



**DECISION 09/2025**  
**OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF**  
**THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)**

**ON AUTHORISING THE EIT DIRECTOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TECHNOLOGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AND THE EIT**

**THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY,**

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology<sup>1</sup>, (hereinafter "EIT Regulation"), point 1 m) of Section 2 of the Statutes of the EIT, point 5 of Section 3 of the Statutes of the EIT and point 6 j) of Section 5 of the Statutes of the EIT as annexed to the EIT Regulation (hereafter "EIT Statutes");

Having regard to Decision (EU) 2021/820 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 2021-2027: Boosting the Innovation Talent and Capacity of Europe and repealing Decision No 1312/2013/EU (the "EIT SIA")<sup>2</sup>, in particular, sections 3.2. "Increasing the regional impact of KICs" and 3.7. "Synergies and complementarities with other Union programmes" thereof;

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation<sup>3</sup>, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013;

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2021/764 of 10 May 2021 establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and repealing Decision 2013/743/EU<sup>4</sup>, in particular the Pillar III section, read together with and Widening Participation and Strengthening the ERA sections of Annex I thereof;

Having regard to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions "A Competitiveness Compass for the EU"<sup>5</sup> and recommendations on bridging the innovation and productivity gap between the European Union and the best performing countries;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61–90.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 91–118

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1–68

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 167I, 12.5.2021, p. 1–80

<sup>5</sup> [eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0030](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0030); COM(2025)30 final of 29.01.2025

Having regard to the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of the Republic of Poland and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.

**WHEREAS:**

- (1) In line with the EIT Statutes, the Governing Board of the EIT shall promote the EIT across the Union and globally, so as to raise its attractiveness, and for that purpose authorise the Director to sign memoranda of understanding with Member States, associated countries or other third countries;
- (2) The EIT is planning to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter: “MoU”) with the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of the Republic of Poland (hereinafter “MRiT”);
- (3) The MRiT is responsible for supporting the growth and promotion of the Polish economy and businesses and takes a keen interest in engaging with strategic partnerships and testing new support schemes to bring more entrepreneurship, innovation, and competitiveness to Poland’s and the EU’s economy;
- (4) Building on the findings of the interim evaluation of Horizon Europe’s Innovative Europe Pillar the EIT proposes to scale-up its efforts to tackle Europe’s innovation divide by launching a EIT Regional Innovation Booster (hereinafter: “RIB”). The EIT RIB will aim to propel a growing number of ventures from weaker innovation regions towards significant commercial success, by creating seamless entrepreneurial support pathways for the most promising local ventures, using existing initiatives, thereby decomplexifying and defragmenting Europe’s startup and scaleup support landscape;
- (5) In line with these objectives, the draft MoU has been prepared between the MRiT and the EIT;
- (6) In the context of the preparation of the final text of the draft MoU for signature, it is necessary to foresee a possibility for the EIT Director to introduce non-substantial changes in the text. Such changes shall not affect the nature, objectives and scope of the draft MoU.
- (7) The Commission Representative in the EIT Governing Board gave its agreement to the adoption of the present decision.

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS**

**Article 1**

**Authorisation of the EIT Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding**

The EIT Director is hereby authorised to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of the Republic of Poland and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.

**Article 2**  
**Entry into force**

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

Done in Budapest on 8 May 2025<sup>6</sup>

Stefan Dobrev

Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board  
[E-signed in ARES]

Annex 1. Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of the Republic of Poland and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology

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<sup>6</sup> Adopted by means of written procedure.

