



**DECISION 15/2025**  
**OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF**  
**THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)**

**ON THE COOPERATION WITH THE MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES GROUP**

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast)<sup>1</sup> (hereafter ‘EIT Regulation’), in particular, Article 5 (3) and Article 6 (p) thereof, and Section 3 (6) of the Statutes of the EIT annexed to the EIT Regulation;

Having regard to Decision (EU) No 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<sup>2</sup> (hereafter ‘EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda’);

Having regard to Decision 18/2021 of the EIT Governing Board of 7 May 2021 on the Rules of procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee<sup>3</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 10/2022 of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) on the cooperation with the Member State Representatives Group (hereafter ‘MSRG’)<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**

(1) Decision 10/2022 of the EIT Governing Board on the cooperation with the Member State Representatives Group has established the legal framework for the cooperation between the Members State Representatives (hereafter ‘Decision 02/2022 of the EIT Governing Board’), the EIT and the KICs. The bylaws governing the functioning and decision-making of the MSRG shall be regulated by a decision adopted by the MSRG.

(2) In accordance with Article 17 of Decision 10/2022 of the EIT Governing Board and drawing on lessons learnt and recommendations from MSRG, amendments to Decision 10/2022 of the EIT Governing Board are required to ensure complete consistency between Decision 10/2022 of the Governing Board of the EIT and MSRG’s proposed changes to its Rules of Procedure. The amended MSRG’s Rules of Procedure will be adopted only after these changes to Decision 10/2022 have been completed

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 189/61 of 28.5.2021.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 189/91 of 28.5.2021.

<sup>3</sup> Ares(2021)3139636 - 11/05/2021

<sup>4</sup> Ares(2022)777844-02/02/2022

## **TITLE I**

### **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### Article 1

##### **Role and responsibilities of the Member State Representatives Group (MSRG)**

- (1) The MSRG is advising the EIT Governing Board, the EIT Director and the KICs.
- (2) In line with the EIT Regulation, the MSRG shall provide advice to the EIT Governing Board and to the EIT Director on the following issues:
  - a) on the extension or termination of the EIT's partnership agreements with the KICs;
  - b) on the conclusion of a memorandum of cooperation with each KIC; and
  - c) on other strategically important issues to the EIT, sharing experience with regard thereto.
- (3) The MSRG shall also provide its opinion on the performance, achievements and activities of the EIT and the KICs, the results of their monitoring and evaluation, and their performance indicators and corrective measures, based on the information regularly provided by the EIT.
- (4) The MSRG shall advise and share experience with the KICs.
- (5) The MSRG shall facilitate appropriate synergies and complementarities between EIT and KIC activities with national programmes and initiatives, including the potential national co-financing of KIC activities.

## **TITLE II**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### Article 2

##### **Members of the Member State Representatives Group**

- (1) In line with the EIT Regulation, the MSRG shall be composed of one representative from each Member State and each associated country.
- (2) In order to ensure continuous representation of Member States and associated countries, each country shall have a representative and a substitute.

#### Article 3

##### **Nomination of the Members**

- (1) Each Member State and each associated country shall nominate one representative and one substitute upon the invitation by the European Commission.
- (2) In view of the role of the MSRG as set out in Article 1 above, Member States and associated countries shall be invited to nominate Members who would be in a position to represent the national authorities responsible for the EIT, and have the relevant knowledge and understanding of Horizon Europe and innovation policies at both national and EU level.

## TITLE III COOPERATION

### Article 4

#### General rules on cooperation with the EIT and the GB

- (1) In line with the EIT Regulation, the opinion of the MSRG shall be sought prior to the decisions of the Governing Board referred to in point 6 of Section 3 the Statutes of the EIT, concerning the extension or termination of the partnership agreements with the KICs and on the conclusion of a memorandum of cooperation with a KIC (**opinions by the MSRG prior to decisions of the Governing Board**).
- (2) The MSRG shall also provide its opinion on the performance, achievements and activities of the EIT and the KICs, the results of their monitoring and evaluation, and their performance indicators and corrective measures, based on the information regularly provided by the EIT (**other opinions by the MSRG**).
- (3) Furthermore, the MSRG shall provide advice on other strategically important issues to the EIT, sharing experience with regard thereto (**strategic advice of the MSRG to the EIT and the GB**).
- (4) In line with the EIT Regulation, the EIT Director shall organise the meetings of the MSRG and ensure effective communication with the MSRG, under the supervision of the Governing Board.
- (5) The Chairperson of the Governing Board, or a member of the Governing Board representing the Chairperson and designated by her/him may attend the meeting of the MSRG or a part thereof.
- (6) The European Commission should be invited to the MSRG meetings.
- (7) KICs' representatives may attend the meeting of the MSRG in relation to a particular agenda item upon invitation by MSRG. Representatives of third parties or experts may be exceptionally invited to the MSRG meeting to contribute to a particular agenda item.
- (8) The EIT Director or its representative<sup>5</sup> and the MSRG co-chairperson shall chair the meetings of the MSRG. The EIT Director or its representative may be assisted by other EIT staff.
- (9) The EIT Director shall regularly, and at least on a yearly basis, inform the Governing Board on the cooperation with the MSRG.

### Article 5

#### Opinions by the MSRG prior to the decisions of the Governing Board

- (1) For the decisions of the Governing Board referred to in Article 4 (1) of the present decision, the consultation with the MSRG shall be conducted in line with Article 9.2. to 9.7 of the Rules of procedure of the Governing Board.
- (2) In line with the EIT Regulation, the MSRG shall provide its opinion to the Governing Board without undue delay and in any event not later than two months after it has been requested.
- (3) In line with the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Board, the EIT Director shall communicate to the MSRG the decisions of the Governing Board referred to in Article 4 (1) of the present decision.

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<sup>5</sup> The EIT representative refers to a senior staff member in a managerial role.

Article 6  
**Other opinions by the MSRG**

- (1) In line with the EIT Regulation, the EIT shall regularly inform the MSRG of the performance, achievements and activities of the EIT and the KICs, the results of their monitoring, assessment and evaluation, and their performance indicators and corrective measures. Furthermore, the EIT shall promptly inform the MSRG of the criteria and procedures for financing, monitoring and evaluating the activities of the KICs prior to the launching of the selection procedure for new KICs. In this context, the EIT shall in particular provide the following information to the MSRG:
  - (a) Consolidated Annual Activity Report of the EIT;
  - (b) Decisions of the EIT Governing Board concerning the EIT key performance indicators, the principles for financing, monitoring and evaluating KIC activities, and the financial sustainability principles of the KICs;
  - (c) Information on the results emerging from the continuous monitoring of the KICs;
  - (d) Results of the interim reviews of the KICs referred to in Article 11 (2) of the EIT Regulation;
  - (e) Results of the comprehensive seven-years assessment of the KICs referred to in Article 11 (3) of the EIT Regulation;
  - (f) Results of the final review of the KICs referred to in Article 11 (6) of the EIT Regulation;
  - (g) Corrective measures adopted by the Governing Board in line with Article 11 (6) of the EIT Regulation and point (1)(k) of section 2 of the Statutes of the EIT annexed to the EIT Regulation;
  - (h) Results of the evaluation of the pilot higher education initiative as foreseen in the EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda;
  - (i) Results of independent interim and final evaluations of the EIT and the KICs referred to in Article 20 (2) of the EIT Regulation.
- (2) In view of the information provided under paragraph (1) of the present article, the MSRG shall provide its opinion on the performance, achievements and activities of the EIT and the KICs, the results of their monitoring and evaluation, and their performance indicators and corrective measures.
- (3) The EIT shall inform the Governing Board of the opinion of the MSRG. The EIT Director shall provide feedback to the MSRG at its meeting and keep the MSRG informed on any follow-up activities.

