



DECISION 04/2026

OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE FUNCTION OF EIT GOVERNING BOARD RAPPORTEURS

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 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast)<sup>1</sup>, in particular point (1) c) and j) of Section 2 of the Statutes annexed thereto;

Having regard to Decision 20/2016 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the designation, mandate and remuneration of the EIT Governing Board rapporteurs in the grant allocation process for the KICs of the EIT;<sup>2</sup>

Having regard to Decision 13/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the code of good conduct on conflicts of interest for members of the EIT Governing Board;<sup>3</sup>

Having regard to Decision 14/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the principles for financing, monitoring and evaluating KIC activities;<sup>4</sup>

Having regard to Decision 07/2022 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the EIT monitoring and evaluation strategy (2022-2027);<sup>5</sup>

Having regard to Decision 42/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the Supervision framework of KICs;<sup>6</sup>

Having regard to Decision 11/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT setting the honoraria for the members of the Governing Board, its chairperson, the members of the Executive Committee, the EIT GB Rapporteurs and members of the EIT Governing Board Advisory Groups of the EIT, in particular Article 4 thereof;<sup>7</sup>

Having regard to Decision 12/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the function of EIT Governing Board rapporteurs and Decision 07/2025 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the function of EIT Governing Board rapporteurs;<sup>8</sup>

Having regard to Decision 25/2024 of the Governing Board on the appointment of EIT Governing Board specific rapporteur (Advisor) for Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) under Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC);<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> OJ L189 of 28.5.2021, p. 61.

<sup>2</sup> 01994.EIT.2016.I.WP

<sup>3</sup> 00227 EIT 2015.I.GB35

<sup>4</sup> Ares(2021)3111256 - 10/05/2021

<sup>5</sup> Ares(2022)2098829 - 22.03.2022.

<sup>6</sup> Ares(2021)7384565 - 30/11/2021

<sup>7</sup> Ares(2023)3471368

<sup>8</sup> Ares(2023)3741515 and Ares(2025)2484533

<sup>9</sup> Ares(2024)4696498

Having regard to the agreement of the Commission, expressed by its representative in the Governing Board, according to point 5 of Section 3 of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

**WHEREAS**

- (1) In order to increase the confidence and involvement of the EIT Governing Board in the supervision, evaluation and the performance-based assessment of KICs, the EIT Governing Board shall designate Governing Board members as rapporteurs;
- (2) Indeed, in the past years since the establishment of the role of the GB rapporteurs by Decision 20/2016 of the Governing Board, GB rapporteurs have a well-established role in the grant allocation process of KICs;
- (3) In line with Decision 42/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the Supervision framework of KICs, GB rapporteurs also play an important role in the implementation of intervention measures and may participate in the reinforced monitoring of a KIC;
- (4) In order to increase the involvement of GB members and to ensure knowledge transfer and continuity in the performance of the rapporteur function for KICs under Partnership Agreement, the GB may appoint associate rapporteurs to participate along the lead rapporteur. Associate rapporteurs shall follow and assist the performance of the rapporteur mandate in order to transmit the experience from a previous rapporteur assignment, or in preparation for a prospective lead rapporteur function;
- (5) Taking into account the experiences of the past years, the changes of the EIT legal framework and the KIC funding model, the increased focus on the supervision of KICs, as well as the change in the legal and contractual framework for the first wave KICs, the rules governing the function of GB rapporteurs were reviewed in 2023;
- (6) Based on the lessons learned during the implementation of the Funding Allocations for 2024, 2025 and 2026-27 and with regard to the multi-annual Grant Agreements concluded for 2026-28 that do not necessarily afford an annual grant allocation, the mandate of EIT GB Rapporteurs in the grant allocation process to KICs under the Partnership Agreement shall be adapted in order to further clarify their role in supporting GB participation in supervision, evaluation and performance-based assessment of KICs;
- (7) In view of the expiry of the Partnership Agreements and the entry into force of the Memoranda of Cooperation ('MoC') with the first-wave KICs in 2025 and the role of the Governing Board in the grant allocation process under the MoC, the mandate of the GB advisor(s) for the KICs under MoC shall remain integrated in the decision on the function of GB rapporteurs;

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Article 1**  
*Designation*

- (1) The rapporteurs shall be appointed from among the EIT Governing Board members.

- (2) The Governing Board shall appoint rapporteurs – including lead and associate rapporteurs, if appropriate - per wave(s) of KICs under Partnership Agreement, with the possibility to combine waves whenever appropriate in line with the funding allocation principles adopted by the Governing Board.
- (3) As a rule, the appointment of rapporteurs shall be made for a year.
- (4) The rapporteurs shall not be re-appointed for more than two successive terms for the same wave(s) of KICs, or the same KIC.
- (5) In the interest of knowledge transfer and continuity, lead rapporteurs may be appointed as associate rapporteurs, and associate rapporteurs may be appointed as lead rapporteurs for the same wave of KICs, or the same KIC in the subsequent year.
- (6) The Governing Board may make the appointments referred to in paragraph (5) of this article in one decision, also for the subsequent year, subject to a conflict of interest assessment before the start of the subsequent assignment, and to the availability of the GB member.
- (7) The Governing Board shall appoint rapporteur(s) for KICs under Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC), called GB advisor(s) for KICs under MoC.
- (8) The advisor(s) for KICs under Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) shall cover the role for a maximum of two subsequent years.
- (9) In addition to the rapporteurs for KICs under Partnership Agreement and the GB advisor(s) for KICs under MoC, the Governing Board may appoint specific rapporteurs whenever needed for a specific, distinct mandate.

