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DRAFT REPORT


Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Rapporteur: Marisa Matias

(Recast – Rule 110 of the Rules of Procedure)
Symbols for procedures

* Consultation procedure
*** Consent procedure
***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

Amendments to a draft act

Amendments by Parliament set out in two columns

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Amendments by Parliament in the form of a consolidated text

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION


(Ordinary legislative procedure – recast)

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2019)0331),

– having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 173(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C9-0042/2019),

– having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs on the proposed legal basis,

– having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

– having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 28 November 2001 on a more structured use of the recasting technique for legal acts¹,

– having regard to the letter of 10 January 2020 sent by the Committee on Legal Affairs to the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy in accordance with Rule 110(3) of its Rules of Procedure,

– having regard to the reasoned opinion submitted, within the framework of Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, by the Romanian Chamber of Deputies, asserting that the draft legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity,

– having regard to Rules 110, 59 and 40 of its Rules of Procedure,

– having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Culture and Education,

– having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A9-0000/2020),

A. whereas, according to the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, the Commission proposal does not include any substantive amendments other than those identified as such in the proposal and whereas, as regards the codification of the unchanged provisions of the earlier acts together with those amendments, the proposal contains a straightforward

codification of the existing texts, without any change in their substance;

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out, taking into account the recommendations of the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission;

2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;

3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

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should primarily have the objective of contributing to the development of the Union’s and the Member States’ innovation capacity at the highest standards. In order to achieve this, the EIT should facilitate and enhance networking and cooperation and create synergies between different innovation communities in Europe, ensuring a wide geographical coverage with the aim of bridging the regional disparities and preventing the innovation divide.

Or. en

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The strategic priority fields and financial needs for the EIT for a period of seven years, covering the respective Multiannual Financial Framework (‘MFF’), should be laid down in a Strategic Innovation Agenda (‘SIA’). The SIA should ensure alignment with the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation and foster synergies with other relevant Union programmes of the MFF as well as with other Union initiatives, policies and instruments, in particular with those supporting education and regional development. Given the importance of the SIA for the Union innovation policy and the resulting political significance of its socio-economic impact for the Union, the SIA should be adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of a Commission proposal based on a contribution provided by the EIT.

Amendment

(5) The strategic priority fields and financial needs for the EIT for a period of seven years, covering the respective Multiannual Financial Framework (‘MFF’), should be laid down in a Strategic Innovation Agenda (‘SIA’). The SIA should ensure alignment with Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (‘Horizon Europe’) and foster synergies with other relevant Union programmes of the MFF as well as with other Union initiatives, policies and instruments, in particular with those supporting education and regional development. Given the importance of the SIA for the Union innovation policy and the resulting political significance of its socio-economic impact for the Union, the SIA should be adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of a Commission proposal based on a contribution provided by the EIT. Those contributions should also be made available to the European Parliament.
Amendment 4
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) In line with the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation, the activities of the EIT should address strategic long-term challenges for innovation in Europe, particularly in trans-and/or inter-disciplinary areas including those already identified at European level. In so doing, the EIT should promote periodic dialogue with civil society.

Amendment

(6) In line with Horizon Europe, the activities of the EIT should address strategic long-term challenges for innovation in Europe, particularly in trans-and/or inter-disciplinary areas including those already identified at European level. In so doing, the EIT should promote periodic dialogue with civil society including with research and innovation centres, SMEs, higher education and research and industry.

Or. en

Amendment 5
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) The EIT should give priority to the transfer of its higher education, research and innovation activities to the business context and their commercial application, as well as to supporting the creation of start-ups, spin-offs and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Amendment

(7) The EIT should give priority to the transfer of its higher education, research and innovation activities in order to support the innovation and entrepreneurial capacity of higher education, to promote excellence in research and to boost business context and the commercial application of those activities, as well as to supporting the creation of start-ups, spin-offs and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Or. en
Justification

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The EIT should primarily operate through excellence-driven and autonomous large-scale European Partnerships of higher education institutions, research organisations, companies and other stakeholders in the form of sustainable and long-term self-supporting strategic networks in the innovation process. Those partnerships should be selected by the Governing Board of the EIT on the basis of a transparent and excellence-based process, in accordance with the criteria of the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation for the selection of European Partnerships, and designated as KICs.

