

DECISION 14/2026
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

**ON THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER IN THE EIC-EIT JOINT WORKING
GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY,

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) ('EIT Regulation'), in particular 1 (o) and 2 (h) of Section 2 the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation¹;

Having regard to Decision 18/2021 of the EIT Governing Board of 7 May 2021 on the Rules of Procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee², in particular, Article 20;

Having regard to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) concluded on 8 January 2021³;

Having regard to Decision 11/2023 of the EIT Governing Board of 12 May 2023 on setting the honoraria for the member of the EIT Governing Board, its chairperson, the members of the Executive Committee, the EIT GB Rapporteurs and members of the EIT GB Advisory Groups of the EIT⁴;

Having regard to the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group Terms of Reference⁵;

Having regard to Decision 15/2023 of the EIT Governing Board of 12 May 2023 on the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group⁶;

Having regard to Decision 32/2024 of the EIT Governing Board of 23 October 2024 on the Appointment of New Members to the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group⁷;

Having regard to Decision 10/2025 of the EIT Governing Board of 12 May 2025 on the Appointment and Extension of the term of office of Members of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group⁸.

WHEREAS

¹ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61–90

² Ares (2021)3139636

³ [Memorandum of Understanding-eic-eit_08012021_signed.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁴ Ares(2023)3471368

⁵ Ares(2023)1450629

⁶ Ares(2023)3471967

⁷ Ares(2024)7690278

⁸ Ares(2025)3813550

- (1) The European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 8 January 2021 with the objective to work together, to design and implement a fully-fledged systemic and structural cooperation, at both strategic and operational levels, whereby European innovators, innovative SMEs and startups, higher education institutions and research organisations should receive high-level support and services in order to deploy and scale their innovations faster and with greater impact.
- (2) In line with the MoU, the EIC Board and the EIT Governing Board established a permanent joint Working Group, composed of at least three members of each Board, with mandate to oversee implementation of complementarities, identify opportunities for stronger cooperation, and report to both Boards.
- (3) The EIT Governing Board members of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group shall report to the Governing Board via the Executive Committee in line with the Rules of Procedure of the EIT Governing Board and Executive Committee.
- (4) The term of office of the EIT GB representatives in the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group, shall be two years. This term of office may be extended once for a period not exceeding two years.
- (5) The EIT Governing Board members appointed as members of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group shall receive an annual fixed amount for the work performed in this regard as set out in Decision of the Governing Board of EIT on setting the honoraria for the member of the EIT Governing Board its chairperson, the members of the Executive Committee, the EIT GB Rapporteurs and members of the EIT GB Advisory Groups of the EIT.
- (6) The EIC-EIT Joint Working Group is currently composed of the following members of the Governing Board: Ms Silvia Lenaerts, Mr Heinrich Arnold, and Mr Kyriacos Kokkinos
- (7) The term of office of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group Member, Mr Heinrich Arnold is due to expire on 30 June 2026. His term of office may be extended by a two-year period by the EIT Governing Board.
- (8) In light with the above, it is necessary to adopt the present decision to extend the term of office of Mr Heinrich Arnold.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1
Extension**

The term of office of Mr Heinrich Arnold, Member of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group, is extended for 2 years from 01.07.2026. until 30.06.2028.

**Article 2
Composition**

The members of the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group are as follows:

Name	Role	Term of office duration
Ms Silvia Lenaerts	Member	until 10 May 2027
Mr Heinrich Arnold	Member	until 30 June 2028
Mr Kyriacos Kokkinos	Member	until 08 May 2027

Article 3 Entry into force

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

Done in Nicosia on 16 June 2026

For the EIT

(e-signed)
Stefan DOBREV
Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board