## Article 2

### *Mandate of GB rapporteurs for KICs under Partnership Agreement*

- (1) As part of their role, the GB rapporteurs shall:
  - a) closely liaise with the EIT supervision, monitoring and grant implementation units and review the monitoring information of the EIT about progress of a KIC towards its multiannual strategy;
  - b) attend the Annual Event, Partner Assembly, Supervisory Board or other high-level meetings of the KIC ideally at least once a year;
  - c) discuss the status of implementation of the strategic recommendations of and the KICs' progress towards the implementation of their multiannual strategies with C-Level and Supervisory Board representatives of the respective KIC;
  - d) report to the Governing Board on the results of the rapporteur's assessment.
- (2) In the case of EIT GB – KIC Hearing(s), the GB rapporteurs shall review and approve the briefing document about the progress towards the multi-annual strategy for each KIC prepared by the EIT, which will then be submitted to the EIT Governing Board.
- (3) In the case of EIT GB – KIC Hearing(s), the GB rapporteurs shall attend the preparatory meeting(s) of the Governing Board prior to the Hearing of the KICs, report to the Governing Board on the outcome of the meeting(s) with the KIC(s) and present their observations on the multiannual progress of the KIC and main strategic challenges.

**Article 3*****Lead and associate rapporteurs for KICs under Partnership Agreement***

- (1) In order to strengthen the monitoring and supervision capacity of the EIT Governing Board and ensure knowledge transfer and continuity of the role of GB rapporteurs, in line with Article 1 (2) of this decision, the GB may decide to appoint lead and associate rapporteurs for the same wave(s) of KICs.
- (2) Lead rapporteurs shall be responsible for the performance of the mandate of the GB rapporteur as defined in Article 2 of the present decision.
- (3) Associate rapporteurs shall follow and assist in the execution of the mandate of the lead rapporteur and participate in the relevant meetings to the extent possible, with a view to transmit the experience of a previous rapporteur assignment or to prepare for a prospective lead rapporteur function.

**Article 4*****Mandate of GB advisor(s) for KICs under Memorandum of Cooperation ('MoC')***

Governing Board advisor(s) for KICs under MoC shall:

- a) Maintain close cooperation with the KICs under MoC on behalf of the EIT Governing Board, in accordance with Article 6.3 of the MoC, including attending meetings with the KICs concerned, contributing to the meetings held between the EIT Governing Board and the KIC, and facilitating the roles of the EIT Governing Board concerning the KICs under MoC;
- b) Review the information provided by the KIC on the implementation of the KIC Strategic Agenda and on the activities performed in this regard, as foreseen in Article 12.2 of the MoC, including with regard to alignment with the applicable EU legal framework and relevant EU policy objectives, and implementation of the knowledge triangle integration principle, supported by the EIT's assessment;
- c) Analyse possibilities for synergies and complementarities within the EIT Community and beyond as foreseen under Article 8.2 of the MoC;
- d) Where practicable, review the outcome of the evaluation of the proposals submitted by the KIC to competitive calls launched by the EIT under Article 10 of the MoC, including competitive calls for specific activities and competitive calls for transnational coordination activities;
- e) Report to the EIT Governing Board on the outcomes of the assessment on the above points b) to d), identifying positive developments as well as issues of concern, and providing a recommendation to the EIT Governing Board;
- f) Contribute to the review of the implementation of the MoC before the end of the Horizon Europe Framework Programme.

**Article 5*****Mandate of specific GB rapporteurs***

In case the Governing Board decides to appoint specific rapporteurs, as foreseen in article 1 (9) of this decision, the appointment decision shall set out the duration and the scope of their specific mandate, and the relationship to the decision-making process of the Governing Board.

**Article 6**  
*Conflict of interest*

- (1) GB rapporteurs including rapporteurs for KICs under Partnership Agreement (lead and associate rapporteurs), GB advisor(s) for KICs under MoC and specific rapporteurs may have no conflict of interest with the KICs concerned affecting the performance of the rapporteur mandate.
- (2) The conflict of interest situation of GB rapporteurs shall be assessed in line with the Code of good conduct on conflicts of interest of the members of the Governing Board.
- (3) GB rapporteurs shall sign a declaration of absence of conflict of interest prior to the start of their assignment, as included in Annex to the present decision.
- (4) In case the GB rapporteur becomes aware of a possible conflict of interest situation during the performance of the rapporteur mandate, he/she shall inform the chairperson of the Governing Board. The chairperson of the Governing Board is empowered to take the decision on the necessary measures in this case, including, if conflict of interest is confirmed, the replacement of the GB rapporteur by another GB member. The performance of the role of the GB rapporteur concerned shall be suspended until the decision of the chairperson.

**Article 7**  
*Fees and allowances*

- (1) The remuneration of GB rapporteurs is foreseen in Decision 11/2023 of the Governing Board of the EIT setting the honoraria for the members of the Governing Board, its chairperson, the members of the Executive Committee, the EIT GB Rapporteurs and members of the EIT Governing Board Advisory Groups of the EIT.
- (2) In addition to this fee, the GB rapporteurs will be reimbursed for the travel expenses directly connected with the performance of their role. GB rapporteurs are entitled to the reimbursement of their travel expenses to and from the point of departure and to and from the place of the meeting.

**Article 8**  
*Entry into force and repeal*

- (1) This decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.
- (2) Decision 07/2025 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the function of the EIT Governing Board rapporteurs shall be repealed.

Done in Budapest on 28 January 2026<sup>10</sup>

(e-signed)  
Stefan Dobrev  
Chairman of the EIT Governing Board

<sup>10</sup> Adopted in a written procedure on 28 January 2026