Amendment

(8) The EIT should primarily operate through excellence-driven and autonomous European Partnerships of higher education institutions, research organisations, companies and other stakeholders in the form of sustainable and long-term self-supporting strategic networks in the innovation process. Those partnerships should aim to become financially sustainable and to attract and engage the widest possible range of new partners. They should be selected by the Governing Board of the EIT on the basis of a transparent and excellence-based process, in accordance with the criteria of Horizon Europe for the selection of European Partnerships, and designated as KICs.

Or. en

Justification

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Taking into account the specificity of KICs, it is necessary to provide for

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special minimum conditions to form a KIC, **derogating** from the rules for participation and dissemination of the **Union framework programme supporting research and innovation**. Similarly, specific rules on ownership, access rights, exploitation and dissemination may be necessary for KIC added-value activities.

**Those conditions may, exceptionally, derogate** from the rules for participation and dissemination of **Horizon Europe**. Similarly, a **derogation from those specific rules on ownership, access rights, exploitation and dissemination** may be necessary for KIC added-value activities **but should be subject to delegated acts that require such a derogation to be granted only where strictly necessary and duly justified.**

**Amendment 8**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) The Governing Board should also steer the activities of the EIT and coordinate the reporting, monitoring and evaluation of the activities of the KICs in line with the provisions of the **Union framework programme supporting research and innovation**. Membership of the Governing Board should balance experience from the business and the higher education and/or research worlds as well as from the innovation sector.

**Amendment**

(10) The Governing Board should also steer the activities of the EIT and coordinate the reporting, monitoring and evaluation of the activities of the KICs in line with the provisions of **Horizon Europe**. Membership of the Governing Board should balance experience from business, higher education and research as well as from the innovation sector. **The Governing Board should also ensure geographical and gender balance in the composition of the Governing Board.**

**Justification**

*This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.*
Amendment 9
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In order to contribute to the competitiveness and to reinforce the international attractiveness of the European economy and its innovation capacity, the EIT and the KICs should be able to attract partner organisations, researchers and students from all over the world, including by encouraging their mobility, as well as to cooperate with third-country organisations.

Amendment

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Or. en

Justification

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Amendment 10
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Relations between the EIT and the KICs should be based on framework partnership agreements and grant agreements, which will set out the KICs’ rights and obligations, ensure an adequate level of coordination and outline the mechanism for monitoring and evaluating KICs’ activities and outcomes. The framework partnership agreement should ensure continuity of the EIT financial contribution to a KIC beyond the respective MFF. By way of derogation from Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the

Amendment

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Council\textsuperscript{12} (the ‘Financial Regulation’), the EIT should be able to establish such framework partnership agreement for an initial period of seven years and extend it beyond that period for another period of a maximum of seven years.


Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

\textit{Text proposed by the Commission}

(13) There is a need to support higher education as an integral, but often missing, component of a comprehensive innovation strategy. The framework partnership agreements or grant agreements between the EIT and KICs should provide that the degrees and diplomas awarded through the KICs should be awarded by participating higher education institutions, which should

\textit{Amendment}

(13) There is a need to support higher education as an integral, but often missing, component of a comprehensive innovation strategy. The framework partnership agreements or grant agreements between the EIT and KICs should provide that the degrees and diplomas awarded through the KICs should be awarded by participating higher education institutions, which should
be encouraged to label them also as EIT degrees and diplomas. In addition, the EIT should strengthen and widen the scope of the EIT-labelled degrees and diplomas in order to increase their recognition outside the EIT Community. Through its activities and work, the EIT should help promote mobility for students, researchers and staff. All those activities should be carried out without prejudice to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.


Or. en

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**Amendment 12**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 16**

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<td>(16) It is expected that industry, the finance and service sectors will contribute significantly to the budget of the KICs. The KICs should aim at maximising the share of contributions from the private sector and achieving financial sustainability. The KICs and their partner organisations should publicise the fact that their activities are undertaken in the context of the EIT and that they receive a financial contribution.</td>
<td>(16) It is expected that industry, contribute significantly to the budget of the KICs. The KICs should aim at maximising the share of contributions from the private sector and achieving financial sustainability and thereby sustaining key activities beyond the duration of the EIT’s financial support. The KICs and their partner organisations should publicise the fact that...</td>
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**Justification**

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**Amendment 13**

**Proposal for a regulation**
**Recital 19**

**Text proposed by the Commission**

(19) The EIT should produce a consolidated annual activity report, outlining the activities conducted and results of the operations in the preceding calendar year. The EIT should also produce a single programming document, outlining its planned initiatives in terms of annual and multiannual programming and allowing the EIT to respond to internal and external developments in the fields of science, technology, higher education, innovation and other relevant areas.

