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OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and
Technology (EIT) 2021-2027: Boosting the Innovation Talent and Capacity of
Europe
(COM(2019)0330 – C9-0043/2019 – 2019/0152(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Rapporteur calls for a high standard of innovation to be defined in the legislation governing the EIT in its new Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) for 2021-2027.

While entrepreneurial and business education is critical, the EIT is also a technological institute. Scientific and technical invention is also the basis for the best, lasting innovation. Technical education should thus also be a major focus for all KICs and HEIs involved with the Institute.

1. The SIA sets out the strategy, objectives and priorities for the EIT for the period 2021-2027 and define its key actions, target results and resources needed for that period.
2. It ensures the alignment of the EIT with Horizon Europe.
3. It guarantees cooperation and complementary actions with other relevant Union programmes, priorities and commitments.
4. It also introduces the Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS), which contributes to increased geographical balance.

The Rapporteur welcomes the Commission's Proposal and the role of the EIT in promoting EU competitiveness through its support for the innovation ecosystem, insofar as the Institute has successfully contributed to the growth of the "knowledge triangle".

The EIT represents one of the main drivers for target-focused innovation, capable of meeting challenges to society in areas such as: sustainable innovation; innovation and business skills with a view to lifelong learning; high standards of technical and entrepreneurial higher education; new market-oriented solutions to face global challenges; synergies and added value throughout the Horizon Europe programme.

The Rapporteur notes some significant successes, notably from:

- KIC InnoEnergy - Energy storage - 'Curved graphene' ultracapacitors for automotive and aerospace sectors which recharge in less than 2 seconds with a lifetime of more than one million uses,
- KIC ClimateChange - Energy use - Automatic climate control device - now the major competitor for Google Nest in Europe,
- KIC Health - Mobile devices which enable prediction of long term medical conditions such as Alzheimers and atrial fibrillation.

The Rapporteur acknowledges the successes of existing KICs and calls for EIT to continue to foster their growth and impact, and accompany their transition to financial sustainability, when framework partnership agreements terminate.

The Rapporteur welcomes the proposed launch of a new KIC in the field of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) in 2021 to unleash the potential of culture-based creativity, in particular digital and technological development, and to help strengthening Europe's competitiveness and smart growth.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a decision Article 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1a

General objectives

The general objectives of the EIT shall be:

- (a) to strengthen sustainable challenges-based innovation ecosystems throughout the Union that help to tackle global challenges;*
- (b) to foster the development of entrepreneurial and innovation skills in a lifelong learning perspective, including increasing capacities of Union higher education institutions across the Union, and to support their entrepreneurial transformation; and*
- (c) to bring new solutions to global and societal challenges to the market.*

The EIT shall develop synergies with other Union programmes and shall bring added value within Horizon Europe. The implementation shall take place through support to KICs and EIT-coordinated activities.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1b

Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the EIT shall be:

- (a) to increase the impact of KICs and knowledge triangle integration;***
- (b) to increase the innovation capacity of the higher education sector by promoting higher education institutions (HEIs);***
- (c) to increase the regional outreach of the EIT in order to address disparities in innovation capacity across the Union.***

Amendment 3

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1c

Launch of a new KIC in the field of Cultural and Creative Industries

- 1. During the period from 2021 to 2027, a new KIC in the field of Cultural and Creative Industries ('CCI') shall be launched, to unleash the potential of culture-based creativity and help strengthening Europe's competitiveness and smart growth and addressing societal challenges.***
- 2. The KIC on CCI shall:***
 - (a) foster technical of innovation by connecting business and research across sectors and disciplines at local, regional, national and Union levels;***
 - (b) train the next generation of***

innovators in the CCI sectors by equipping them with the necessary entrepreneurial technical and digital skills needed to thrive in a fast changing environment;

(c) contribute to the development of the right framework conditions to transform ideas into new technological developments and social innovation that will improve the quality of life and benefit Union citizens;

(d) provide the environment to ensure that a framework for the certification of artistic, cultural and creative competences and studies is developed as well as the concomitant recognition of the titles and other skills between Member States fostering mobility, visibility and access to opportunities without discrimination to European citizens exercising their right to freely move;

(e) foster the creation and development of new ventures in the CCI by mobilising investment, necessary resources and long-term commitment from the business sector complementary with other tools;

