

DECISION 22/2019  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE 2020 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KICs)  
AND  
ON THE AMENDMENT OF DECISION 04/2019 OF THE EIT GOVERNING BOARD ON THE  
PRINCIPLES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE 2020 EIT FINANCIAL ALLOCATION

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology<sup>1</sup> as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the “EIT Regulation”), and in particular Articles 14 (7) and 20 (8), and Section 2 (a) and (b) of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in “Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)” and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (hereinafter referred to as “Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation”)<sup>3</sup>;

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (hereinafter referred to as the “EU Financial Regulation”)<sup>4</sup>;

Having regard to the Decision 21/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the Financial Regulation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology<sup>5</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the “EIT Financial Regulation”);

Having regard to Decision 42/2018 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the adoption of the Final Single Programming Document (2019-2021) of the EIT<sup>6</sup>, and its amendment by Decision 06/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT<sup>7</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 97 of 9.4.2008, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 174.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222

<sup>5</sup> Ares(2019)6810859

<sup>6</sup> Ares(2018)6606516

<sup>7</sup> Ares(2019)2433045

Having regard to Decision 43/2018 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the adoption of the Draft Single Programming Document (2020-2022) of the EIT<sup>8</sup>, and its amendment by Decision 19/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT<sup>9</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 35/2015 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the principles for financing, monitoring and evaluating KIC activities<sup>10</sup>;

Having regard to Decision 04/2019 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the principles for the determination of the 2020 EIT financial allocation<sup>11</sup>;

#### WHEREAS

- (1) The Governing Board of the EIT has designated three Knowledge and Innovation Communities (hereinafter referred to as “KICs”) in 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “first wave of KICs”<sup>12</sup>), two KICs in 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the “second wave of KICs”<sup>13</sup>), one KIC in 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the “third wave of KIC”<sup>14</sup>), and two KICs in 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the “fourth wave of KICs”<sup>15</sup>).
- (2) The EIT has concluded the Framework Partnership Agreements with the first and second wave of KICs in 2016 and with the third wave of KIC in 2018. Following the start-up phase, the Framework Partnership Agreements with the fourth wave of KICs are expected to be signed in early 2020.
- (3) In line with the draft EIT Budget and Establishment Plan, as well as the draft Annual Work Programme 2020, it is expected that EUR 542,500,000 will be available for grants for the first, second, third and fourth waves of KICs in 2020.
- (4) In line with the principles of the distribution of the available funding for 2020, the exact figures of the maximum 2020 EIT financial contribution for the individual KICs need to be determined.
- (5) In order to determine the exact figures for the maximum 2020 EIT financial contribution, the Governing Board shall also decide on the re-allocation of unused funds following the allocation of competitive funding to the third wave of KIC in accordance with the principles of Decision 04/2019 of the Governing Board.
- (6) Additionally, it is necessary to amend Article 1 of Decision 04/2019 of the Governing Board concerning the Cross-KIC fund earmarked for 2020.

#### HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**  
**Amendment of Decision 04/2019 of the EIT Governing Board**  
**on the principles for the determination of the 2020 EIT financial allocation**

Article 1 of Decision 04/2019 of the EIT Governing Board shall be replaced as follows:

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<sup>8</sup> Ares(2019)297622

<sup>9</sup> Ares(2019)5415922

<sup>10</sup> 02730.EIT.2015.I.GB38

<sup>11</sup> Ares(2019)2386514

<sup>12</sup> EIT Digital, EIT Climate-KIC, EIT InnoEnergy

<sup>13</sup> EIT Health, EIT RawMaterials

<sup>14</sup> EIT Food

<sup>15</sup> EIT Manufacturing, EIT Urban Mobility

*“Article 1  
Distribution of the 2020 EIT budget to KICs*

*For 2020, the overall EIT budget available to the KICs will be distributed by means of three separate ‘funds’ as follows:*