**Amendment**

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**Justification**

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**Amendment 14**

**Proposal for a regulation**
**Recital 20**

*EN*
(20) It is appropriate that the Commission initiate independent, external evaluations of the operation of the EIT, including the KICs, in particular with a view to preparing the SIA. Those evaluations should examine how the EIT fulfils its mission, cover all activities of the EIT and KICs and should assess their relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, European added value, and coherence. Those evaluations should feed into the Commission programme evaluations provided for in the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation.

Amendment 15
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(20a) The EIT, primarily through its KICs and the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme should aim to strengthen innovation ecosystems for the development of an overall Union capacity for innovation that tackle global challenges, by fostering the integration of business, research, higher education and entrepreneurship.

Justification

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Amendment 16
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(20b) The EIT should foster innovation in its activities and should support the integration of higher education in the innovation ecosystem, in particular by stimulating entrepreneurial education, fostering non-disciplinary collaboration between industry and higher education and research and by identifying prospective skills for future innovators to address global challenges, which includes advanced digital and innovation skills. Support schemes provided by the EIT should benefit EIC beneficiaries, while start-ups emerging from KICs should have fast-track access to EIC actions.

Or. en

Justification

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Amendment 17
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(20c) With the aim of avoiding silos and the duplication of efforts and strategies, the EIT and EIC should envisage reciprocal and systematic exchanges of information, as well as having a common member in each of their Governing Boards.

Or. en
**Justification**

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**Amendment 18**

Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 20 d (new)

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<td>(20d) In the scope of Horizon Europe and in line with its strategic planning, the EIT should be able to decide to present new KICs in priority fields that contribute to addressing new and emerging global challenges and that are established in different periods. The first such KIC relates to Cultural and Creative Industries, while the second should relate to the Blue New Deal.</td>
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**Amendment 19**

Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 20 e (new)

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<td>(20e) A dedicated EIT Innovation Community and innovation network on the Blue New Deal, water, marine, maritime area is expected to contribute greatly to accelerating the building of circular and blue economies, and to reinforce the commitment to seek climate justice, helping to fight climate change and protecting citizens’ health. It will</td>
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have a positive impact on the quality of life of citizens by addressing a variety of key issues such as water scarcity, droughts and floods, production in and the prosperity of coastal regions, and healthy and productive freshwater bodies, seas and oceans. Protecting and wisely managing freshwater and maritime ecosystems creates healthy urban, rural and coastal environments that are hugely attractive for people and businesses as they enhance human health and wellbeing.

Or. en

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**Amendment 20**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 20 f (new)**

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<td>(20f) The European water, marine and maritime sectors are world-leaders in terms of science and technological development. There is therefore an excellent level of scientific, technological and business capacity to innovate through close collaboration with partners across the knowledge triangle with an ample capacity to scale up innovations.</td>
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Amendment 21
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 g (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(20g) A KIC on a Blue New Deal would address a major socio-economic and relevant societal challenge while creating sustainable, circular and blue economies that are based on healthy water and maritime ecosystems as referred to in Horizon Europe.

Or. en

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Amendment 22
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) ‘Knowledge and Innovation Community’ (KIC) means an autonomous large-scale European partnership of higher education institutions, research organisations, companies and other stakeholders in the innovation process in the form of a strategic network, regardless of its precise legal form, based on joint mid- to long-term innovation planning to meet the EIT challenges and contribute to attaining the objectives established under the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation;

Or. en
Amendment 23
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) 'KIC co-location centre' means a physical space, established in an open and transparent manner and covering a geographical area, where a KIC’s main knowledge triangle partners are based, and which can easily interact, providing the focal point for the KIC’s activity in that area;

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Amendment 24
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2b) 'innovation hubs' means a network of dynamic EIT Community offices established in all Member States, which represent the whole EIT community and aim to ensure a structured and sufficient level of EIT presence locally, which provide focal and information point for local KIC activities, and which has a mandate to collaborate between the EIT Community offices and establish synergies with ecosystems at
local, national and Union level.