(f) establish synergies with the existing KICs, as well as with other European partnerships, programmes and initiatives to drive innovation beyond CCI in other sectors of the economy; and

(g) strengthen the Union's position as a global actor in CCI by harnessing creativity and cultural diversity of the Union's citizens and by fostering visibility and promotion of the European culture and innovation globally.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 1 – point 1.1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The EIT was established in 2008 in order to contribute to sustainable economic growth and competitiveness by reinforcing the innovation capacity of the Member States and the European Union. It pioneered the integration of education, business and research (knowledge triangle) together with a strong emphasis on entrepreneurial talent and innovation skills. The mid-term evaluation of the EIT in 2018 confirmed that the overarching rationale of the EIT remains valid and the model of innovation-driven knowledge triangle integration remains relevant.

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Amendment 5

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 1 – point 1.1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

A decade after EIT's establishment, the pace of innovation has accelerated dramatically. Innovation is reshaping economic sectors, disrupting existing businesses and creating unprecedented opportunities. With a shifting global economic order and international competition on the rise, the EU's dependence on talent and its capacity to innovate is growing. Co-design, collaboration and co-creation across disciplines and between education, business ***and research*** have never been as important as today to contribute to address global challenges related to climate change and unsustainable use on natural resources, digital transformation, demographic shifts or the future of healthcare and food.

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healthcare and food.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 1 – point 1.1 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

With ***the [Horizon Europe proposal] for a new Framework Programme supporting research and innovation for the period 2021-2027***, the European Commission made a firm commitment to raise further Europe's innovation potential in order to be able to respond to the challenges of the future. The EIT's distinctive role in fostering innovation by bringing together business, education, research, public authorities and civil society is reinforced by its positioning in the [Innovative Europe Pillar] of ***the [Horizon Europe proposal]***. ***The [Horizon Europe proposal]*** reflects the growing ambition of the EU ***on innovation and the necessity to deliver on it.***

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 1 – point 1.2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Each KIC is organised around ***five to ten of*** co-location centres (CLCs²²) which are intended to act as geographical hubs for the practical integration of the knowledge triangle. They are organised and structured according to their respective national and regional innovation context and build on a pan-European network of existing labs, offices or campuses of a KICs' core partners.

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Amendment 8

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 1 – point 1.2 – paragraph 3 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

— Education and training activities with strong entrepreneurship components to train the next generation of talents, including the design and implementation of programmes awarded the EIT Label²³, in particular at master and doctoral level;

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 1 – point 1.2 – paragraph 3 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

— ***Activities supporting*** innovation to develop innovative, products, processes and services that address a specific business opportunity;

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— Innovation ***and entrepreneurial activities to help*** develop innovative, products, processes and services that address a specific business opportunity ***and present a societal added value***;

Amendment 10

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 1 – point 1.2 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

The EIT approach contributes to both incremental and disruptive innovations **to happen**, to effectively address market failures and help transform industries. It enables the creation of long-term business strategies for addressing global challenges and helps creating the framework conditions that are essential for a well-functioning innovation ecosystem to grow and innovation to thrive.

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Amendment 11

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 1 – point 1.3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 12

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Annex I – point 1 – point 1.3 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 13

Proposal for a decision Annex I – point 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The EIT as an integral part of the Horizon Europe programme will contribute delivering ***on*** its overarching objectives and priorities. ***The*** KICs will ***be*** part of the Institutionalised European Partnerships, meaning they will follow a set of principles and life-cycle criteria to ensure a more coherent, open and impact-driven approach. The EIT general objectives ***therefore*** reflect the overall role of the EIT in Horizon Europe and its place in the [Innovative Europe Pillar].

Amendment

Excellence is the main driver for the EIT. It seeks to extend the ambition of existing KICs and to encourage the very highest quality of research and innovation in innovation communities. Geographical spread outreach and contribution of addressing gaps in innovation in Member States and associated countries is an important part of the EIT strategic agenda for 2021-2027 as well as extending quality higher education opportunities to countries, especially to moderate and modest innovator countries and regions, named in the Regional Innovation Scheme ('RIS'). The EIT as an integral part of the Horizon Europe programme will contribute ***to strengthening of the innovation capacity of the Union and*** delivering its overarching objectives and priorities. KICs will ***become*** part of the Institutionalised European Partnerships, meaning they will