Article 7  
**Strategic advice of the MSRG to the EIT and the GB**

- (1) In line with the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Board, the EIT Director shall consult the MSRG on strategically important issues to the EIT other than those referred to in Article 4 (1) of this decision and transmit the advice of the MSRG to the Governing Board.
- (2) In order to enable the MSRG to deliver its advice to and share its experience on strategically important issues with the EIT, the EIT Director shall regularly provide information to the MSRG on the strategically important issues, in particular by means of the multiannual work programme of the EIT based on the draft Single Programming Document of the EIT.
- (3) The EIT shall inform the Governing Board on the strategic advice and experience shared by the MSRG. The EIT Director shall inform the MSRG at its meeting on the outcome of the consideration of its advice and experience.

Article 8  
**EIT Secretariat to the MSRG**

In order to organise the meetings of the MSRG and ensure effective communication, the EIT shall provide a Secretariat to the MSRG from among its staff members, which shall assist in particular in the following areas:

- (a) Communication with the MSRG and provision of all information necessary for the fulfilment of the responsibilities of the MSRG, including responses to inquiries by Members of the MSRG;
- (b) Organisation of the meetings of the MSRG including meeting facilities;

- (c) Preparation of the meetings including the provision of draft agendas and background documents;
- (d) Preparation of the minutes of the meetings of the MSRG;
- (e) Arrangement of the reimbursement of expenses of the Members of the MSRG as provided under Article 16 of the present decision;
- (f) Provide technical coordination for the preparation of MSRG opinions, advice and experience sharing under Articles 5 to 7 of the present decision;
- (g) Preparation of draft bylaws concerning the functioning of the MSRG including its Rules of procedure and conflict of interest provisions;
- (h) Facilitation of the cooperation between the MSRG and the Governing Board, the KICs and other stakeholders.

#### Article 9

##### **Cooperation with the KICs**

- (1) The EIT Director shall inform the KICs of the strategic advice and opinion of the MSRG under Articles 6 and 7 of this decision concerning the KICs. The EIT Director shall provide feedback to the MSRG at its meeting and keep the MSRG informed on any follow-up activities.
- (2) Upon invitation by the MSRG, the KIC CEOs, or their representatives, shall attend the meeting of the MSRG or a part thereof.
- (3) The Secretariat to the MSRG shall liaise with the KICs on the preparation of KIC-specific topics included in the agenda of the MSRG meetings, and in order to provide any other information in between meetings.
- (4) The Secretariat to the MSRG, in cooperation with the KICs, shall prepare at least one dedicated session within the MSRG meetings each year to facilitate synergies and complementarities between EIT and KIC activities with national or regional programmes and initiatives.

#### Article 10

##### **Relations with the Commission**

- (1) The EIT shall provide the opinions of the MSRG to the Commission.
- (2) The representative of the Commission (DG EAC) to the EIT Governing Board or his/her delegate may attend the meetings of the MSRG. The representative of the Commission may be assisted by other Commission staff.

#### Article 11

##### **Relations with other Member State stakeholders**

- (1) The EIT shall inform the MSRG of the meetings of the stakeholder forum as defined in Article 2 (11) of the EIT Regulation and may invite the Members of the MSRG to participate.
- (2) The MSRG shall collaborate with the representatives in the National Contact Points (NCPs) in their relevant countries in a structured and systematic way and shall facilitate the engagement of EIT and KICs with regional and local authorities.
- (3) If appropriate, members of the MSRG will liaise with the respective national representatives at EU level.

- (4) The Secretariat to the MSRG, in cooperation with the Commission (DG EAC), shall assist the effective cooperation between the MSRG and the aforementioned groups when appropriate.

## **TITLE IV SYNERGIES**

### **Article 12**

#### **Joint activities to promote synergies between EIT, KIC and national or regional activities**

(1) In order to achieve the aims set out in the last indent of Article 5 (3) of the EIT Regulation, as referred to in Article 1 (5) of the present decision, the following forms of cooperation are encouraged, in the context of the meetings of the MSRG, as well as on a bilateral or multilateral level:

- (a) timely and reciprocal information and experience sharing on national or regional programmes and initiatives in the areas of activity or strategic interest of the EIT and the KICs;
- (b) information exchange on national co-funding opportunities of KIC activities, including via national programmes financed from EU Funds such as the European Structural and Investment Funds, the European Recovery and Resilience Facility and the implementation of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance;
- (c) exploring the potential for organising joint co-funded activities to develop and strengthen cooperation between the EIT Community and the national and regional research and innovation ecosystems, also in line with the relevant Research and Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategies;
- (d) joint communication and awareness raising activities, encouraging participation in the activities of the EIT Community, in close collaboration with the respective EIT National Contact Points, including awareness raising activities aiming to promote knowledge transfer and dissemination of the EIT results in the Member States and Associated Countries;
- (e) co-funded joint activities between the KICs and national or regional companies, universities and industrial research organisations in the field of entrepreneurship, education and innovation;
- (f) any other form of cooperation that serves the mission and objectives of the EIT and supports the mandate of the MSRG.

### **Article 13**

#### **Synergies with other Horizon Europe instruments**

- (1) The EIT, the KICs and the MSRG shall work together to promote information exchange, coordination and joint activities in relation to other Horizon Europe instruments, such as the EIC.

## **TITLE V FUNCTIONING OF THE MSRG**

### **Article 14**

#### **Meetings of the MSRG**

- (1) In line with the EIT Regulation, the MSRG shall meet at least twice a year.

- (2) The meetings of the MSRG may take place online, in-person, on in a hybrid format, as decided by the Chairpersons of the MSRG in consultation with the MSRG.

(3) The EIT Secretariat to the MSRG shall ensure that the timing of the meetings of the MSRG is coordinated with the meetings of the Governing Board, with a view to facilitating the timely delivery of the opinions of the MSRG to the decisions of the Governing Board referred to in Article 5 of the present decision.

(4) The costs of the organisation of the meetings of the MSRG shall be borne by the EIT.

#### Article 15

##### **Confidentiality and conflict of interests**

(1) In view of the sensitivity of innovation projects of the EIT Community, special attention shall be paid to protect commercially sensitive information. The Secretariat to the MSRG shall inform the MSRG whenever the information provided is of confidential character.

(2) The EIT Secretariat to the MSRG shall also assist the MSRG in ensuring impartiality and handling any conflicts of interests.

#### Article 16

##### **Reimbursement of expenses of Members of the MSRG**

(1) Members of the MSRG do not receive a remuneration for their activities from the EIT.

(2) Travel and subsistence expenses of Members of the MSRG participating in the meetings of the MSRG shall be reimbursed by the EIT.

(3) Travel and subsistence expenses of Members of the MSRG for meetings other than those specified in Article 14 (1) of the present decision may also be reimbursed by the EIT, provided the travel takes place in the context of the cooperation between the EIT and the MSRG.

(4) The Decision of the EIT Director on the rules on travel expenses of members of the Governing Board<sup>6</sup> shall be applied by analogy to the Members of the MSRG.

#### Article 17

##### **Bylaws of the MSRG**

(1) The bylaws governing the functioning and decision-making of the MSRG shall be adopted by the MSRG.

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<sup>6</sup> Decision No 72/2022 of the EIT of 18 November 2022 adopting the rules on travel expenses of the members of the EIT Governing Board, Ares(2022)7990775

- (2) The EIT Secretariat will prepare the draft Rules of procedure for the MSRG, which will include provisions addressing conflict of interest.
- (3) The MSRG's Decision on its Rules of Procedure will govern the adoption of these rules and any future amendments thereof.

Article 18  
**Transparency**

- (1) The EIT shall include in its Consolidated Annual Activity Report a Chapter providing an overview of the activities of the MSRG, including a summary of any advice it has formulated over the course of the given year.
- (2) The EIT shall make public on its website the names of members of the MSRG and any changes or amendments to the MSRG's membership.

Article 19  
**Correspondence**

All correspondence with the MSRG shall be addressed to the EIT, electronically at [MSRG@eit.europa.eu](mailto:MSRG@eit.europa.eu), or by post at the location of the EIT in Budapest, Hungary.

Article 20  
**Final provisions**

- (1) This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption by the Governing Board.
- (2) Decision 10/2022 of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology is hereby repealed and replaced by this decision.
- (3) This decision shall be published on the EIT website.

Done in Brussels on 14 August 2025 by written procedure

Stefan Dobrev  
Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