Justification

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Amendment 25
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2 c (new)

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<td>(2c) 'EIT country focal point network' means a network of national representatives nominated by the governments of the Member States and by countries associated to Horizon Europe, which facilitates a more structured dissemination of opportunities, results and achievements emerging from the EIT Community and encourages the exchange of knowledge, advice and best practice, inline with the EIT’s institute function.</td>
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Amendment 26
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8

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companies and other stakeholders, in order to foster innovation across the Union; organisations, companies and other stakeholders, in low R&I performing countries as identified in Article 2, point (15a) of Regulation [xxx] establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation with the aim to foster innovation across the Union and to bridge regional disparities thus mitigating the innovation divide;

**Justification**

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**Amendment 27**

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 10

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<td>(10) ‘KIC business plan’ means a document describing the objectives and the planned KIC added-value activities;</td>
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**Amendment 28**

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 13

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| (13) ‘financial sustainability’ means a capacity of a KIC to fund its knowledge | (13) ‘financial sustainability’ means the capacity of a KIC to finance most or all of }
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its knowledge triangle activities, *including a significant share of the costs of maintaining the ecosystem*, independently and after the end date of the framework partnership agreement.

**Amendment 29**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The EIT’s mission is to contribute to sustainable Union economic growth and competitiveness by reinforcing the innovation capacity of the Member States and the Union in order to address major challenges faced by the society. It shall do this by promoting synergies and cooperation among, *and integrating*, higher education, research and innovation of the highest standards, *including by fostering entrepreneurship*.

*Amendment*

The EIT’s mission is to contribute to sustainable Union economic growth and competitiveness by reinforcing the *entrepreneurial, scientific, research, economic, technological and societal innovation capacity of the Member States and the Union in order to address major challenges faced by the society*. It shall do this by promoting synergies, *integration* and cooperation among higher education, research and innovation of the highest standards, *thereby creating environments fostering innovation, and by promoting and supporting a new generation of entrepreneurs and stimulating the creation of innovative ecosystems in close synergy and complementarity with the EIC*. The EIT shall contribute to delivering the general and specific objectives of Horizon Europe in line with its strategic planning.

*Justification*

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Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The SIA shall define the priority fields and strategy for the EIT for the seven-year period concerned, taking into account the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation, and shall include an assessment of its socioeconomic impact and its capacity to generate the best innovation added-value. The SIA shall take into account the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the EIT as referred to in Article 19.

Amendment

1. The SIA shall define the priority fields and strategy for the EIT for the seven-year period concerned, taking into account the Horizon Europe framework programme supporting research and innovation, including its strategic planning and shall include an assessment of its socioeconomic impact and its outreach activities and of its capacity to generate the best innovation added-value ecosystems. The SIA shall take into account the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the EIT as referred to in Article 19.

Justification

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Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The SIA shall be aligned with the objectives of the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation, the strategic multiannual planning, reporting, monitoring and evaluation and other requirements of that programme, and foster synergies with other relevant Union programmes of the respective MFF, in particular with those supporting education and regional development. It shall also establish

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2. The SIA shall be aligned with the objectives of the Horizon Europe framework programme supporting research and innovation, the strategic multiannual planning, reporting, monitoring and evaluation and other requirements of that programme, and shall foster synergies with other relevant Union programmes of the respective MFF, in particular with those supporting education, skills development, the competitiveness of industry,
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entrepreneurship and regional development. It shall also establish appropriate synergies and complementarities between the EIT activities and other Union initiatives, policies and instruments in particular the European Universities Initiative, the European Innovation Council and the missions as referred to in Council Decision [xxx] on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) a Governing Board composed of high-level members experienced in higher education, research, innovation and business. It shall be responsible for steering the activities of the EIT, for the selection, designation, monitoring and evaluation of the KICs, and for all other strategic decisions;

Amendment

(a) a Governing Board composed of high-level members experienced in higher education, research, innovation and business, including a Member of the European Innovation Council. It shall be responsible for steering the activities of the EIT, for the selection, designation, monitoring and evaluation of the KICs, including for taking appropriate corrective measures in the event of underperformance and for all other strategic decisions; The selection of the Governing Board shall take into account criteria concerning gender and geographical balance;

Or. en
Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) a Director, appointed by the Governing Board, who shall be the legal representative of the EIT responsible for its operations and day-to-day management. The Director shall be accountable to the Governing Board and report to it on an ongoing basis on the development of the EIT and all activities falling under his/her responsibility;

Amendment

(c) a Director, appointed by the Governing Board, who shall be the legal representative of the EIT responsible for its operations and day-to-day management. The Director shall be accountable to the Governing Board and report to it on an ongoing basis on the development of the EIT and all activities falling under his/her responsibility, including the implementation of the EIT Budget. The Directive shall report to the European Parliament on a periodical basis, at least after each monitoring and evaluation process;

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to achieve its objective, the EIT shall in particular:

Amendment

In order to achieve the general and specific objectives of Horizon Europe, the EIT shall in particular:

Or. en

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Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 37
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission
(e) strengthen the recognition outside the EIT Community of degrees and diplomas which are awarded by participating higher education institutions and which may be labelled EIT degrees and diplomas and extend them to lifelong learning programmes;

Amendment
(e) strengthen the recognition and promotion outside the EIT Community of degrees and diplomas which are awarded by participating higher education institutions and which are labelled EIT degrees and diplomas and extend them to lifelong learning programmes and which may be awarded in certified and qualified training institutions.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 38
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission
(f) promote the dissemination of best practices for the integration of the knowledge triangle, including among KICs, in order to develop a common innovation and knowledge transfer culture, and encourage participation in outreach activities, including in the RIS;

Amendment
(f) promote the dissemination of best practices for the integration of the knowledge triangle, including among KICs, in order to develop a common innovation and knowledge transfer culture, and encourage participation and openness to new members in outreach activities, including in the RIS;

Or. en
**Justification**

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

### Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation  
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

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**Justification**

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### Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation  
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

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Justification

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Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

(ga) promote the KICs as excellent
innovation partners by supporting them in
the development of an effective financial
sustainability strategy for the mobilisation
of funds from other public and private
sources;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

(h) promote multidisciplinary
approaches to innovation, including the
integration of technological, social and
non-technological solutions, organisational
approaches and new business models;

(h) promote multidisciplinary
approaches to innovation, including the
integration of technological, social and
non-technological solutions, organisational
approaches, an entrepreneurial ethos and
new business models;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 43
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission
(i) ensure complementarity and synergy between EIT activities and other Union programmes, where appropriate;

Amendment
(i) ensure complementarity and synergy between EIT activities and other Union programmes, where appropriate as referred to in the Decision of the Council on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe, the Commission assisting the EIT and its KICs in identifying such synergies;

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 44
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission
(k) organise meetings of a Member States’ Representatives Group, at least twice a year, independently from the meetings of the Stakeholder Forum, to ensure appropriate communication and flow of information with the EIT, and be informed of the achievements of, give advice to, and share experiences with, the EIT and the KICs. The Member States’ Representatives Group shall also ensure appropriate synergies and complementarities between EIT and KIC activities with national programmes and initiatives, including the potential national co-financing of KIC activities;

Amendment
(k) organise meetings of a Member States’ Representatives Group, at least twice a year, independently from the meetings of the Stakeholder Forum, to ensure appropriate communication and flow of information with the EIT, and be informed of the achievements of, give advice to, and share experiences with, the EIT and the KICs. The Member States’ Representatives Group shall also ensure appropriate synergies and complementarities between EIT and KIC activities with national programmes and initiatives, including the potential national co-financing of KIC activities. To that end, the Member States’ Representatives
Group shall also assist the KICs in liaising with the Programme Committee established in Article 12 of Council Decision [xxx] on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(ka) establish an EIT country focal point network in order to facilitate a more structured dissemination of the opportunities, results and achievements emerging from the EIT Community as well as encourage the mutual transfer of knowledge, advice and best practice in line with the EIT Institute function;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point k b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(kb) facilitate the establishment of EIT Community shared services facilities,
aimed at jointly handling specific operational tasks, common for all KICs;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 47
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point k c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(kc) establish, over time, a network of innovation hubs in all Member States in order to ease interaction between the EIT Community and the local innovation ecosystem as well as to provide a country focal point for all EIT Community activities;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 48
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point l

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(l) design and coordinate support actions undertaken by the KICs for the development of entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of higher education institutions and their integration in innovation ecosystems.

(l) design and coordinate support actions undertaken by the KICs for the development of the entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of higher education institutions, professional training institutions, SMEs and start-ups and their integration in innovation ecosystems, in
line with the knowledge triangle approach;

Amendment 49
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point l a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(la) strengthen and expand the EIT Label in order to improve the visibility and the recognition of EIT on education programmes based partnerships between different higher education institutions, training institutions, research centres and companies, while enhancing its overall quality by offering ‘learning-by-doing’ curricula and purposeful entrepreneurship as well as international, inter-organisational and cross-sectoral mobility;

Or. en

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 50
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point l b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(lb) strengthen the visibility and recognition of EIT-funded activities to the wider public.