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Amendment 14

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 2 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The overarching areas of intervention for the EIT are defined in *the [Horizon Europe proposal]*. The EIT will continue to support its Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) in order to strengthen the innovation *ecosystems* that help to tackle global challenges. It will do so by fostering the integration of education, research and business, thereby creating environments conducive to innovation, and by promoting and supporting a new generation of entrepreneurs and stimulating the creation of innovative companies in close synergy and complementarity with the EIC. In doing so it will in particular:

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Amendment 15

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 2 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – point -1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-1) Encourage high level scientific and technical education which is gender balanced in all Member States;

Amendment 16 Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 2 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – point -1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-1a) Work towards gender balance in technical and entrepreneurial education in all Member States;

Amendment 17

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 2 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) Strengthen sustainable innovation ecosystems across ***Europe***;

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Amendment 18

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 2 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2) Foster innovation ***and*** entrepreneurship ***through better education***;

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Amendment 19

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 2 – point 2.2 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 20

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The integration of the knowledge triangle by the EIT and KICs at EU, Member States, regional and local levels will remain a core task for strengthening innovation ecosystems and making them sustainable, as well as for developing new solutions to global challenges. The EIT will continue support a portfolio of KICs (see Figure 2) and will further strengthen its successful platform for launching, growing and managing them. KICs will continue to operate through co-location *centers (CLC)*. The KICs will continue to pursue financial sustainability in order to achieve financial independence from the EIT grant in the long-term (at the latest, after 15 years) through leveraging public and private investment.

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Amendment 21

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The EIT will further increase its regional impact through an enhanced openness towards potential partners and stakeholders and a better articulated regional strategy of KICs, including links to the relevant Smart Specialisation Strategies.

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Amendment 22

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 2 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The EIT budget devoted to implementing EIT RIS activities will be at least 10% of the overall EIT support funding to KICs, thereby increasing the number of KIC partners from targeted regions in countries that are eligible for the RIS. Support from the RIS should encourage gender balance in all areas.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 2 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme, steered by the EIT and implemented by KICs, has been so far run on a voluntary basis. From 2021 on, the EIT RIS will become an integral part of the KIC' multi-annual strategy. The EIT will continue to provide guidance and support to KICs in the preparation of multi-annual EIT RIS strategies ***and in their implementation.*** EIT RIS activities will continue with improved support to the innovation capacity of countries ***and regions*** that underperform in terms of innovation. ***The EIT budget devoted to implementing EIT RIS activities will be at least 10% of the overall EIT support funding to KICs, thereby increasing the number of KIC partners from targeted regions.*** Activities supported through the RIS will aim to:

The EIT shall ensure that EIT RIS activities are used to attract and facilitate integration of potential new partners that add value to the KICs, thus extending EIT's pan-European coverage, and are fully integrated in KIC's multi-annual strategies. The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme, steered by the EIT and implemented by KICs, has been so far run on a voluntary basis. From 2021 on, the EIT RIS will become an integral part of the KIC' multi-annual strategy, ***thus expanding the EIT's pan-European reach.*** The EIT will continue to provide guidance and support to KICs in the preparation ***and implementation*** of multi-annual EIT RIS strategies. EIT RIS activities will continue with improved support to the innovation capacity of ***EU-13 countries as well as other moderate and***

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Amendment 24

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 2 – paragraph 2 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 25

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 2 – paragraph 2 – indent 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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— *support the objective of attracting new partners to KICs by establishing new CLCs so as to improve geographical balance;*

Amendment 26

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 2 – paragraph 2 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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— link local innovation ecosystems to pan-European innovation ecosystems through cooperation with EIT KICs and their *co-locations* centres.

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Amendment 27

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 2 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

In addition, in order to ensure KICs' deeper integration in local innovation ecosystems, each KIC will be required to develop and implement a strategy aiming at strengthening the relationship with regional and local innovation actors, and the EIT will actively monitor the implementation. A "place-based" innovation approach should be integrated within the KIC's multi-annual strategy and business plan and build on KIC's CLCs (and RIS), thus leveraging on their role as gateway for accessing a KIC community and interacting with the co-located partners. KICs should demonstrate links with local Smart Specialisation Strategies and with the activities of relevant thematic platforms and interregional initiatives, including the Managing Authorities of ESI Funds. The EIT will also monitor how CLCs operate and how they integrate in the local innovation ecosystems.