- 1. EUR 30,000,000 will be earmarked for the EIT RIS activities. The ‘EIT RIS fund’ will be available to all KICs who propose EIT RIS eligible activities in their Business Plans 2020. The EIT Director will define the EIT RIS activities eligible for this fund. Unused funds will remain available in the overall EIT budget.*
- 2. EUR 12,500,000 will be earmarked for the Cross-KIC activities. The ‘Cross-KIC fund’ will be available to all KICs who propose eligible Cross-KIC activities in their Business Plans 2020. The EIT Director will define the Cross-KIC activities eligible for this fund. Unused funds will remain available in the overall EIT budget.*
- 3. The EUR 500,000,000 ‘EIT KIC fund’ will be distributed between the four waves of KICs in accordance with the percentage split determined by the Governing Board in this decision, while further principles for support and competitive funding shall apply within each wave.”*

**Article 2  
Re-allocation of unused competitive funding**

Unused funds following the allocation of competitive funding to the third wave of KIC shall be allocated to the first, second and fourth waves of KICs in accordance with the percentage split defined in Article 2.1 of Decision 04/2019 of the EIT Governing Board for the three waves in question and distributed in line with the principles provided for in Articles 4 to 7 of that Decision.

**Article 3  
Financial allocation for 2020**

1. The maximum 2020 EIT financial contribution covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020 to each KIC shall be allocated as follows:

<b>EIT Climate-KIC:</b>	<b>EUR 78,439,829</b> (excluding the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities)
<b>EIT Digital:</b>	<b>EUR 66,226,762</b> (excluding the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities)
<b>EIT InnoEnergy:</b>	<b>EUR 77,791,026</b> (excluding the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities)
<b>EIT Health:</b>	<b>EUR 85,132,950</b> (excluding the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities)
<b>EIT RawMaterials:</b>	<b>EUR 81,710,264</b> (excluding the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities)
<b>EIT Food:</b>	<b>EUR 55,084,765</b> (excluding the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities)
<b>EIT Manufacturing:</b>	<b>EUR 26,833,950</b> (excluding the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities)

**EIT Urban Mobility: EUR 28,780,454** (excluding the EIT financial contribution earmarked for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities)

2. In accordance with Article 1 of Decision 04/2019 of the EIT Governing Board, the financial allocation earmarked to the 'EIT RIS fund' shall be equal to **EUR 30,000,000**.
3. In accordance with Article 1 of Decision 04/2019 of the EIT Governing Board, the financial allocation earmarked to the 'EIT Cross-KIC fund' shall be equal to **EUR 12,500,000**.

#### **Article 4** **Award and implementation**

1. Following the submission of the final Business Plans 2020 by the KICs, the EIT Director shall award the 2020 specific grant to each KIC based on the conclusions on the assessment of the final Business Plans 2020.
2. The EIT Director shall be empowered to determine, in the context of the award of the 2020 specific grants, the amount that shall be earmarked from the EIT grant for the implementation of EIT RIS and Cross-KIC activities by the individual KICs.
3. The EIT Director shall be responsible for the implementation of this decision, including the communication of the strategic recommendations or any other specific conditions agreed by the Governing Board for each individual KIC to be addressed.

#### **Article 5** **Conditionality upon the final adoption of the EIT budget**

The financial allocation provided for in the present decision is subject to the adoption of the Budget and Establishment Plan 2020 of the EIT, the Annual Work Programme 2020 which is part of the EIT Single Programming Document 2020-2022, as Financing Decision, and the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, which will determine the amount of EU contribution to the EIT in 2020. In case of a reduction in the financial contribution available for grants in the final EIT Budget, the maximum 2020 EIT financial contribution to each KIC shall be amended proportionally.

#### **Article 6** **Entry into force**

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

*Done in Budapest on 21 November 2019*

[Signed]

*Dirk Jan van den Berg*

*Chairman of the EIT Governing Board*