Or. en
Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point a

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Text proposed by the Commission
(a) innovation activities and investments with European added value, including the support to the creation and development of innovative businesses, fully integrating the higher education and research dimensions to attain a critical mass and stimulating the dissemination and exploitation of results;

Amendment
(a) innovation activities and investments with Union added value, including the support to the creation and development of innovative businesses, fully integrating the higher education and research dimensions to attain a critical mass and stimulating the dissemination and exploitation of results;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point b

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Text proposed by the Commission
(b) innovation-driven experimentation, prototyping and demonstration in areas of key economic and societal interest and drawing on the results of Union and national research, with the potential to strengthen Union’s competitiveness at international level and find solutions for the major challenges faced by European society;

Amendment
(b) innovation-driven research, activities, experimentation, prototyping and demonstration in areas of key economic and societal interest and drawing on the results of Union and national research, with the potential to strengthen Union’s competitiveness at international level and find solutions for the major challenges faced by European society;

Or. en
Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission
(da) EIT RIS activities, fully integrated within their multiannual strategy in order to strengthen the innovation capacity and to develop sustainable innovation ecosystems across the Union with a view to mitigating the innovation performance disparities and divide across the Union and to ensuring a more geographically balanced participation in the EIT Community across the Union;

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission
(ea) the mobilisation of funds from public and private sources.

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 55
Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Without prejudice to the framework partnership agreements and grant agreements between the EIT and the KICs, the KICs shall have substantial overall autonomy to define their internal organisation and composition, as well as their precise agenda and working methods. In particular, KICs shall:

Amendment

2. Without prejudice to the framework partnership agreements and grant agreements between the EIT and the KICs, the KICs shall have substantial overall autonomy to define their internal organisation and composition, as well as their precise agenda and working methods provided that those agenda and methods result in progress towards achieving the objectives of the EIT and the KICs. In particular, KICs shall:

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 56
Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ensure their openness to new members whenever they add value to the partnership;

Amendment

(b) ensure their openness to the widest possible range of new members, all across the Union, including through clear and transparent entry and exit criteria and open calls;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 57
Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission
(c) function in an open and transparent way, in accordance with their internal rules;

Amendment
(c) establish internal rules that ensure their functioning in an open and transparent way;

Or. en

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 58
Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission
The rules for participation and dissemination of the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation shall apply. By way of derogation from those rules:

Amendment
The rules for participation and dissemination of the Horizon Europe framework programme supporting research and innovation shall apply. By way of derogation from those rules:

Or. en

Amendment 59
Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission
(b) specific rules on ownership, access rights, exploitation and dissemination may apply for KIC added-value activities.

Amendment
(b) specific rules on ownership, access rights, exploitation and dissemination may apply for KIC added-value activities, subject to delegated acts that restrict such applications to those that are justified.
Amendment 60
Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A partnership shall be selected and designated by the EIT to become a KIC following a competitive, open and transparent procedure. The criteria of the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation for the selection of European partnerships shall apply. The EIT Governing Board may further specify those criteria, by adopting and publishing criteria for the selection of KICs based on the principles of excellence and innovation relevance.

Amendment

1. A partnership shall be selected and designated by the EIT to become a KIC following a competitive, open and transparent procedure. The applicable conditions and criteria of the Horizon Europe framework programme supporting research and innovation for the selection of European partnerships shall apply. The EIT Governing Board may further specify those criteria, by adopting and publishing criteria for the selection of KICs based on the principles of excellence, balanced geographical spread and innovation relevance.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 61
Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The minimum condition to form a KIC is the participation of at least three independent partner organisations, established in at least three different Member States.

Amendment

3. The minimum condition to form a KIC is the participation of at least three independent partner organisations, established in at least three different Member States. Moreover, the partner organisations shall comprise at least one higher education institution, one research
institution and one private undertaking.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. In addition to the condition set out in paragraph 3, at least two thirds of the partner organisations forming a KIC shall be established in the Member States. At least one higher education institution, one research organisation and one private company shall be part of each KIC.

Amendment

4. In addition to the condition set out in paragraph 3, at least two thirds of the partner organisations forming a KIC shall be established in the Member States. A balanced geographical coverage, including the participation of RIS and the participation of new partners, shall, in particular, be taken into account in the selection and designation procedure.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The EIT shall adopt and publish criteria and procedures for financing, monitoring and evaluating the activities of the KICs prior to the launching of the selection procedure for new KICs. The Member States’ Representatives Group

Amendment

5. The EIT shall adopt and publish criteria and procedures for financing, monitoring and evaluating the activities of the KICs prior to the launching of the selection procedure for new KICs. The Member States’ Representatives Group
referred to in Article 6(k) shall be promptly informed of them. referred to in Article 6(k), the EIT country focal point network and the European Parliament shall be promptly informed of them.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. The European Partnerships that fulfil the criteria set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 but that are not selected by the EIT to become a KIC shall, where appropriate, be able to transfer automatically their application for funding to Horizon Europe with minimum additional requirements.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The EIT shall, on the basis of indicators set out, inter alia, in the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation and in the SIA, and in close

The EIT shall, on the basis of indicators set out, inter alia, in the Horizon Europe framework programme supporting research and innovation and in the SIA, and in close
cooperation with the Commission, organise continuous monitoring and periodic external evaluations of the output, results and impact of each KIC. The results of such monitoring and evaluations shall be reported to the European Parliament and to the Council and shall be made public.

