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DECISION 13/2026
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON DEPUTISING FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION
AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

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) (hereafter the ‘EIT Regulation’), in particular Section 5. 5 thereto of Annex I of the Statutes of the founding Regulation¹;

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union (hereafter the ‘Staff Regulations’) and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (hereafter the ‘CEOS’), laid down by Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68², and in particular, Article 7.2 of the Staff Regulations;

Having regard to Decision 20/2021 of the Governing Board of the EIT of 10 June 2021 on the delegation to the Director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology of the powers conferred by the staff regulations on the appointing authority and by the conditions of employment of other servants on the authority authorised to conclude contracts of employment³;

Having regard to Decision 5/2025 of the Director of the EIT on financial circuits and delegation of functions;⁴

Having regard to Decision 15/2025 of the Director of the EIT on deputising arrangements for the Director of the EIT;⁵

Having regard to Decision 7/2026 of the Director of the EIT on sub-delegation of powers on arrangements in staff matters;⁶

WHEREAS

¹ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61–90

² OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1023/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013, OJ L 287, 29.10.2013, p.15.

³ Ares(2021)3798352 - 10/06/2021

⁴ Ares(2025)807817 – 31/01/2025

⁵ Ares(2025)2968108 – 11/04/2025

⁶ Ares(2026)3985695 – 16/04/2026



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- (1) The EIT Director is responsible for operations and for the day-to-day management of the EIT and is the EIT's legal representative in accordance with the Statutes of the EIT annexed to the EIT Regulation;
- (2) The EIT Director is entrusted with important functions in the Statutes of the EIT including among others the organisation and the management of the EIT, the support to the Governing Board and the Executive Committee in their work, the preparation, negotiation and conclusion of grant agreements and partnership agreements, and the responsibility for administrative and financial matters including the implementation of the EIT's budget;
- (3) Further to the functions specifically listed in the EIT Statutes, the EIT Governing Board has delegated the exercise of the appointing authority powers to the EIT Director;
- (4) The arrangements currently in place at the EIT foresee a limited temporary deputisation for the EIT Director by the Head of Operations most senior in grade, and by the Head of Administration as regards the exercise of the appointing authority powers, in case of an absence of at least two weeks and a maximum of two months of the EIT Director;
- (5) In the interest of the business continuity of the EIT, and in order to guarantee administrative stability, there is a need to foresee a unified deputisation for all functions of the EIT Director in case the EIT Director is prevented from exercising his/her functions or where the position of EIT Director is vacant;
- (6) As the EIT Director is accountable to the EIT Governing Board, the rules concerning the function of Acting EIT Director shall be adopted by the EIT Governing Board;
- (7) In line with the rules applicable to the EIT Director, the Acting EIT Director shall be a member of staff of the EIT, working as a temporary agent;
- (8) The function, experience and the seniority in grade of the EIT senior management members shall be duly taken into account for the purposes of deciding on the deputisation;
- (9) The present decision of the EIT Governing Board shall supersede and replace the decision currently in place at the EIT regarding the deputising arrangements for the Director of the EIT;
- (10) The arrangements in place at the level of the EIT for deputisation of the authorising officer in the financial circuit of the EIT shall be applied for the deputisation of the Acting Director in the financial circuits;
- (11) The EIT shall take the necessary measures to ensure a segregation of duties at the level of the financial and administrative circuits further to the new functions of the Head of Operations Knowledge and Innovation Communities.
- (12) Pursuant to Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations, the person designated as Acting Director shall, from the beginning of the fourth month of the temporary posting, be entitled to receive a differential allowance equal to the difference between the remuneration attached to his or her substantive grade and step and the remuneration corresponding to the step at which he or she would be classified if appointed to the grade of the temporary posting.



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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Deputising for the EIT Director

- (1) In case the EIT Director is prevented from exercising his or her functions, the functions of the EIT Director shall be exercised on an interim basis by the Head of Operations Knowledge and Innovation Communities of the EIT, who shall bear the title of 'Acting Director'.
- (2) The same deputization arrangement shall be applied in case the position of the EIT Director is vacant, until the new EIT Director takes up its duties in accordance with the EIT Regulation.

Article 2

Powers and functions of the Acting Director

- (1) The Acting Director shall be entitled to exercise all the powers conferred upon the EIT Director in accordance with the Statutes of the EIT, and to fulfil all the functions foreseen therein.
- (2) The Acting Director shall in particular take all measures necessary in order to ensure the continuity of the operations of the EIT, to ensure compliance with the EIT's obligations and to safeguard its interests during the period of deputisation.
- (3) The Acting Director shall exercise the powers conferred on the EIT Director within the limits required to ensure business continuity in the operation and the day-to-day management of the EIT, refraining from taking strategic decisions with a longer-term impact.

Article 3

Reporting and accountability

In line with the rules applicable to the EIT Director, the Acting Director shall be accountable to the Governing Board with regards to the performance of the functions of the EIT Director, and shall report to it on an ongoing basis on the development of the EIT activities and activities falling under his or her responsibility.

Article 4

Duration

The deputising for the EIT Director shall be temporary and limited to the duration of the situations referred to in Article 1.



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Article 5 Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Done in Nicosia, on 16 June 2026

For the EIT

(e-signed)

Stefan DOBREV

Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board