

# Minutes

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## Overview of participants

**EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present:** Stefan DOBREV [SD]; Anna LINDEN [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]; Kyriakos KOKKINOS [KK]; Pia SANDVIK [PS]

**EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) member present on-line:** Inga SKISAKER [IS]; Heinrich ARNOLD [HA]; Mark Boris Andrijanic [MA];

**Proxy given:** no proxy given.

**Representatives of the European Commission in person:** Luca PEREGO (Head of Unit, Innovation and EIT, DG EAC) [LP]; Jozef STAHL [JS] (DG EAC).

**EIT in person:** Martin KERN (Director) [MK]; Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Operations) [AR]; Ilaria TAGLIAVINI (Head of Operations) [IT]; Michal GORZYNSKI (Head of Director's Office) [MG]; Marton HERCZEG (Head of Unit) [MH] – the strategy part; Nora TOSICS [NT] – the Conflict of Interest part; Patricia JUANES BURGOS (Legal Officer) [PJB] – the closed session; Laura HANIN [LH];

**EIT on-line:** Iuliana VIZITIU (Head of Unit) [IV]; Manuel IRUN [MI] – the strategy part;

**Draft Minutes:** Michal Gorzynski and Jazmin Topuzidu (Director's Office).

## 1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OPENING OF THE MEETING

### 1.1. Welcome by the Chairperson and EIT Director

**Conclusions** • N/A

**Action points** • N/A

### 1.2. Conflict of Interest assessment; quorum and proxy: [Information]

**Conclusions** • Quorum was confirmed with 15 GB members participating in the meeting (12 in person and 3 on-line)

**Action points** • N/A

### 1.3. Approval of the agenda

**Conclusions** • The agenda was adopted with no changes.

**Action points** • N/A

## 2. EIT UPDATES

### 2.1. Update on the follow up points from the last GB meeting [Information]

**Conclusions** • N/A

**Action points** • N/A

### 2.2. Updates from the European Commission on policy priorities [Information]

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GB members to engage with key stakeholders on the Member States' level to present the EIT position.</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EIT to prepare the communication package for the GB members</li> </ul>
<b>3. STRATEGY UPDATES</b>	
<b>3.1. Strategic positioning of EIT in the context of FP 10 preparations [Information, Discussion &amp; Decision]</b>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GB members are also invited to provide further comments in writing.</li> <li>The Strategic paper to be amended based on the GB members comments provided.</li> <li>The Strategy paper to be approved it in the written procedure, following the consultation with the GB Strategy Advisory Group and to be published in December 2024.</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GB members</b> are requested to send one pager by 1 December on how they propose to present the EIT – under the lead of the GB Strategy Advisory Group the EIT strategy paper will be prepared consisting of the one page summary, the main strategic vision document. It will consist of the proposed future topics and draft key lessons learnt (this document to be further discussed at the next GB meeting).</li> <li><b>GB members</b> are encouraged to use their networks to communicate on the EIT value added and its positioning in the FP 10. They will be provided with suggestions of persons to engage with.</li> <li><b>Adoption of the strategy document package</b> in the Written Procedure and before the end of the year.</li> </ul>
<b>3.2. Composition of the GB Advisory Groups [Information, Discussion &amp; Decision]</b>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GB members are invited to reflect on the new GB AG and express their interest to join.</li> <li>GB members are invited to volunteer to join the EIT Audit Committee and Executive Committee.</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the agreement on the AG composition, decisions on establishing and the composition of EIT Stakeholder and EIT Strategy GB Advisory Groups should be provided for the written procedure.</li> <li>Following the agreement on the EIT Audit Committee composition, the written procedure should be launched.</li> </ul>
<b>4. OPERATIONS</b>	
<b>4.1. EIT Water approval of the call text [Information, Discussion &amp; Decision]</b>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revision of the call text reflecting the GB discussion outcome.</li> <li>Communication indicating the need for inclusive partnerships including a wide range of MS participants.</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change the call text indicating a need for more inclusive partnerships applying for a Water KIC, including a wide range of MS participants</li> <li>Adoption of the call text at the next GB meeting on Thursday 20 November (agenda of the next GB meeting to be revised) – the wording will be consulted with the Board before the call text adoption.</li> </ul>
<b>5. GOVERNANCE</b>	
<b>5.1. Debrief from the EIT Audit Committee meeting. [Information &amp; Discussion]</b>	

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The error will potentially mean negative political exposure that needs to be mitigated with the Parliament and the Council.</li> <li>KICs to be encouraged to strengthen its control systems</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a follow up from the ECA qualified opinion, an action plan is needed for EIT and the KICs need to reinforce their ex-ante controls, to ensure that error rates are further reduced.</li> <li>Discussion point on the mitigation measures to be added for the next GB agenda - to be reviewed in advance by the Audit Committee.</li> </ul>
5.2. Presentation and decision on the EIT SPD 2025-2027 and the EIT 2025 budget and SPD 2026- 2028 outline [Information, Discussion & Decision]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPD 2025 – 2027 to be adopted in the written procedure in December 2024. The EIT Director is asked to address the approach on the request for further posts after consultations with the Commission.</li> </ul>
5.3. Other GB Decisions, plans for the written procedures and other administrative decisions for GB consideration [Information & Discussion]	
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>
6. AOB AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING	
6.1. Meeting conclusions	
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>
Closure of the first part of the meeting (open session)	
7. CLOSED SESSION	
7.1. Presentation of potential fraud cases and irregularities [Information] -	
Closure of the second part of the meeting (closed session)	