

DECISION 32/2015
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

**ON THE ALLOCATION OF 2016 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KICs)**

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 (hereinafter referred to as the "EIT Regulation")¹ as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013², and in particular Articles 14 (7) and 20 (8) thereof;

Having regard to the Decision of EIT Governing Board of 27 December 2013 adopting the Financial Regulation for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "EIT Financial Regulation")³, as amended by Decision 6/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 5 March 2015⁴;

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology of 11 December 2014 on the adoption of the EIT Annual Work Programme for 2015⁵;

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology of 11 December 2014 on the adoption of the EIT Budget and Establishment Plan for the financial year 2015⁶;

Having regard to Decision 5/2015 of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology of 5 March 2015 on the principles for the determination of the 2016 EIT financial allocation⁷;

WHEREAS

- (1) The EIT has designated three Knowledge and Innovation Communities (hereinafter referred to as 'KICs') in 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the "first wave of KICs") and two KICs in 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the "second wave of KICs").
- (2) The EIT has concluded with each of the first wave of KICs a Framework Partnership Agreement and concluded with each of the second wave of KICs a Start-up Grant Agreement.
- (3) The EIT Annual Work Programme for 2015⁸ constitutes the Financing Decision for 2015 according to Article 68 (3) of the EIT Financial Regulation.

¹ OJ L 97 of 9.4.2008, p. 1.

² OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174.

³ 01364.EIT.2014.I

⁴ 00101.EIT.2015.I.GB34

⁵ 01970.EIT.2014.I.GB

⁶ 01973.EIT.2014.I.GB

⁷ 00111.EIT.2015.I. GB34

- (4) The Decision on the principles for the determination of the 2016 EIT financial allocation defined the main three criteria for the allocation of the annual financial contribution for the *first wave of KICs*: 1) KIC past performance in 2015, 2) the proposed 2016 KIC Business Plans and Budgets, and 3) Hearings at the Governing Board.
- (5) The Decision on the principles for the determination of the 2016 EIT financial allocation defined the main two criteria for the allocation of the annual financial contribution for the *second wave of KICs*: 1) the proposed 2016 KIC Business Plans and Budgets, and 2) Hearings at the Governing Board.
- (6) The EIT Governing Board decided⁹ that 85 % of the financial contribution of 275 million Euros, available in the 2016 EIT Budget, shall be allocated to the first wave of KICs¹⁰, and 15 % of the financial allocation of 275 million Euros shall be allocated to the second wave of KICs¹¹, according to the followings:
 - a. For the *first wave of KICs*: the sum of Support Funding, which will represent 60% of the financial contribution and Competitive Funding, representing the remaining 40%;
 - b. For the *second wave of KICs*: the sum of Support Funding, which will represent 90% of the financial contribution and Competitive Funding, representing the remaining 10%.
- (7) For the *first wave of KICs*, the determination of the 2016 Competitive Funding should be based on assessment of three criteria: 2014 KIC performance (1/3 weight), proposed 2016 KIC Business Plan and indicative Budget (1/3 weight) and the outcome of the hearing with the EIT Governing Board (1/3 weight). 10 % of the competitive funding shall be earmarked for the implementation of the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (hereinafter referred to as the “RIS”).
- (8) For the *second wave of KICs*, the determination of the 2016 Competitive Funding should be based on the assessment of two criteria: proposed 2016 KIC Business Plan and indicative Budget (1/2 weight) and outcome of the hearing with the EIT Governing Board (1/2 weight). 10 % of the competitive funding shall be earmarked for the implementation of the RIS.
- (9) For the *first wave of KICs*, the KIC past performance has been assessed taking into account (i) the implementation of 2014 KIC Portfolio of activities, (ii) the results of the EIT Core KPIs and (iii) the use of the financial contribution. The proposed 2016 KIC Business Plan and indicative Budget have been assessed by independent external experts. The outputs of the Hearings were based on results of KICs Hearings with the EIT Governing Board which took place on 2 December 2015.
- (10) For the *second wave of KICs*, the proposed 2016 KIC Business Plan and indicative Budget have been assessed by independent external experts. The outputs of the Hearings were based on results of KICs Hearings with the EIT Governing Board which took place on 2 December 2015.

⁸ 01970.EIT.2014.I.GB

⁹ 36th EIT Governing Board Meeting, 24 September 2015

¹⁰ EIT Digital, Climate-KIC, KIC InnoEnergy

¹¹ EIT Health, EIT Raw Materials

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The maximum 2016 EIT financial contribution covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016 to each KIC shall be allocated as follows:

Climate-KIC:	81,181,937	EUR
KIC InnoEnergy:	77,493,122	EUR
EIT DIGITAL:	75,074,941	EUR
EIT Health:	20,706,935	EUR
EIT Raw Materials:	20,543,065	EUR

Article 2

The EIT Director shall be responsible for the implementation of this decision, in particular for the communication of recommendations agreed by the Governing Board to each individual KIC.

Article 3

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature, within the limit of the approval of the EIT Budget 2016, and shall become definitive and applicable on the following day of the adoption of the general budget of the European Union for 2016, which will set the amount of the EU subsidy to the EIT. If necessary, the financial allocation of funding to each KIC shall be amended proportionally.

Done at Budapest on 3 December 2015

Signed

Peter Olesen

Chairman of the EIT Governing Board