

DECISION 05/2025  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION  
FOR ACTIVITIES UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION (MoC) FOR 2025  
TO THE FIRST WAVE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KICs)

**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)<sup>1</sup> (hereafter referred to as the ‘EIT Regulation (recast)’), and in particular Article 12 of the EIT Regulation;

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013<sup>2</sup>;

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (hereinafter referred to as the “EU Financial Regulation”)<sup>3</sup>;

HAVING REGARD to the Decision (EU) 2021/820 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 2021-2027: Boosting the Innovation Talent and Capacity of Europe and repealing decision No 1312/2013/EU (hereafter referred to as the “EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027”)<sup>4</sup>, in particular Chapter 3.6.4 thereof;

HAVING REGARD to Decision 21/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 25 September 2019 on the Financial Regulation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the “EIT Financial Regulation”)<sup>5</sup>, in particular Article 1 thereof;

HAVING REGARD to Decision 21/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 9 June 2021 on the authorisation of the EIT Director to prepare, negotiate and conclude partnership agreements and grant agreements<sup>6</sup>;

HAVING REGARD to Decision 24/2024 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 28 June 2024 on the conclusion of the Memorandum of Cooperation with EIT Climate-KIC, EIT Digital and EIT InnoEnergy<sup>7</sup>;

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 91.

<sup>5</sup> Ref. Ares(2019)6810859

<sup>6</sup> Ref. Ares(2021)3798804

<sup>7</sup> Ref. Ares(2024)4696453

HAVING REGARD to Decision 36/2024 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 17 December 2024 on the Final Single Programming Document (2025-2027) of the EIT<sup>8</sup>;

HAVING REGARD to the Invitation for KICs under Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to submit proposals for MoC activities in 2025 (hereafter referred to as 'Invitation')<sup>9</sup>;

HAVING REGARD to the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the EIT and EIT Climate-KIC on 26 August 2024<sup>10</sup>;

HAVING REGARD to the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the EIT and EIT Digital on 26 August 2024<sup>11</sup>;

HAVING REGARD to the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the EIT and EIT InnoEnergy on 26 August 2024<sup>12</sup>;

## WHEREAS

- (1) Further to Decision 24/2024 of the EIT Governing Board of 28 June 2024 on the conclusion of the Memorandum of Cooperation with EIT Climate-KIC, EIT Digital and EIT InnoEnergy, the EIT signed the MoC with each first wave KIC.
- (2) As a result, the first wave KICs can continue to participate in activities within the scope defined by Article 10 of the MoC, following the expiry of their Partnership Agreement on 31 December 2024.
- (3) On 9 August 2024, the EIT launched its Invitation for the first wave KICs to submit proposals for MoC activities to be implemented in 2025. The overall indicative EIT budget available for the MoC grants in 2025 is EUR 20 million. In accordance with the Invitation, the eligible activities include:
  - EIT specific activities in the field of education and training, including entrepreneurial education, training and coaching; Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS, reducing the innovation divide in Europe); innovation ecosystems; dissemination and outreach; synergies and complementarities with other EU Programmes and initiatives;
  - and transnational coordination activities of high Union added value, i.e. activities that have a pan-European character and aim to address an EU policy objective further specified in the Invitation.
- (4) The first wave KICs submitted their proposals on 26 September 2024, which were then evaluated by independent external experts and the EIT Evaluation Committee, in line with the Horizon Europe criteria laid down in the Invitation. The EIT communicated its initial requirements to the KICs further to the evaluation.
- (5) In line with the Invitation, the EIT Governing Board takes the funding allocation decision for the MoC grants in 2025, following the competitive evaluation of proposals.
- (6) The Commission Representative in the EIT Governing Board gave its agreement to the adoption of the present decision.

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<sup>8</sup> Ref. Ares(2024)9134718

<sup>9</sup> Ref. Ares(2024)6123893

<sup>10</sup> Ref. Ares(2024)6076513

<sup>11</sup> Ref. Ares(2024)8180028

<sup>12</sup> Ref. Ares(2024)6076433

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

***Article 1***  
***Financial allocation for MoC activities in 2025***

The maximum EIT financial contribution to the first wave KICs for the MoC activities in 2025 shall be:

EIT Digital: EUR 6,666,667

EIT InnoEnergy: EUR 6,333,333

EIT Climate-KIC: EUR 7,000,000

***Article 2***  
***Award and implementation***

- (1) The EIT Director shall issue the EIT requirements for the KICs' final proposal submission. The formal requirements issued by the EIT shall be met prior to the approval of the proposals as a condition for grant award and signature of the grant agreements.
- (2) The EIT Director shall take the award decision serving as a basis for the award of the 2025 grant and for the conclusion of the grant agreement provided that the updated version(s) of the proposal(s) are in compliance with the requirements laid down in the invitation and the respective guidelines; and meet the requirements for the revision of the proposal issued by the EIT Director, including the decided maximum EIT financial contribution.
- (3) The EIT Director shall be responsible for the implementation of this decision, including the preparation and signature of the grant agreements.

***Article 3***  
***Entry into force***

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done in Bucharest on 21 March 2025

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