



**SUMMARY RECORDS FROM
3rd Annual Meeting of the EIT Member State Representatives Group
(MSRG)**

5 November 2024, 9h00 – 16h30 CET, EIT House, Brussels

The agenda of the meeting (Annex 1) and the list of participating countries (Annex 2) is enclosed.

The meeting was co-chaired by Martin Kern, EIT Director and Co-Chairperson of the MSRG and Peter Spyns, MSRG Representative of Belgium and Co-Chairperson of the MSRG. Ilaria Tagliavini, Head of Operations Innovation, Education and Communication deputised for Martin Kern during the morning session and co-chaired the meeting.

Representatives from the European Commission (DG EAC), the EIT KICs and the EIT also attended the meeting.

The following subjects were presented and discussed:

- Follow-up actions and main achievements since the last meeting on 30 May 2024, adoption of the meeting agenda;
- Outcome of the Conflict-of-Interest verification exercise;
- European Commission update on main priorities and developments, in particular, as regards the process for the EC proposal on FP10;
- Revision of the MSRG Rules of Procedures with the EIT presentation of key proposed changes and an initial exchange of views. Adoption of the revised Rules of Procedure will take place via written procedure by mid-March 2025;
- Interactive discussions between EIT and MSRG about specific challenges related to the three main topics of simplification, sustainability and synergies with the aim to jointly develop potential pathways to improve collaboration with Member States and associated countries in these areas under the current Horizon Europe framework and reflect on adjustments for the future outlook;
- EIT update on the implementation of the EIT 2024 Work Programme including the timeline and the Call evaluation criteria for EIT Water, the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme, the EIT Higher Education Initiative and the EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative as well as the EIT Future Vision to FP10;
- MSRG Members received information on the planned dates for the next MSRG meetings.



Annex 1 – Meeting Agenda

TIME	AGENDA ITEMS
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Arrival of representatives, registration</i>
1. OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE MSRG	
09:15 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Scene-setter 1.2 Adoption of the meeting agenda 1.3 Conflict of Interest Verification 1.4 Verification of Quorum 1.5 Follow-up actions from the previous meeting
2. UPDATE BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION	
09:30 – 09:45	Scope: Updates from the European Commission concerning the main priorities and developments.
3. REVISION OF MSRG RULES OF PROCEDURE	
09:45 – 10:30	Scope: Presentation of the proposed changes in the <i>Rules of Procedure</i> to be finalized after the meeting and adopted via written procedure. Initial exchange of views.
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4. INTERACTIVE SESSION – INTRODUCTORY PART	



<p>11:00 – 12:00</p>	<p>Scope: EIT overview of the state-of-play and future outlook in three key areas – simplification, sustainability and synergies, including presentations of several success stories. It will serve as an introduction to breakout sessions.</p>
<p>12:00 – 13:30</p>	<p><i>Networking lunch between the MSRG Members, Members of the Research Working Party and representatives of the EIT Community at the EIT House</i></p>
<p>5. INTERACTIVE SESSION – BREAKOUT GROUPS</p>	
<p>13:30 – 14:30</p>	<p>Scope: Interactive discussions about specific challenges related to the three main topics with the aim to jointly develop potential pathways to improve collaboration with Member States and associated countries in those areas.</p> <p>1. SIMPLIFICATION – Ways to streamline and simplify collaboration among the involved actors – EIT, its KICs, Member States, national stakeholders. Opportunities to further improve operational processes and reduce complexity.</p> <p>2. SUSTAINABILITY – The role of Member States in developing EIT KICs as strong and sustainable innovation ecosystems and ensuring the longevity of their impact and financial sustainability.</p> <p>3. SYNERGIES – Existing and potential synergies with other instruments within Horizon Europe and beyond. Ways to improve alignment with other EU instruments as well as national and regional ecosystems.</p>
<p>6. INTERACTIVE SESSION – HARVESTING</p>	
<p>14:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>Scope: Reporting back from breakout sessions, harvesting main points and recommendations.</p>
<p>15:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Plenary discussion on key takeaways.</p>
<p>7. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION</p>	



15:30 – 16:15

Scope: Key updates on the implementation of the 2024 annual work programme, latest achievements, and upcoming milestones, as well as EIT Future Vision. Collection of feedback and strategic advice.

8. WRAP-UP AND CLOSURE

16:15 – 16:30

Wrap-up and closure by MSRG chairpersons



Annex 2: List of participating organisations

Country	Participating organisations
AUSTRIA	Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research
BELGIUM	Flemish Department of Economy, Science & Innovation
CROATIA	Ministry of Science and Education
CZECHIA	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
DENMARK	Agency for Higher Education and Science
FINLAND	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
GERMANY	Federal Ministry of Education and Research
GREECE	PRAXI Network
IRELAND	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research Innovation and Science
ICELAND	IceTec
IRELAND	Enterprise Ireland
LATVIA	Ministry of Education and Science
LITHUANIA	Research Council of Lithuania
MALTA	Malta Council for Science and Technology
NORWAY	Ministry of Education and Research
POLAND	Ministry of Education and Science
PORTUGAL	ANI - Agência Nacional de Inovação
SPAIN	CDTI, EPE.
SWEDEN	Vinnova
TÜRKIYE	TÜBİTAK
UNITED KINGDOM	Department for Science, Innovation and Technology



Co-signed by

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