



**SUMMARY FROM THE  
1st Meeting of the EIT Member State Representatives Group (MSRG)**

5 March 2026, 9h15 – 16h00 CET, EIT House, Brussels

The agenda of the meeting (Annex 1) and the list of participating countries (Annex 2) are enclosed.

The meeting was co-chaired by Ilaria Tagliavini, EIT Head of Operations, Innovation, Education and Communication and Peter Spyns, MSRG Representative of Belgium and Co-Chairperson of the MSRG. Representatives from the European Commission (DG EAC) and the EIT also attended the meeting. Third party participation was exceptionally allowed by the Co-Chairpersons at the request of Hungary, due to unavailability of both the representative and the substitute.

The following subjects were presented and discussed:

- Follow-up actions since the last meeting on 14 October 2025, adoption of the meeting agenda;
- Outcome of the 2026 Conflict-of-Interest verification exercise;
- European Commission update on main priorities and developments, including the state of play of preparations on its proposal on the future for the EIT in the context of the negotiations on the new Horizon Europe and the next multi-annual financial framework;
- EIT updates including recent developments concerning the EIT and its KICs, in particular on EIT Health, EIT Manufacturing and EIT Water, the indicative timeline of the upcoming MSRG opinion on the post 7-year extension/termination of the Partnership Agreements with EIT Urban Mobility and EIT Manufacturing, the expansion of the EIT Community Hubs, the upcoming Wind & Hydrogen Academies, and the Financial Sustainability workshop with EU partnerships;
- EIT presentation and discussion on the latest EIT Impact Study confirming the EIT KICs' significant economic, societal, and geographic impact, including above-benchmark revenue growth, employment growth, survival rates, and strong contributions to EU policy priorities;
- Discussions in three groups on the topics of Simplification, Sustainability and Synergies to reflect on actions taken/planned and possible additional recommendations for EIT and EIT KICs;
- MSRG members received information on the planned date for the next MSRG meeting.



## Annex 1 – Meeting Agenda

TIME	AGENDA ITEMS
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Arrival of representatives, registration</i>
<b>1. OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE MSRG</b>	
09:15 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.5 Scene-setter</li> <li>2.5 Adoption of the meeting agenda</li> <li>3.5 Conflict of Interest Verification</li> <li>4.5 Verification of Quorum</li> <li>5.5 Follow-up actions from the previous meeting</li> </ul>
<b>2. UPDATES BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b>	
09:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Scope:</b> Updates from the European Commission concerning the main priorities and developments and a brief outlook for the coming period.</p> <p><i>Presentation by DG EAC</i></p> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<b>3. EIT UPDATES ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND WORK PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION</b>	
10:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Scope:</b> Key updates on the implementation of the EIT work programme, latest achievements, and upcoming milestones.</p> <p><i>Presentation by the EIT (Ilaria Tagliavini)</i></p> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<b>4. EIT WATER</b>	
10:30 – 10:45	<p><b>Scope:</b> Updates concerning the evaluation process, the results of the selection and the start-up phase</p>



	<p><i>Presentation by EIT (Adam Rottenbacher)</i></p> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>5. MEASURING OF EIT IMPACT</b>	
11:15 – 11:45	<p><b>Scope:</b> Presentation of the EIT approach to measuring its impact and an overview of results of the latest EIT impact study.</p> <p><i>Presentation by the EIT (Adam Rottenbacher)</i></p> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<b>6. FOLLOW UP OF PREVIOUS INTERACTIVE SESSION – STOCKTAKING (PLENARY)</b>	
11:45 – 12:30	<p><b>Scope:</b> Plenary session to take stock of EIT actions related to main MSRG recommendations and takeaways from the previous interactive session in three main areas – simplification, sustainability and synergies (3x15')</p> <p><i>EIT Presentations by the EIT (Alessandra Pala, Adam Rottenbacher, Michal Gorzynski)</i></p>
12:30 – 13:45	<i>Networking lunch</i>
<b>7. INTERACTIVE SESSION – BREAKOUT GROUPS</b>	
13:45 – 15:00	<p><b>Scope:</b> Discussions in three groups (topics: Simplification, Sustainability and Synergies) to reflect on actions taken/planned and possible additional recommendations for EIT and EIT KICs.</p>
<b>8. INTERACTIVE SESSION – HARVESTING (PLENARY)</b>	
15:00 – 15:45	<p><b>Scope:</b> Reporting back from breakout rooms, harvesting key takeaways and recommendations.</p>



	<i>MSRG Rapporteurs</i>
<b>9. WRAP-UP AND CLOSURE</b>	
15:45 – 16:00	Wrap-up and closure by MSRG Chairpersons <i>Ilaria Tagliavini and Peter Spyns</i>

**Annex 2: List of participating organisations**

Country	Participating organisations
AUSTRIA	Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research
BELGIUM	Flemish Department of Work, Economy, Science, Innovation & Social Economy
CZECHIA	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
DENMARK	Agency for Higher Education and Science
ESTONIA	Ministry of Education and Research
FINLAND	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
FRANCE	Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation
GERMANY	Federal Ministry of Education and Research
GREECE	PRAXI Network
HUNGARY	Permanent Representation of Hungary to the European Union
IRELAND	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research Innovation and Science
ITALY	Ministry of Universities and Research
LATVIA	Ministry of Education and Science
LITHUANIA	Research Council of Lithuania



MALTA	Xjenza Malta
THE NETHERLANDS	Ministry of Economic Affairs
NORWAY	Ministry of Education and Research
POLAND	Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
PORTUGAL	ANI - Agência Nacional de Inovação
SLOVAKIA	VAIA Research and Innovation Authority
SPAIN	CDTI, EPE
SWEDEN	VINNOVA
SWITZERLAND	State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation
TÜRKIYE	TÜBİTAK

Co-signed by

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