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Subject to the outcome of a comprehensive mid-term review before the expiry of the initial period of seven years, he Governing Board may decide to extend the framework partnership agreement with a KIC beyond the initial period for another period of a maximum of seven years or to discontinue the EIT’s financial contribution and not to extend the framework partnership agreement. The Governing Board shall take into account in particular the achieved level of financial sustainability of a KIC, its capacity to ensure openness to new members as well as the limits of the Union financial contribution referred to in Article 20 and relevance with regard to the objectives of the EIT.

Amendment

2. Subject to the outcome of a comprehensive mid-term review to be carried out by the end of the fourth year of the initial seven-year period, the Governing Board may decide to maintain the framework partnership agreement with a KIC until the end of the initial period or to discontinue the EIT’s financial contribution forthwith. The Governing Board shall take into account in particular the relevance to Union’s global and societal challenges, and synergies with other Union programmes and instruments, the achieved level of financial sustainability of a KIC, its capacity to ensure openness to new members, its capacity to develop sustainable innovation ecosystems, its geographical coverage as well as the limits of the Union financial contribution referred to in Article 20 and relevance with regard to the objectives of the EIT.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 67
Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

2a. At the end of the initial seven-year period, the Governing Board may decide to extend the framework partnership agreement for a further seven-year period. That decision shall be based on the criteria set out in paragraph 2 and on the final evaluation of the KIC’s performance. That evaluation shall be carried out before the end of the initial seven-year period.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 68
Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

2b. In the event of the extension of the seven-year agreement, the KIC shall be subject to a new mid-term review by the end of the fourth year of the second seven-year period, based on the same criteria and methodology.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In the event that evaluations of a KIC show inadequate results or lack of European added value, the Governing Board shall take appropriate measures, including the reduction, modification or withdrawal of the EIT’s financial contribution or the termination of the framework partnership agreement.

Amendment

3. In the event that evaluations of a KIC show inadequate results or lack of European added value, the Governing Board shall take appropriate corrective measures, including the reduction, modification or withdrawal of the EIT’s financial contribution or the termination of the framework partnership agreement.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Subject to the outcome of a final review before the expiry of the fourteenth year of the framework partnership agreement, the EIT may conclude a memorandum of cooperation with a KIC.

Amendment

4. Subject to the outcome of a final review before the expiry of the fourteenth year of the framework partnership agreement, the EIT may conclude a memorandum of cooperation with a KIC or, under strict conditions, the Governing Board may decide to extend the framework partnership agreement with a KIC. Such an extended framework partnership agreement shall be subject to:

(a) an in-depth evaluation of the KIC by the Governing Board, taking into account the assessment criteria set out in paragraph 2;
(b) a detailed plan by the KIC setting out reasons why the framework partnership agreement should be extended;

The extended framework partnership agreement shall be limited in scope and budget in comparison to the activities of the KIC that cannot yet be financially sustainable but remain crucial for the fulfilment of its tasks. Those activities shall be described in a detailed plan which shall be submitted by the Governing Board for evaluation.

The EIT shall consult the European Parliament before extending the initial seven-year period.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Degrees and diplomas relating to the higher education activities referred to in point (c) of Article 7(1) shall be awarded by participating higher education institutions in accordance with national rules and accreditation procedures. The framework partnership agreements and grant agreements between the EIT and the KICs shall provide that these degrees and diplomas may also be labelled EIT degrees and diplomas.

Amendment

1. Degrees and diplomas relating to the higher education activities referred to in point (c) of Article 7(1) shall be awarded by participating higher education institutions and certified training institutions in accordance with national rules and accreditation procedures. The framework partnership agreements and grant agreements between the EIT and the KICs shall provide that these degrees and diplomas shall also be labelled EIT degrees and diplomas.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

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Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

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Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point b b (new)

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Justification

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ecosystems and businesses and of promoting an entrepreneurial mind-set;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point b c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bc) create programmes focusing on lifelong learning and certification;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The EIT and the KICs shall make available detailed information on all calls for proposals issued by them. That information shall be made available in a timely, searchable and traceable manner in the relevant common online databases of Union-funded research and innovation projects, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Horizon Europe.

