

# Minutes

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## Overview of participants

**EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present:** Stefan DOBREV [SD]; Heinrich ARNOLD [HA]; Anna LINDEN<sup>1</sup> [AL]; Anne BORG [AB]; Silvia LENAERTS [SL]; Jan FIGEL [JF], Michel MARITON [MM]; Dariusz JEMIELNIAK [DJ]; Janis GREVINS [JG]; Nora KHALDI [NK]; Razvan NICOLESCU [RN]; Mark Boris Andrijanic [MA]; Inga SKISAKER [IS]; Kyriakos KOKKINOS [KK]

**EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) member not present:** Pia SANDVIK [PS];

**Proxy given:** no proxy given.

**Representatives of the European Commission:** Normunds POPENS (Deputy Director-General, DG EAC) [NP]; Luca PEREGO (Head of Unit, Innovation and EIT, DG EAC) [LP]; Ingrid RIGLER (DG EAC) [IR]; Jozef STAHL [JS] (DG EAC).

**EIT:** Martin KERN (Director) [MK]; Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Operations) [AR]; Ilaria TAGLIAVINI (Head of Operations) [IT]; Michal GORZYNSKI (Head of Director's Office); David TAS (Head of Unit) [DT]; Caroline VANDENPLAS (Head of Unit) [CV]; Marton HERCZEG (Head of Unit) [HU]; Nora TOSIC (Legal Officer) [NT]; Patricia JUANES BURGOS (Legal Officer) [PJB]; Laura HANIN [LH];

*Draft Minutes: Michal Gorzynski (Head of Director's Office).*

1. Welcome by the Chairperson and EIT Director	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quorum was confirmed with 14 GB members participating in the meeting</li> <li>The agenda was adopted with no changes.</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
2.1 Updates on the follow up points from the last GB meeting [Information]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
2.2 Updates from the European Commission on policy priorities [Information]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GB members are encouraged to engage with the Commission and the European Parliament to advocate for the EIT</li> </ul>
3.1. Strategic positioning of EIT in the context of FP 10 preparations [Information]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EIT Strategy document needs to be revised taking into account comments of the EIT Governing Board members and list of new KIC potential themes to be revised in line with the comments received. The GB agreed that the proposed 5 topics should then be assessed against the suitability of the EIT model.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Present at the call between 9.30 and 11.50 and from 12.45 until the meeting's end.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion to be continued at the November GB meeting with a view to adopt the strategic vision paper.</li> </ul>
<b>Action points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EIT to address GB members comments in the Strategy document, in particular to reflect green and digital dimension, refer to Draghi and Letta reports, and reflect on the comments related to the regional, regulatory and financial aspects.</li> <li>Fix the summary slide summarising the EIT strategy document.</li> <li>Draft final fact sheets to be presented for 5 new KIC themes selected taking into account the comments of GB members and circulate the revised document among the GB members prior to the next GB meeting: AI and Robotics, including semiconductors, Rural Innovation including forestry, Security and Resilience, Space and Aerospace, Bio-based Industry to be reflected and considered for the potential new KIC themes. Sustainable Cities and Circular Economy is not to be brought forward for the November meeting as these themes strongly overlap with the scope of existing KICs.</li> <li>EIT to share information about expert supporting the assessment of the potential themes with GB members</li> <li>To explore the idea of the concept of a foresight/ think tank Institute at the EIT level – to further develop relevant provisions in the strategy paper</li> </ul>
<b>3.2. Composition of the GB Advisory Groups [Information &amp; Decision]</b>	
<b>Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the mandatory groups (ExCo, AC, COI AG, Appeals AG, EIT-EIC WG)</li> <li>Education, GO and Visibility AGs to be abandoned.</li> <li>New AGs to be proposed taking into account such aspects as strategy or stakeholders relations - new AG should have clear term mandate and duration</li> <li>Renewal of term of office for <b>JG</b> and <b>RN</b> in the Executive Committee was agreed by the GB.</li> </ul>
<b>Action points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EIT to propose for the next GB meeting new AGs with proposed mandate and duration reflecting on comments of the GB members</li> <li>Written procedure follow up to fill in open positions in other groups – Appeals (DJ) and EIT-EIC WG (HA). Other GB members will be contacted to check their availability to join the EIT Audit Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>4.1. Preparation for the Grant Allocation 2025, incl. GB hearings of KICs and status of GB Rapporteurs' preparatory work [Information &amp; Discussion]</b>	
<b>Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Action points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>4.2. KIC on Water, Marine and Maritime – update on the timeline and adoption of the evaluation criteria [Information, Discussion &amp; Decision]</b>	

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments of the European Commission and GB members to be addressed in the next version of the evaluation criteria for selection of a new KIC on Water, Marine and Maritime Sectors document.</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of GB Decision on the evaluation criteria for selecting KIC on Water, Marine and Maritime Sectors in a written procedure.</li> </ul>
<b>4.3. EIT Food mid- term review and extension of the Partnership Agreement [Decision]</b>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GB decided unanimously to authorise the EIT Director to sign the Framework Partnership Agreement for another 7-years. The EC representative expressed its consent for this decision and underlined that it counts on the GB to issue recommendations to the KIC. He also asked that the Strategic Agenda is adapted to the new Commission priorities, and this can be followed-up in the Policy Advisory Board.</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EIT Director to sign the Framework Partnership Agreement for another 7-years.</li> </ul>
<b>5.1. Plans for the written procedures and other administrative decisions for GB consideration</b>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written procedure on nomination decisions, adoption of the evaluation criteria for selecting KIC on Water, Marine and Maritime Sectors will follow a written procedure.</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>5.2. Key agenda points of the GB meetings in November</b>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>6.1. AOB</b>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025 dates of GB and ExCo meetings to be agreed before the November GB meetings</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EIT to launch doodle for selecting dates for 2025 GB and ExCo meetings</li> </ul>
<b>6.2. Meeting conclusions</b>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Closure of this part of the meeting</b>	

OVERVIEW OF DECISIONS	
29	RENEWING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE EIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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