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Amendment 28

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.1 – point 3 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Based on a proposal from the EIT Governing Board and an analysis thereof, a first KIC in the field of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) is proposed to be launched in 2022 with a call for proposals to be published in 2021. This priority field has the strongest complementarity with the eight KICs that have already been launched by the EIT, as well as with the potential priority areas for other European Partnerships to be launched in the

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Amendment 29

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3.2. Supporting the innovation capacity of higher education

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Amendment 30

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 31

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.2 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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Support and strengthen cultural and artistic education while promoting the cross-border recognition of artistic competences and skills.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 33

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.2 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Developing HEIs into more innovative and entrepreneurial organisations requires a clear strategy, a methodological framework and commitment of resources. Based on its experience, the EIT is uniquely positioned to support the development of entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of

The EIT will in particular target HEIs from countries that are moderate and modest innovators and other low performing regions that wish to strengthen their innovation footprint and Smart Specialisation Strategies. The EIT will allocate to this measure at least 25%

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of the overall budget allocated to these activities. Developing HEIs into more innovative and entrepreneurial organisations requires a clear *and ambitious* strategy, a methodological framework and commitment of resources. Based on its experience, the EIT is uniquely positioned to support the development of entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of HEIs under Horizon Europe.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.3 – point 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to ensure wider dissemination and better understanding of the opportunities offered by the *EIT*, the EIT will *explore the possibility to* reinforce guidance and assistance on aspects related to participation in EIT KICs *across Europe* by building on existing networks of information across Europe.

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Amendment 35

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.3 – point 1 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

EIT will organise *regular* meetings of the Member States' Representatives Group as well as Commission *related services, at least twice a year*, to ensure an appropriate communication and flow of information with Member States and at EU level, *and keep them informed of the performances and achievements of the EIT-funded activities.* The Member States' Representatives Group shall also ensure appropriate support to liaise EIT-supported

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EIT will organise *annual* meetings of the Member States' Representatives Group as well as Commission, *European Parliament and advisory bodies of the Union, such as the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee*, to ensure an appropriate communication and flow of information with Member States and at EU level. The Member States' Representatives Group shall also ensure appropriate support to

activities with national programmes and initiatives, including the potential national co-financing of those activities.

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Amendment 36

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.3 – point 1 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

The EIT will continue to steer and provide strategic guidance to the EIT Alumni Community²⁶ (in collaboration with the EIT Alumni Board) to maximise its entrepreneurial and societal impact and the continuous involvement of its members in EIT-supported activities. ***In the course of 2021-2027 the Community will continue growing and will also include the alumni taking part to the actions supporting the innovation capacities of HEIs.***

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Amendment 37

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.3 – point 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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the entire innovation community, the EIT will further develop its role as an innovation institute able to detect, analyse, codify, share and ensure the take-up of innovative practices, learnings and results from the EIT-funded activities (education & training, support to innovation, support to entrepreneurship) on a broader scale. This activity will build on the links and synergies with the other initiatives within the [Innovative Europe Pillar] of the [Horizon Europe *proposal*].

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Justification

Many Members of the European Parliament have little knowledge of the EIT, its successes and the way it operates. This needs to be rectified.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This section includes a number of measures that aim to adapt and improve the current functioning of the EIT and the KICs. An effective and strategic EIT Governing Board will monitor the implementation of those measures at the EIT level, and will provide the necessary incentives and control, including through ***the*** funding allocation process, to ensure that the KICs implement ***them***.

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Amendment 39

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.4 – point 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The EIT will provide operational guidance to and monitor the KICs **on** compliance with sound management principles, the principles and criteria set out for European Partnerships in the Horizon Europe regulation **and** alignment with Horizon Europe priorities in order to **maximize** their performance and impact.

