

Minutes

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Overview of participants

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present: Stefan DOBREV [SD]; Anna Linden [AL] Anne BORG [AB]; Michel MARITON [MM]; Dariusz JEMIELNIAK [DJ]; Kyriakos KOKKINOS [KK]; Heinrich ARNOLD [HA]; Inga SKISAKER [IS]; Mark Boris Andrijanic [MA]; Vasiliki KEFALA [VK]; Marcella PANUCCI [MP]; Jan ORAVEC [JO]; Flavia POPESCU – RICHARDSON [FPR]; Silvia LENAERTS [SL] in the afternoon;

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) member present on-line: Pia SANDVIK [PS]; Silvia LENAERTS [SL] in the morning;

Representatives of the European Commission in person: Normunds POPENS (Deputy Director-General, DG EAC) [NP], Antoaneta ANGELOVA-KRASTEVA (Deputy Director-General, in charge of Directorates C and D, DG EAC) [AAK]; Luca PEREGO (Head of Unit, Innovation and EIT, DG EAC) [LP]; Kate Moriarty (DG EAC) [KM].

Representatives of the European Commission online: Sylvia BOTTARIN (DG EAC) [SB]

EIT in person: Martin KERN (Director) [MK]; Ilaria TAGLIAVINI (Head of Operations) [IT]; Michal GORZYNSKI (Head of Director's Office) [MG]; Judit BELKO (Governance Officer) [JB]; Vedran PATAKI (Assistant to the Director) [VP]

EIT on-line: Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Operations) [AR]; David TAS (Head of Unit) [DT]; 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: Judit Belko (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. Preparatory discussion for Commissioner Zaharieva's attendance of the EIT Governing Board meeting

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

2. COMMISSIONER ZAHARIEVA'S VISIT

2.1 Strategic discussion with the Commissioner

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to provide a concrete proposal on the way forward to the Commissioner (strategic package). EIT to send a thank you letter to the Commissioner and indicate how they will respond to her questions.

CONTINUATION OF THE INTRODUCTION

1.3 Conflict of Interest assessment; quorum and proxy [Information]

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quorum was confirmed with 14 GB members participating in the meeting (13 in person).
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A



1.4 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

3. STRATEGY UPDATES

3.1. Update on the follow-up points from the last GB meetings [Information]

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to explore introduction of an AI tool for innovators.

3.2. Updates from the European Commission on policy priorities and developments [Information & Discussion]

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB agreed on holding a strategic workshop in 2026 once the future of EIT is better defined and to plan the transition.

3.3. Strategic positioning of EIT next MFF/FP10 [Information, Discussion & Decision]

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the strategy papers based on the discussion and approve by written procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the main strategic vision with limited updates Transform simplification measures into a 'best practice' KIC, incl. key supervision measures Reduce future societal challenges/KIC themes to one page

3.4. Composition of Advisory Groups [Information, Discussion & Decision]

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The format of the Strategy and Stakeholder Advisory Groups will be reviewed.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After this meeting, individual GB members will be approached in coordination with the GB Chairperson to fill vacant positions of key AGs, which address legal requirements.

4. OPERATIONS

4.1. Hearing Preparations and Feedback from the Rapporteurs on the KIC visits

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed format for the Hearings and Chairperson meeting in September was agreed, to be held ideally at the EIT House.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to issue Hearings and SB meeting invitations accordingly. Dedicated session to be organised with all the Rapporteurs to finetune the templates for the hearings.

4.2. Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) funding approach

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal of the EIT was accepted.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 30% / 70% proportion between costs of KIC internal activities and financial support to third parties (including investment and funding sources other than EIT) has been approved by the Board with a transition plan to clarify in detail how KICs will go about it.



5. GOVERNANCE

5.1. Brief from the EIT GB Audit Committee meeting and presentation of the GB opinion on the Director's Consolidated Annual Activity Report [Information, Discussion & Decision]

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board has approved the Letter to be sent to the Supervisory Board chairs of all KICs on anti-fraud measures. Anti-fraud measures will be systematically addressed in the GB rapporteur meetings and hearings The Board approved the CAAR and GB opinion on the CAAR. The Board approved the Annual Accounts for 2024.

5.2. EIT Governance [Information and Discussion]

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

5.3. Administrative decisions and written procedure [Information & Decision]

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

7. AOB AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING

7.1. Finalisation of open agenda points from 16 June

7.2. AOB and meeting closure

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

Closure of the meeting