

Minutes

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Overview of participants

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present: Stefan DOBREV [SD]; Anna LINDEN [AL]; Anne BORG [AB]; Jan FIGEL [JF], Michel MARITON [MM]; Dariusz JEMIELNIAK [DJ]; Janis GREVINS [JG]; Razvan NICOLESCU [RN]; Kyriakos KOKKINOS [KK]; Heinrich ARNOLD [HA]

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) member present on-line: Inga SKISAKER [IS]; Mark Boris Andrijanic [MA]; Silvia LENAERTS [SL]; Nora KHALDI [NK], Pia SANDVIK [PS]

Proxy given: for 2.5 agenda point PS passed a proxy to SL and NK passed a proxy to SD

Representatives of the European Commission in person: Normunds Popen (Deputy Director General) [NP], Luca PEREGO (Head of Unit, DG EAC) [LP]; Kate Moriarty [KM] (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]; Jazmin TOPUZIDU (Project Officer) [JT]; Vedran PATAKI (Assistant to the Director) [VP]

EIT on-line: David TAS (Head of Unit) [DT]; Alessandra PALA (Head of Unit) [AP]; Marton HERCZEG (Head of Unit) [MH] – the strategy part; Caroline VANDENPLAS (Head of Unit) [CV]; Iuliana VIZITIU (Head of Unit) [IV]; Manuel IRUN (Head of Section) [MI] – the strategy part; Nora TOSICS [NT] – the Conflict of Interest 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

1.2. Conflict of Interest assessment; quorum and proxy

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quorum was confirmed with 12 GB members participating in the meeting (10 in person) at 08:38 local time
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

1.3. Approval of the agenda

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was adopted with no changes.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

2. STRATEGY UPDATES

2.1. Update on the follow-up points from the November GB meetings

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GB members are encouraged to liaise with the EIT stakeholders' team to follow up on priority engagements identified for them.

2.2. Updates from the European Commission on policy priorities

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

2.3. Strategic positioning of EIT next MFF/FP10

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GB members are requested to communicate to the EIT in case they are approached by the KICs directly EIT to support the stakeholder engagement of GB members, also at upcoming events in MSs. EIT should incentivise more AI-driven innovations, including in the next call for KIC Business Plans. A GB Advisory Group on AI to be considered. MA, KK and DJ volunteered to participate in the AG.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A briefing note summarising existing actions will be shared with the GB members volunteering to support more AI-related innovation efforts in KICs. It will propose further steps (AI-related activities of the EIT KICs and EIT cross-KIC activities and potential for scaling up, reference to AI KIC as a part of the strategic vision paper, EIT to contribution to the AI upskilling agenda in Europe, how to take forward a KIC on AI). EIT to set up a call with GB members who volunteered for the AI AG.

2.4. Proposal for EIT simplification measures, including reform of the EIT – KICs governance

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB endorsed the EIT simplification proposal for further implementation.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to follow up with the EIT simplification plan. A letter will be sent by the EIT GB to EU institutions listing the simplification measures that the EIT intends to put in place in the current legal frameworks and the one which are not possible without changes in the current legal framework..

2.5. Composition of the ExCo and GB Advisory Groups

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB approved the new ExCo composition.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

3. CLOSED SESSION – MINUTES TO BE SENT SEPARATELY

4. BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH THE VISITORS

4.1. Brief exchange with Prof. Nicolae Istudor, Rector of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, and Prof. Vasile Strat, Dean of Bucharest Business School

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

5. OPERATIONS

5.1. 2026 – 2027 Grant allocation and cross-KIC activities [Information, Discussion & Decision]

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB adopted the GB Rapporteurs function decision.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft decision on the funding allocation principles (KIC BPs, HEI and cross-KIC) will be put in the written procedure.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft decision on the funding allocation principles to be put in for the written procedure. EIT GB to prepare the contribution paper for the Start-up Strategy by the end of April.
5.2. 2025 funding allocation for EIT Innoenergy, EIT Digital and Climate-KIC [Information, Discussion & Decision]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GB Decision on the funding allocation on the 2025 grant for the first wave KICs was adopted.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note on the grant's scope to be shared with the EIT Governing Board.
5.3. EIT Contribution to new EC priorities including the Union of Skills Agenda and Strategic Plan for STEM education [Information & Discussion]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
6. GOVERNANCE	
6.1. Update on upcoming written procedure [Information]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to launch written procedure for adopting GB decisions as presented by the EIT Director
6.2. GB meetings in 2025 [Information and Discussion]	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIT will circulate the updated GB meeting dates to check GB members availability in person and on-line.
7. AOB AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING	
7.1. Farewell words from the leaving GB members	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
7.2. AOB and Conclusions of the meeting	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Closure of the meeting	

**OVERVIEW OF DECISIONS**

05	ALLOCATION OF THE THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR ACTIVITIES UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION (MoC) FOR 2025 TO THE FIRST WAVE KICs
06	APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
07	FUNCTION OF EIT GOVERNING BOARD RAPPORTEURS