Board of the EIT. This Decision shall govern its composition, mandate, tasks and duration. It shall consist of at least three members, including the Chairperson. The appointed members shall be EIT Governing Board members. The Governing Board shall designate the chairperson of the Strategy Advisory Group.
- (4) The term of office of the members, including the Chairperson, shall be two years. This term of office may be extended once for a period not exceeding the duration of the first term of office.
- (5) The Governing Board members appointed as members of the Strategy Advisory Group shall receive remuneration for the work performed in this regard as set out in Decision of the Governing Board of EIT on the Honoraria of the members of the Governing Board, its chairperson and the members of the Executive Committee of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.
- (6) For the reasons stated above, it is deemed necessary to adopt a decision which regulates the establishment, composition, functioning and appointment of the Strategy Advisory Group.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61–90

<sup>2</sup> Ares (2021)3139636

<sup>3</sup> Ref. Ares(2023)3471368 -17/05/2023

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1

##### Membership, composition and mandate

- (1) The Strategy Advisory Group (hereafter 'the Strategy Advisory Group') is hereby established for an indefinite period.
- (2) The Strategy Advisory Group shall contribute to the work of the Governing Board and shall report to the Governing Board via the Executive Committee.
- (3) The Strategy Advisory Group is composed of at least three members of the EIT Governing Board. The EIT Governing Board is responsible for nominating members of the Governing Board.
- (4) The members of the Strategy Advisory Group members shall serve for a period of two years. This term of office may be extended once for a period not exceeding the duration of the first term of office.
- (5) The members of the Strategy Advisory Group shall deliver regular oral updates at the meetings of the Governing Board.

#### Article 2

##### Scope and objectives

- (1) The Strategy Advisory Group shall assist the EIT Governing Board and provide:
  - Provide strategic guidance on the EIT FP10 positioning and supporting the communication efforts with the high-level stakeholders.
  - Provide strategic guidance on the governance, and integration of lessons learned to strengthen EIT's operations and effectiveness.
  - Advise on the development, implementation, and monitoring of the EIT mandate and the EIT education Strategy, fostering the EIT innovations and entrepreneurship agendas within EIT community.
  - Support development and provide strategic guidance regarding the Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) with a focus on key areas, including initiatives in Ukraine, to enhance the EIT regional impact and alignment with strategic goals.
- (2) Members of the Strategy Advisory Group might represent the EIT at relevant meetings related to tasks and activities that fall under the scope and mandate of this advisory group.

#### Article 3

##### Functioning of the Strategy Advisory Group

- (1) The meetings of the Strategy Advisory Group shall take place upon need for a specific topic allocated to them by the Executive Committee with clear deliverables and defined timeframe.
- (2) The EIT shall provide administrative support to the Strategy Advisory Group.
- (3) The minutes of each meeting of the Strategy Advisory Group shall be distributed to all its members via email or any other electronic means and submitted to the Strategy Advisory Group for its approval at its next meeting.
- (4) The Strategy Group shall provide regular updates to the Governing Board of the EIT on the implementation of their activities.

#### Article 4 Confidentiality and conflict of interests

- (1) In case a conflict-of-interest situation is identified with respect to any of the members to be appointed by the Governing Board of the EIT, as a result of the decision on the assessment of the annual declaration exercise on conflict of interest for members of the Governing Board, this should be taken into account prior to their appointment. The decision on whether the conflict of interest situation identified would affect the impartiality and independence as a member of this Advisory Group shall be taken by Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board and the EIT Director.
- (2) The members of the Strategy Advisory Group appointed by the Governing Board of the EIT will be required to sign a declaration of absence of conflict of interest upon their appointment.
- (3) The members of the Strategy Advisory Group will inform the Chair of Governing Board of the EIT and the EIT Director as soon as possible of relevant professional changes. The Chair of the Governing Board of the EIT and the EIT Director shall consider whether such changes affect their capacity as a member of the Strategy Advisory Group or could represent a substantial conflict of interest in line with the EIT Code of Conduct for members of the Governing Board. In such a case, the Chair of the Governing Board of the EIT and the EIT Director may ask the respective Strategy Advisory Group member to vacate the current position and the Governing Board of the EIT to select a new Strategy Advisory Group member.
- (4) They will be bound by the same confidentiality and conflict of interest requirements laid down in the Code of Good Conduct of Conflict of Interest for Member of the EIT Governing Board<sup>4</sup>.
- (5) At the start of each meeting, any member whose participation in the Strategy Advisory Group's deliberations would raise a conflict of interest on a specific item on the agenda relating to his/her position shall inform the other members of the Strategy Advisory Group.
- (6) In the event of such a conflict of interest, the member shall abstain from discussing the items on the agenda concerned and from any vote on these items.

#### Article 5 Appointment of the Governing Board members for the EIT Strategy Advisory Group

- (1) The following members of the Governing Board are appointed as members of the Strategy Advisory Group: Mr Janis Grevins, Ms Silvia Lenaerts, Mr Dariusz Jemielniak.
- (2) The mandate of the appointed members shall start on the date of the signature of this Decision and shall end in two years after their appointment.
- (3) Should a member's position be vacated for whatever reason before the end of their service, a new member shall be appointed.

#### Article 6 Reimbursement of expenses

An annual fixed amount shall be paid to the members of the Strategy Advisory Group appointed by the EIT Governing Board according to Article 4. 3.b) of Decision 11/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup> Decision 13/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 3 June 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Ref. Ares(2023)3471368 -17/05/2023

**Article 7**  
**Composition of the EIT Strategy Advisory Group**

The Strategy Advisory Group currently consists of the following members:

Name	Role	Term of office duration
Mr Janis Grevins	Member	until 30 April 2025
Ms Silvia Lenaerts	Member	until 16 December 2026
Mr Dariusz Jemielniak	Member	until 16 December 2026

**Article 8**  
**Entry into force**

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

*Done in Budapest on 17 December 2024<sup>6</sup>*

[E-signed]

Stefan Dobrev  
Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

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<sup>6</sup> Adopted by the EIT Governing Board in a written procedure