

DECISION 14/2020  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KICs)  
IN ORDER TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES  
TARGETING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CRISIS IN 2020

**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 Articles 14 (7) and 20 (8), and Section 2 (a) and (b) of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in “Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)” and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (hereinafter referred to as the “Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation”)<sup>3</sup>;

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (hereinafter referred to as the “EU Financial Regulation”)<sup>4</sup>, in particular Article 195 thereof;

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/715 of 18 December 2018 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies set up under the TFEU and Euratom Treaty and referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (hereinafter referred to as the „Framework Financial Regulation”), in particular Article 91 thereof;

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

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 97 of 9.4.2008, p. 1-12.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174-184

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81-103

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222

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

Having regard to Decision 35/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the principles for financing, monitoring and evaluating KIC activities<sup>6</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 04/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the principles for the determination of the 2020 EIT financial allocation<sup>7</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 22/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the allocation of the 2020 financial contribution to the Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) and on the amendment of Decision 04/2019 of the EIT Governing Board on the principles for the determination of the 2020 EIT financial allocation<sup>8</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 27/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the adoption of the Final Single Programming Document (2020-2022) of the EIT<sup>9</sup>, as amended by Decision 06/2020 of 14 May of the Governing Board of the EIT on the allocation of the additional financial contribution to the Knowledge and Innovation communities (KICs) in order to support activities targeting the COVID-19 pandemic crisis in 2020<sup>10</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 06/2020 of 14 May 2020 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the allocation of the additional financial contribution to the Knowledge and Innovation communities (KICs) in order to support activities targeting the COVID-19 pandemic crisis in 2020 and on the amendment of Decision 27/2019 on the adoption of the Final Single Programming Document (2020-2022) of the EIT<sup>11</sup>;

## WHEREAS

- (1) The Governing Board determined the exact figures for the maximum 2020 EIT financial contribution in its Decision 22/2019. Subsequently, the 2020 specific grants to the KICs were awarded by the EIT Director and the 2020 Specific Grant Agreements were signed with all the eight KICs.
- (2) The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic requires a flexible and targeted approach from the EIT to provide the KICs with additional support in the newly emerged crisis situation, in order to allow them to contribute to the measures tackling the public health and economic challenges of the situation in Europe.
- (3) Article 195(b) of the EU Financial Regulation allows the EIT to award grants without a call for proposals in an exceptional and duly substantiated emergency situation.

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<sup>6</sup> 02730.EIT.2015.I.GB38

<sup>7</sup> Ares(2019)2386514

<sup>8</sup> Ares(2019)7334740

<sup>9</sup> Ares(2019)7911528

<sup>10</sup> Ares(2020)2553024

<sup>11</sup> Ares(2020)2553024

- (4) On 14 May 2020 the EIT Governing Board adopted its Decision 06/2020 and decided to allocate an additional amount of EUR 60,000,000 to the KICs for activities targeting the COVID-19 crisis and its negative economic effects. As stated in Decision 06/2020 of the Governing Board, the funding has to be additional to what the KICs can achieve with their own savings from the 2020 Business Plan and any overlap with existing projects or between KICs has to be avoided.
- (5) Further to the EIT's invitation to submit proposals for additional EIT funding in response to the COVID-19 crisis<sup>12</sup> and the submission of proposals by the KICs on 31 May 2020, the EIT and external experts completed a fast-track evaluation procedure in June 2020.
- (6) Therefore, the Governing Board shall take the final decision on the maximum EIT financial contribution to the KICs for activities targeting the COVID-19 crisis.

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

*Article 1*

*Final allocation of additional funding for KIC activities targeting the COVID-19 crisis in 2020*

The maximum EIT financial contribution for KIC activities targeting the COVID-19 crisis in 2020 shall be allocated as follows:

EIT Climate-KIC:	EUR 8,414,250
EIT Digital:	EUR 7,646,945
EIT InnoEnergy:	EUR 7,388,122
EIT Health:	EUR 9,850,830
EIT RawMaterials:	EUR 9,789,262
EIT Food:	EUR 10,261,281
EIT Manufacturing:	EUR 3,283,610
EIT Urban Mobility:	EUR 3,365,700

*Article 2*

*Award and implementation*

The EIT Director shall be responsible to implement this decision, in particular by awarding the additional funding to the KICs, communicating the outcome of the assessment to each KIC and monitoring their implementation.

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<sup>12</sup> EIT's Crisis Response Initiative of 14 May 2020 (Ares(2020)2548290)

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

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

*Done in Budapest on 25 June 2020*

[Signed]

*Dirk Jan van den Berg*  
*Chair of the EIT Governing Board*