Minutes
91st EIT GB Meeting

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Overview of participants

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present: Stefan DOBREV [**SD**]; Anne BORG [**AB**]; Dariusz JEMIELNIAK[**DJ**]; Vicky D. KEFALAS [**VDK**]; Kyriacos KOKKINOS [**KK**]; Silvia LENAERTS [**SL**]; Anna LINDEN [**AL**]; Michel MARITON [**MM**]; Jan ORAVEC [**JO**]; Marcella PANUCCI [**MP**]; Inga SKISAKER [**IS**];

EIT Governing Board (EIT GB) members present online: Flavia POPESCU – RICHARDSON [**FPR**]; Mark Boris Andrijanic [**MA**] – partial attendance opening session only; Pia SANDVIK [**PS**]; Heinrich ARNOLD [**HA**];

Representatives of the European Commission in person: Normunds POPENS (Deputy Director-General, DG EAC) [**NP**], Stefaan HERMANS (Director for Competitiveness, Talent Mobility and International Cooperation, DG EAC) [**SH**]; Ingrid RIGLER (Deputy Head of Unit, DG EAC) [**RI**]; Kate Moriarty (DG EAC) [**KM**].

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

EIT in person: Adam ROTTENBACHER (Head of Operations) [**AR**]; Ilaria TAGLIAVINI (Head of Operations) [**IT**]; David TAS (Head of Unit) [**DT**]; Michal GORZYNSKI (Head of Director's Office) [**MG**]; Judit BELKO (Governance Officer) [**JB**];

EIT online: Caroline VANDENPLAS (Head of Communication & Engagement Unit) [**CV**]; Alessandra PALA (Head of Grant Implementation Unit) [**AP**]; Nora TOSICS (Head of Legal Section) [**NT**]; Iuliana VIZITIU (Head of Administration Unit) [**IV**]; Andreas MILTSOS (Accountant) [**AM**].

Draft Minutes: *Judit Belko (Director's Office).*

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OPENING OF THE MEETING	
1.1. Welcome by the Chairperson	
Conclusions	• N/A
Action points	• N/A
1.2. Adoption of the meeting agenda	
Conclusions	• The agenda was adopted with no changes.
Action points	• N/A
1.3. Conflict of Interest assessment; quorum and proxy	
Conclusions	• Quorum was confirmed with 15 GB members participating in the meeting (11 in person + 4 online including MA with partial attendance throughout the meeting).
Action points	• N/A
1.4. EIT Updates and follow up from action points of the previous EIT GB meeting	
Conclusions	• N/A
Action points	• N/A
2. STRATEGY UPDATES	
2.1. Updates from the European Commission on EU policy priorities and EIT GB strategic positioning of EIT in the context of the next Multiannual Financial Framework/ FP 10 preparations	

Conclusions	• N/A
Action points	• EIT to share the link to the new country factsheet repository on the EIT website.
3. OPERATIONS	
3.1 Updates on KICs, incl. the liquidation of EIT Manufacturing ASBL	
Conclusions	• The GB authorised the EIT to sign Contribution Agreement with the Region of Sardinia for a budget of EUR 150,000.
Action points	• Organize a meeting between GB Rapporteurs and the selected CEO candidate for EIT Water before the formal appointment, coordinating the timing around summer holidays.
3.2 Funding allocation 2027	
Conclusions	• The Governing Board adopted the decision on the criteria and procedures for the 2027 additional funding allocation, including a minimum threshold of 60% for each selection criteria. The required European Commission consent was obtained.
Action points	• The call documentation to be adjusted to reflect the GB discussion and decision. The call to be promoted with the focus on communicating expecting results and impact.
4. Governance & Administration	
4.1. Brief from the EIT GB Audit Committee meeting and presentation of the GB opinion on the Director's Consolidated Annual Activity Report	
Conclusions	• The Governing Board agreed to launch a shortened seven-day written procedure for the adoption of the GB Opinion on 2025 Final Accounts and on the assessment and adoption of the 2025 Annual Activity Report of the Authorising Officer of the EIT, following the changes introduced by the accountant following the consultations with the auditors.
Action points	• Launch of the written procedure for adoption of the GB Decisions on the GB Opinion on 2025 Final Accounts and on the assessment and adoption of the 2025 Annual Activity Report of the Authorising Officer of the EIT
4.2. Composition of Advisory Groups	

Conclusions	• Following her agreement to continue serving in the role, the Governing Board decided to renew SL's membership in the Executive Committee (ExCo).
	• The Governing Board appointed AB as Chair of the EIT Audit Committee and elected VK as a new member of the Committee. The mandates of AB and KK were also extended.
	• Following his agreement to continue serving in the role, the Governing Board renewed HA's mandate in the Joint EIT–EIC Working Group for a further two-year term.
	• The Governing Board agreed to discontinue the Stakeholder and Strategy Advisory Groups.
	• The following decisions were adopted by the GB:
	  o On renewing the term of office of a member in the EIT Executive Committee;
	  o On the appointment of a new member, a chairperson, and the renewal of the mandates of two members of the EIT Audit Committee;
	  o On the extension of the term of office of a member in the EIC-EIT Joint Working Group of the EIT.

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Action points	•	Subject to MB's consent to continue serving on the Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (CoI AC), the decision on the Committee's composition will be put forward for adoption via a written procedure.
4.3. Administrative decisions and written procedure		
Conclusions	•	The Governing Board adopted the Decision on Deputising for the Director of the EIT.
Action points	•	The amendment of the Single Programming Document (SPD) 2026–2028 will be submitted to the Governing Board for adoption through a written procedure.
5. AOB		
5.1. Outlook for the next GB meetings in 2026		
Conclusions	•	N/A
Action points	•	N/A
6. STRATEGIC WORKSHOP		
Conclusions	•	N/A
Action points	•	N/A
Closure of the meeting		

OVERVIEW OF DECISIONS	
13-2026	DEPUTISING FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)
14-2026	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)
15-2026	RENEWING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER IN THE EIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
16-2026	APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER, APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHAIRPERSON AND RENEWAL OF MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE EIT
17-2026	PRINCIPLES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE ADDITIONAL EIT FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR 2027 TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES' (KICS') BUSINESS PLANS, AND TO THE EIT HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVE