

Minutes

81st EIT GB Meeting

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Overview of participants

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present on-line: Attila VEGH [AV]; Nektarios TAVERNARAKIS [NT]; Razvan NICOLESCU [RN]; Janis GREVINS [JG]; Stefan DOBREV [SD]; Heinrich ARNOLD [HA]; Martina LARKIN [ML]; Inga SKISAKER [IS]; Paul RÜBIG [PL]; Silvia LENAERTS [SL]; Jan FIGEL [JF], Mark Boris Andrijanic [MA]; Pia SANDVIK [PS];

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) member not present: Nora KHALDI [NK], Razvan NICOLESCU [RN] was absent starting from 11:45

Proxy given: Razvan NICOLESCU to Nektarios TAVERNARAKIS when he would be absent at the meeting.

Representatives of the European Commission present online: Normunds POPENS (Deputy Director-General, DG EAC) [NP]; Ingrid RIGLER (Deputy Head of Unit, Innovation and EIT, DG EAC) [IR];

EIT staff present online: Martin KERN (Director) [MK]; Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Operations - Knowledge and Innovation Communities Department) [AR]; Ilaria TAGLIAVINI (Head of Operations – Innovation, Education and Communication) [IT]; David TAS (Head of Supervision and Monitoring Unit) [DT]; Caroline VANDENPLAS (Head of Communication and Engagement Unit) [CV]; Michal GORZYNSKI (Head of Director's Office) [MG]; Patricia JUANES BURGOS (Legal Officer) [PJB]; Beata HARTWIG (Legal Officer) [BH]; Nora TOSIC (Legal Officer) [NT]; Marian BELKO (Education Officer) [MB], Eszter LAKOS (Project Support Officer) [LE], Reka BOTTONI-LASZLO (Programme Officer) [RBL]

Draft Minutes: Michal Gorzynski (Head of Director's Office), Eszter Lakos (Governance Officer).

1. Welcome by the Chairperson and EIT Director	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quorum was confirmed with 13 GB members participating in the meeting and one proxy. The agenda was adopted with no changes.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
2.1 Updates from the European Commission on policy priorities and Future of the EIT [Information & Discussion]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The preparatory work will continue.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to continue to develop the presented strategic directions and preparation of the draft position paper for the GB consideration at the next GB meeting in June, with the light of its adoption.
2.2 EIT Culture and Creativity – start-up phase assessment and final designation of KIC [Information, Discussion & Decision]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB approved unanimously the GB Decision on start-up phase endorsement and final designation of the CC KIC. The GB approved unanimously the GB Decision on funding allocation 2024-25 of EIT Culture and Creativity allocating an initial EUR 25 million but to include the proposed conditions to be verified by the EIT Director before the grant agreement is concluded – all present GB members voted in favour of this decision.

Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate the decision to the KIC and EIT to ensure further close monitoring of EIT CC in the next months by the GB to ensure a structuring of its proper operational readiness
2.3 MoC adoption [Information, Discussion & Decision]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EC could not yet provide its agreement for concluding the MoC decision – the adoption of the decision was postponed.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification of open points and exact expectations of changes to be made, if any, to allow the EC to provide its consent of adopting the MoC decision and related funding allocation as soon as possible. The EIT will follow up with the Commission accordingly and then return the decision to the EIT GB for adoption.
3.1 Grant allocation criteria [Information, Discussion & Decision]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision will be agreed in the written procedure
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on the principles for the determination of the additional EIT financial allocation for 2025 to the KICs BPs and EIT Community activities to be agreed with the Commission and to be put for the written procedure.
3.2 Higher Education Institutions initiative (HEI) funding allocation decision for 2024-2025 [Information & Discussion]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on HEI Grant Agreement amendment process in the context of the HEI continuation activities in 2024-2024 will be put for the written procedure in April 2023
3.3 Risk management related to KIC governance/ grants (specific request of the GB after hearings [Information & Discussion]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIT to follow discussion on the further involvement of the EIT GB members in monitoring/ supervision of the KICs operations, especially on the governance level, in order to decide whether the Supervision Framework may require further amendments.
3.4 Report on GB Advisory Groups activities [Information & Discussion]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work of the GB AG, which is instrumental for the preparation of the EIT positioning in the context of the FP 10 preparation and AI is identified as a new area for potential interest of the EIT GB.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group in order to develop a joint proposal with EIC. AI working stream intensifies – the next workshop on the AI compliance would take place in the coming weeks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education AG meeting to be scheduled for May to formulate the proposed strategic directions of EIT in the area of education and skills.
4.1 Revised EIT Anti-Fraud Strategy [Discussion & Decision]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GB adopted the revised Anti-Fraud Strategy unanimously
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
4.2 Administrative decisions [Discussion & Decision]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GB Decision on the request for the Commission agreement for derogation from implementing rules to the Staff Regulations adopted, Corrigendum to GB Decision on internal rules concerning restrictions of certain data subject rights update adopted.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
4.3 Update on upcoming written procedure [Information]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of the written procedure in April and May according to the presented plan
Closure of this part of the meeting	

OVERVIEW OF DECISIONS	
12-2024	REQUEST FOR THE COMMISSION AGREEMENT FOR DEROGATION FROM IMPLEMENTING RULES TO THE STAFF REGULATIONS
11-2024	INITIAL ALLOCATION OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUSINESS PLAN 2024-2025 OF EIT CULTURE & CREATIVITY KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITY (KIC)
08-2024	ADOPTING THE REVISED EIT ANTI-FRAUD STRATEGY
07-2024	ENDORISING THE START-UP PHASE OF EIT CULTURE & CREATIVITY AND FINALISATION OF THE NEW KIC's DESIGNATION PROCESS
22c-2023	CORRIGENDUM TO DECISION 22/2023 ON INTERNAL RULES CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN RIGHTS OF DATA SUBJECTS IN RELATION TO PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EIT

