

Minutes

89th EIT GB Meeting

Part I

The EIT – Making Innovation Happen

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

Hybrid (Budapest, EIT premises and Microsoft Teams) | 10 and 11 November 2025

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Overview of participants

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present: Stefan DOBREV [SD]; Anna Linden [AL]; Michel MARITON [MM]; Kyriakos KOKKINOS [KK]; Jan ORAVEC [JO]; Flavia POPESCU-RICHARDSON [FPR]; Silvia LENAERTS [SL];

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) member present online: Anne BORG [AB] Col - only joined the first 5 agenda points; Dariusz JEMIELNIAK [DJ] Col - only joined the first 5 agenda points; Inga SKISAKER [IS]; Heinrich ARNOLD [HA] Col - only joined the first 5 agenda points; Vasiliki KEFALA [VK]; Marcella PANUCCI [MP]; Pia SANDVIK [PS];

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) member absent: Mark Boris Andrijanic [MBA];

Representatives of the European Commission in person: Antoaneta ANGELOVA-KRASTEVA (Director in charge of Directorate C , DG EAC [AAK], Luca PEREGO (Head of Unit, Innovation and EIT, DG EAC) [LP];

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

EIT in person: Martin KERN (Director) [MK]; Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Operations) [AR]; David TAS (Head of Unit) [DT]; Laura HANIN (Monitoring and Evaluation Officer) [LH]; Judit BELKO (Governance Officer) [JB]; Jazmin Topuzidu [JT]; Patricia JUANES BURGOS (Legal Officer) [PJB];

EIT online: Iuliana Vizitiu (Head of Unit, Administration) [IV]; Tzvetan Zafirov (Adviser, Coordination and Control) [TZ];

Draft Minutes: Judit Belko 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	• N/A
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Action points	• N/A
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1.2. Approval of the agenda

Conclusions	• The agenda was adopted with no changes.
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Action points	• N/A
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1.3. Conflict of Interest assessment; quorum and proxy

Conclusions	• Quorum was confirmed with 14 GB members participating in the meeting (7 in person + 7 online). No proxies were provided.
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Action points	• N/A
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1.4. Follow-up from the Action points of the previous EIT GB meeting

Conclusions	• N/A
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Action points	• EIT Directorate to circulate and consult dates with the GB members.
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2. POLICY AND STRATEGY UPDATES

2.1 Updates from the European Commission on policy priorities and Strategic positioning of EIT in the context of the next Multiannual Financial Framework/ FP 10 preparations	
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The letter to Commissioner Zaharieva is to be shared with GB members. In the context of the Swedish FP10 position, PS intends to make a presentation to the GB meeting in March about the successes of the Swedish innovation ecosystem.
3. GOVERNANCE	
3.1 Debrief from the EIT Audit Committee meeting	
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	N/A
3.2 Presentation on the EIT SPD 2026-2028 and SPD 2027- 2029 outline; EIT Budget 2026	
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIT to share further information about the planned Contribution Agreements, in particular related to activities in Africa.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND AOB	
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	N/A
5. CLOSED SESSION: GB member mandate extension, GB rapporteurs 2026, Anti-fraud issues	
Conclusions	N/A
Action points	N/A

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Independent Observer: Oana Voda [OV]

Draft Minutes: Judit Belko and Gergo Illes (Director’s Office).

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6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE 2025 WATER KIC CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND PREPARATION FOR THE HEARINGS

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final agreed questions and the scoring sheet will be circulated by email to the Governing Board members before the hearing day.

11 November 2025

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE EIT DIRECTOR

1.1 Welcome and reminder of the agenda

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

HEARINGS WITH THE CONSORTIA

2. Hearing with Allwaters (proposal No. 101261262)

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

2.1 Short introduction of invited applicants and presentation of the proposal’s highlights

Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
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Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
2.2 Q&A session	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
2.3 Discussion of the GB members on the proposal, identification of key strengths and weaknesses of the proposal (closed session)	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
3. Hearing with INNFLOW (proposal No. 101261235)	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
3.1 Short introduction of invited applicants and presentation of the proposal's highlights	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
3.2 Q&A session	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
3.3 Discussion of the GB members on the proposal, identification of key strengths and weaknesses of the proposal (closed session)	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
4. Hearing with One Water (proposal No. 101261270)	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
4.1 Short introduction of invited applicants and presentation of the proposal's highlights	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
4.2 Q&A session	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
4.3 Discussion of the GB members on the proposal, identification of key strengths and weaknesses of the proposal (closed session)	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A



Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
5. Discussion on the proposals, including their strengths and weaknesses	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
6. Scoring and ranking of the proposals	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the scoring, the Governing Board's scores were calculated as the average of the individual scores of the Governing Board members for each proposal. The sum of the points from the Governing Board hearing was added to the points obtained at the technical evaluation stage (Panel of Experts stage). As a result, the Allwaters consortium received the highest points; the One Water consortium received the second highest points, and the INNFLOW consortium was ranked third. Following the final result of the scoring, the formulation of the strengths and weaknesses of all three proposals was verified to ensure full alignment and clarity for the Hearing Report.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
7. Designation of the new KIC	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB decided unanimously to select and designate the Allwaters consortium as EIT Water, and to place the second-ranked One Water proposal on the reserve list. The representative of the European Commission in the EIT Governing Board expressly agreed to the decision on the designation of the new KIC and on the reserve list.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
8. Allocation of the financial contribution for the start-up grant to the newly designated KIC EIT Water	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB adopted unanimously the decision on the funding allocation of the start-up grant to the Allwaters consortium. The representative of the European Commission in the EIT Governing Board expressly agreed to the decision on the funding allocation of the start-up grant to the Allwaters consortium.
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
9. Conclusions by the Chairperson and meeting closure	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SD asked the EIT Director to summarise the lessons learnt of the designation process of the EIT Water KIC, including the potential review of the process of designating new KICs for any future FP10 framework.

OVERVIEW OF DECISIONS	
21/2025	DESIGNATION OF A NEW EIT KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITY (KIC) IN THE WATER, MARINE AND MARITIME SECTORS AND ECOSYSTEMS
22/2025	ALLOCATION OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE START-UP GRANT TO THE NEWLY DESIGNATED EIT KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITY (KIC) EIT WATER