

DECISION 33/2016
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

**ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE START-UP GRANT
TO THE NEWLY DESIGNATED KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITY (KIC)
'EIT FOOD'**

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 "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) and Section 2 (a) and (b) of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

Having regard to Decision 32/2015 of 3 December 2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the allocation of 2016 Financial contribution to the Knowledge and Innovation Communities³;

Having regard to Decision 5/2015 of 5 March 2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the principles for the determination of the 2016 EIT financial allocation⁴;

Having regard to Decision 38/2015 of 3 December 2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT on adopting the EIT Budget and establishment plan for the financial year 2016⁵, as amended by Decision 22/2016 of 29 July 2016 of the Governing Board of the EIT on adopting the EIT Budget amendment No 1/2016⁶;

Having regard to the Call for 2016 Call for Knowledge and Innovation Communities' proposals published by the EIT on 14 January 2016, in two thematic areas addressing the theme of " Food4Future - Sustainable Supply Chain from Resources to Consumers", and the theme of "Added-value Manufacturing";

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology of 17 November 2016 on the designation of the Knowledge and Innovation Communities (hereafter referred to as "KIC"), 'EIT Food';

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology of 8 December 2016 on the adoption of the Single Programming Document 2017-2019 (including the Annual Work Programme 2017 as Financing Decision) ;

¹ OJ L 97 of 9.4.2008, p. 1.

² OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174.

³ 02727.EIT.2015.I.GB38

⁴ 00111.EIT.2015.I.GB34

⁵ 02733.EIT.2015.I.GB38

⁶ 02745.EIT.2016.I

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology of 8 December 2016 on the adoption of the EIT's Budget for 2017;

WHEREAS

- (1) The EIT has designated on 17 November 2016 a new Knowledge and Innovation Community in the area of "Food4Future - Sustainable Supply Chain from Resources to Consumers" ('EIT Food').
- (2) The EIT Governing Board decided on 17 November 2016 that a financial contribution of maximum 4 million Euros, available in the 2016 EIT budget, may be allocated as the start-up grant to the new KIC.
- (3) It is important to support the efficient setting up of the two KIC, by covering the eligible costs of, inter alia, the establishment of legal structures, including the set-up of the KIC Legal Entity; recruitment and appointment of a CEO and other core staff; coordination and signature of the internal agreements formalising the engagement of partner organisations; preparation of the first KIC Business Plan.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The maximum EIT financial contribution for the start-up grant to the newly designated KIC, i.e, EIT Food, covering the period from the date of submission of the Start-up Plan until 31 December 2017, shall be 4 million Euros.

Article 2

The final amount of the start-up grant of EIT Food shall be determined in the award decision to be made by the EIT Director, as Authorising Officer, based on the evaluation and approval of the EIT Food Start-up Plan.

Article 3

The EIT financial contribution provided for in the present decision is subject to the final adoption of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017, which will determine the amount of the EU funding to the EIT in 2017. In case of a reduction of the EU funding to the EIT, the maximum EIT financial contribution for the start-up grant of EIT Food shall be amended proportionally.

Article 4

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

Done in Budapest on 8 December 2016

Signed

Bruno Revellin – Falcoz

On behalf of

Peter Olesen

Chairman of the EIT Governing Board