Amendment

The EIT will provide operational guidance to and **continuously** monitor the KICs' compliance with sound management principles **set in the EIT regulation**, the principles and criteria set out for European Partnerships in the Horizon Europe regulation **as well as** alignment with Horizon Europe priorities in order to **maximise** their performance and impact. ***Appropriate corrective measures will be taken in case a KIC underperforms or delivers inadequate results according to the performance indicators.***

Amendment 40

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.4 – point 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Measures ensuring continuous openness of the KICs and transparency during implementation ***will be improved*** notably by ***including common provisions for*** new members that add value to the partnerships. They will also run their activities in a fully transparent way. KICs will remain dynamic partnerships that new partners, including an increasing share of SMEs, can join on the basis of excellence and ***strategic fit***. In order to limit the concentration of funding **and** ensure that KICs activities benefit from a wide network of partners, the procedure for the preparation of the Business Plan (including the identification of priorities, the selection of activities and the allocation of funds)

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The EIT shall ensure transparency during implementation ***as well as continuous openness of the KICs for new members*** notably by ***earmarked financing for establishment of new CLCs. This will be achieved by applying clear and consistent accession criteria to*** new members that add value to the partnerships. They will also run their activities in a fully transparent way. KICs will remain dynamic partnerships that new partners, including an increasing share of SMEs, can join on the basis of excellence and ***their ability to contribute to innovation ecosystems at local, regional, national and Union level***. In order ***to respect the geographical balance and*** to limit the

will be made more transparent and inclusive. **Finally**, KICs will increase the share of calls, in particular for innovation projects that are open to third parties. All these measures will increase the number of participating entities involved in KICs' activities. Finally, KICs **should** report on the involvement of new partners in their regular reporting.

concentration of funding **to EU-15 countries as well as to** ensure that KICs activities benefit from a wide network of partners, the procedure for the preparation of the Business Plan (including the identification of priorities, the selection of activities and the allocation of funds) will be made more transparent and inclusive, **thus promoting participation from EU-13 countries**. KICs will increase the share of calls, in particular for innovation projects that are open to third parties. All these measures will **help** increase the number of participating entities involved in KICs' activities. Finally, KICs **shall** report on the involvement of new partners in their regular reporting.

Amendment 41

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.4– point 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Worldwide cross-fertilisation

Future skills will require critical thinking, mental flexibility, creativity and interdisciplinary thinking. The EIT will support the success of Europe through ambitious cross-fertilisation between subject areas, in particular by promoting of interaction between researchers and innovation leaders indifferent KICs. This could be achieved through annual or bi-annual conferences between KICs in two or more subject areas (also with involvement of students and researchers - see point 3.1 Knowledge and Innovation Communities - Support to existing KICs).

Amendment 42

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.4 – point 4 b (new)

(4b) SME and start-up involvement

Given that 99% of all businesses in the Union are SMEs and that, in the past five years, they have created around 85% of new jobs, the EIT must ensure the participation of small and medium size enterprises ('SMEs') and start-ups among KIC business partners. Membership fees are an important source of funding for all KICs, but a balanced involvement of SMEs and start-ups is essential to spreading innovation and entrepreneurial education. In particular, involvement of SMEs and start-ups in RIS countries is crucial to proper functioning of the KICs. In accordance with the EIT initial mission statement, this will:

- (1) help identify societal problems in the Member States;***
- (2) create local growth; and***
- (3) spread skilled employment opportunities across the Union.***

With this in mind, the EIT should apply strict principles of openness and transparency in the selection of new business partners and the procedure for the preparation of the business plans. SMEs involved in development of new inventions and innovations should have pre-agreed purchase agreements from large companies involved in the relevant KIC.

Justification

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Amendment 43

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.4 – point 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Subject to an in-depth independent study in close cooperation with the Commission, by the end of 2023, the EIT will define its relations with the KICs that will stop receiving support grants in the course of the 2021-2027 programming period. Subject to a positive outcome of a final review, the EIT may conclude a “Memorandum of Co-operation” with each KIC, aiming to maintain cooperation with KICs after the termination of the framework partnership agreement. This Memorandum should include, inter alia, rights and obligations linked to:

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Amendment 44

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.4 – point 6 – paragraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 45

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.5 – paragraph 2 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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This should include students involved in apprenticeships and vocational training as part of the Erasmus PRO.

Amendment 46

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.5 – paragraph 2 – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

— Synergies will be ensured, ***where possible***, with the European Universities initiative ***that could help mainstream*** EIT's educational activities ***to reach a systemic*** impact.

Amendment

— Synergies will be ensured, with the European Universities initiative ***in order to ensure that the*** EIT's educational activities ***are part of the mainstream and as such have a positive impact on education in the Member States.***

Amendment 47

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 3 – point 3.5 – paragraph 6 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

— The new Creative Europe Programme will be specifically relevant for the activities of a future KIC on CCI. Strong synergies and complementarities will be developed with the programme in areas such as creative skills, ***jobs and*** business models.

