

**DECISION 36/2015**  
**OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF**  
**THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)**

**ON THE ADOPTION OF THE EIT'S ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016**

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology<sup>1</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the "EIT Regulation") and in particular, Article 3, Article 4 (1) (a) and Article 5 (1) (a);

Having regard to the Decision of Governing Board of the EIT of 27 December 2013<sup>3</sup> on adopting the Financial Regulation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology as amended by Decision 6/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 5 March 2015<sup>4</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "EIT Financial Regulation") and in particular, Article 32 (3) and Article 68(3) thereof;

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012<sup>5</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (hereinafter referred to as the "Financial Regulation"), and in particular Articles 84, 128 and 138 thereof;

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>6</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules of Application") and in particular Article 94 thereof;

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013<sup>7</sup> of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 208 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Framework Financial Regulation") and in particular, Article 32 (3) and Article 68 (3);

**WHEREAS**

- (1) Article 68(2) of the Financial Regulation of the EIT provides that every commitment of expenditure shall be preceded by a financing decision.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L97 of 09.04.2008, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174.

<sup>3</sup> O1364.EIT.2014.I.

<sup>4</sup> 00101.EIT.2015.I.GB34

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p.1

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42

- (2) The 2016 work programme constitutes a financing decision for the activities it covers since the elements set out in Article 32(3) of the Framework Financial Regulation and in Article 84 of the Financial Regulation and in Article 94 of the Rules of Application are clearly identified.
- (3) In accordance with Article 68(4) of the EIT Financial Regulation administrative appropriations may be implemented without a prior financing decision.
- (4) The EIT's Work Programme is equivalent to a financing decision for the activities it covers according to Article 68 (3) of the EIT Financial Regulation. Consequently, as a financing decision may also cover the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 92(5) of the Financial Regulation and 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (5) In order to provide for some degree of flexibility while applying specific actions covered by this decision, it is necessary to foresee a possibility for the authorising officer to introduce non substantial changes on specific actions. Such changes should not, however, have a disproportionate impact on the budget line concerned and they should not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the action.

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:****Article 1**

The EIT's Annual Work Programme for the implementation of the EIT budget for the financial year of 2016, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

**Article 2**

1. The maximum amount authorised for commitment appropriations by this Decision is set at EUR 285 032 442. The maximum amount of payment appropriations set at EUR 283 107 293 and shall be financed from the following funds
  - subsidy from the Union for the year 2016: EUR 251 666 064
  - contribution by the European Free Trade Association Member States: EUR 6 870 483
  - contributions by third countries EUR 4 520 083
  - contributions and refunds in connection with the operational activities EUR 263 239.16
  - cancelled appropriations EUR 21 712 572.84

These appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided in the general budget of the Union for the year 2016.

2. If additional funds are available in the course of the year, the annual work programme can cover commitments up to 10% above the amount given in paragraph 1.
3. Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions are not considered to be substantial where those changes do not significantly affect the nature and the objective of the annual work programme and do not exceed 10% of the amount given in paragraph 1.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

#### Article 3

The Director of the EIT is responsible for ensuring the publication and implementation of the EIT Annual Work Programme for 2016.

#### Article 4

This decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2016.

*Done at Budapest on 3 December 2015*

*Signed*

Peter Olesen

Chairman of the EIT Governing Board

**ANNEX: THE EIT'S ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016**