

**DECISION 42/2024**  
**OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF**  
**THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)**

**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STAKEHOLDER 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 Stakeholder 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. The appointed members shall be EIT Governing Board members.
- (4) The term of office of the members 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 Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder Advisory Group (hereafter 'the Stakeholder Advisory Group') is hereby established for an indefinite period.
- (2) The Stakeholder Advisory Group shall contribute to the work of the Governing Board and shall report to the Governing Board via the Executive Committee.
- (3) The Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder Advisory Group shall deliver regular oral updates at the meetings of the Governing Board.

#### **Article 2**

##### **Scope and objectives**

- (1) The Stakeholder Advisory Group shall assist the EIT Governing Board and provide:
  - strategic advice for the EIT on its Global Outreach agenda to enhance EIT impact and visibility.
  - strategic guidance relating to development, implementation and monitoring of the EIT communications and engagement strategy.
  - strategic advice on stakeholder engagement, in particular with the EU institutions, and synergies with other EU programmes and instruments.
- (2) Members of the Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder Advisory Group**

- (1) The meetings of the Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder Advisory Group.
- (3) The minutes of each meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group shall be distributed to all its members via email or any other electronic means and submitted to the Stakeholder Advisory Group for its approval at its next meeting.
- (4) The Advisory 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 the Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board and the EIT Director.
- (2) The members of the Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder Advisory Group will inform the Chairperson of the Governing Board of the EIT and the EIT Director as soon as possible of relevant professional changes. The Chairperson of the Governing Board of the EIT and the EIT Director shall consider whether such changes affect their capacity as a member of the Stakeholder 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 Chairperson of the Governing Board of the EIT and the EIT Director may ask the respective Stakeholder Advisory Group member to vacate the current position and the Governing Board of the EIT to select a new Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder 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 Stakeholder Advisory Group

- (1) The following members of the Governing Board are appointed as members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group: Mr Jan Figel, Mr Kyriakos Kokkinos, Mr Michel Mariton.
- (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) In the event a member's position becomes vacant, whether due to resignation, incapacity, or other cause, before the expiration of their term, a new member shall be appointed to fill the vacancy. The appointment of new members shall be formalized in a separate decision.

#### Article 6 Reimbursement of expenses

An annual fixed amount shall be paid to the members of the Visibility 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 Stakeholder Advisory Group**

The Stakeholder Advisory Group currently consists of the following members:

Name	Role	Term of office duration
Mr Jan Figel	Member	until 30 April 2025
Mr Kyriakos Kokkinos	Member	until 16 December 2026
Mr Michel Mariton	Member	until 16 December 2026

**Article 7**  
**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