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Amendment 48

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 4 – point 4.1 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The EIT will launch a new support action to facilitate the establishment of new CLCs in Member States which are not represented or remain underrepresented in the current KICs.

Amendment 49

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 4 – point 4.2 – paragraph -1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

-1. ambitious standards KICs should facilitate and support the best and most ambitious research and innovation;

Amendment 50

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 4 – point 4.2 – paragraph 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The EIT will ensure that the data it collects through its internal monitoring system, including the results from KICs, are fully integrated in the overall data management system of Horizon Europe programme. The EIT will ensure that detailed information arising from its monitoring and evaluation process are made available timely and are accessible in a common e-database on Horizon Europe implementation. In addition, the EIT will ensure dedicated reporting on quantitative and qualitative impacts, including on committed and actually provided financial contributions.

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actually provided financial contributions.

Amendment 51

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 –point 7 – paragraph 2 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

— Producers, distributors, broadcasters, cinema theatres and all types of cultural **organizations** need to innovate in order to **attract new generations** of audiences.

Amendment

— **Artists, creators**, producers, distributors, broadcasters, cinema theatres and all types of cultural **organisations** need to innovate in order to **promote active participation in the creative sectors, support the engagement and development** of audiences **of all ages, in particular young audiences, across Europe and beyond, develop new processes, services, cultural content and new forms of creative practices that provide societal value.**

Amendment 52

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 –point 7 – paragraph 2 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

— The shortage of entrepreneurship and cross-cutting skills in CCI²⁸ concerns both emerging sub-sectors as well as **very** mature ones that **undergo a** profound digital transformation. These skills are needed for innovation and crucial in light of labour market changes that the sector is facing.

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Amendment 53

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 – point 7 – paragraph 3 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

— There is limited cooperation between researchers and between research and industry as well as insufficient coordination of R&D efforts, sharing of methods, results, and best practices. ***Additionally***, most of the research in CCI have not been translated which leads to repetition, as researchers are often unaware of similar projects.

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Amendment 54

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 – point 7 – paragraph 3 – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

— A significant share of regional smart ***specialization*** priorities in Europe ***refer*** to culture under different angles (e.g. cultural heritage, ***creative industries***, etc.). Given the important role of culture and creativity for the economic and social development of cities and regions and their ability to further help address disparity issues across Europe, the potential of the CCI KIC is high.

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Amendment 55

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 –point 7 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Challenges related to European **employment**, economic resilience, and smart growth, include **economic issues such as** unemployment (**especially** youth unemployment) **and** global competition.

Amendment

CCI are able to drive innovation in other sectors of the economy. Current challenges related to European economic resilience and smart growth include **lack of innovation, skills (especially digital skills),** unemployment (**in particular** youth unemployment), **under employment, as well as increasing** global competition.

Amendment 56

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 –point 7 – paragraph 4 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

— European **industries** are challenged by **digitization and globalization** and their powerful impact on the way artists produce and distribute their works and relate to their audiences. The collapse of **DVD markets**, new consumer expectations and the **continued power of US studios** together with the rise of global digital giants like Amazon, iTunes, Google and Netflix have impacted the traditional value chain.

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Amendment 57

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 –point 7 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 58

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 –point 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

An EIT KIC on CCI – with its holistic and integrated approach - will **help address all** challenges **defined above**. By covering nearly all sectors of our lives, society and economy, such KIC will be highly relevant in terms of economic and societal impact, unlocking strategic opportunities for economic, technological as well as social innovation.

Amendment

An EIT KIC on CCI – with its holistic and integrated approach - will **strive to tackle the above-mentioned** challenges. By covering nearly all sectors of our lives, society and economy, such KIC will be highly relevant in terms of economic and societal impact, unlocking strategic opportunities for economic, technological as well as social innovation.

Amendment 59

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 –point 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 60

Proposal for a decision

Annex I – point 6 – point 9 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

An EIT KIC on CCI is most suited to address the major economic and societal challenges outlined above. Creativity is a key driver of innovation and a KIC on CCI has the capacity to unleash the potential of culture-based creativity and help strengthening Europe's competitiveness and smart growth.

Amendment

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PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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+ : in favour

- : against

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