Or. en
Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 77
Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Contributions from partner organisations to the financing of the KICs shall be determined in accordance with the co-funding rates referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article and reflect the KICs strategy for financial sustainability.

Amendment

6. Contributions from partner organisations and other public sources from third countries as well as private funding sources to the financing of the KICs shall be determined in accordance with the co-funding rates referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article and reflect the KICs strategy for financial sustainability.

Or. en

Amendment 78
Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The EIT shall establish a competitive allocation mechanism for granting an appropriate share of its financial contribution to the KICs. It shall include assessing the KICs’ business plans and performance as measured by continuous monitoring, and in particular their progress in achieving financial sustainability.

Amendment

7. The EIT shall establish a competitive and performance-based allocation mechanism for granting an appropriate share of its financial contribution to the KICs. It shall include assessing the KICs’ business plans, their openness to new members, dissemination strategies, geographical spread and performance as measured by continuous monitoring, and in particular their progress in achieving financial sustainability.

Or. en
Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) an estimate of the staffing needs arising from the new tasks;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) appropriate indicators for monitoring the KICs and EIT activities using an impact-oriented approach;

(c) appropriate indicators for monitoring EIT and KIC activities using an impact-oriented and performance-based approach;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 81
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Union contribution *may* be provided through a financial contribution from the Union framework programme supporting research and innovation and other Union programmes, without prejudice to the amounts decided in the respective MFF.

Amendment

The Union contribution *shall* be provided through a financial contribution of 4% of the overall budget of the Horizon Europe framework programme supporting research and innovation and other Union programmes, without prejudice to the amounts decided in the respective MFF.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 24 a

Transitional Provisions

Contractual agreements concluded by the EIT shall be governed by the rules applicable at the time of the launch of the respective call for proposals.

Amendment

Justification

*This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.*

Amendment 83
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 1 – point 1 – introductory part
Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Governing Board shall be composed of 15 members, appointed by the Commission, providing a balance between those with experience in business, higher education and research. The term of office of the members of the Governing Board shall be four years. The Commission may extend that term of office once by a two-year period on the proposal of the Governing Board.

Amendment

1. The Governing Board shall be composed of 15 members, appointed by the Commission in a transparent manner, providing a balance between those with experience in business, higher education and research, as well as gender and geographical balance. The term of office of the members of the Governing Board shall be four years. The Commission may extend that term of office once by a two-year period on the proposal of the Governing Board.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 84

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 1 – point 1 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall have regard to the balance between higher education, research, innovation and business experience as well as to gender and geographical balance and an appreciation of the higher education, research and innovation environment across the Union.

Amendment

The Commission shall ensure the balance between higher education, research, innovation and business experience as well as to gender and geographical balance and an appreciation of the higher education, research and innovation environment across the Union.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 85
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 2 – point 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission
(c) adopt criteria and procedures for financing, monitoring and evaluating the activities of the KICs, including the maximum allocation of EIT funds to them;

Amendment
(c) adopt criteria and procedures for financing, monitoring and evaluating the activities of the KICs, including the maximum allocation of EIT funds to them, as well as decide on appropriate corrective measures to be taken in the event of underperformance relating the KIC’s objectives;

Or. en

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 86
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 2 – point 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission
(d) adopt the selection procedure of the KICs;

Amendment
(d) adopt the selection procedure of the KICs and promptly inform the Country Representatives High-level Group, the EIT country contact point network, as well as national and regional authorities of that procedure;

Or. en

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Amendment 87
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 2 – point 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission
(e) select and designate a partnership as a KIC or withdraw the designation where appropriate;

Amendment
(e) select and designate a partnership as a KIC, based on the principles of excellence, balanced geographical representation, a turnover of partners and innovation, or withdraw the designation where appropriate;

Or. en

Justification
This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 88
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 2 – point 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission
(j) take appropriate measures, including the reduction, modification or withdrawal of the EIT’s financial contribution to the KICs or the termination of the framework partnership agreements with them;

Amendment
(j) take appropriate measures, including the reduction, modification or withdrawal of the EIT’s financial contribution to the KICs, in the event of underperformance, or the termination of the framework partnership agreements with them;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 2 – point 1 – point l

Text proposed by the Commission
(l) decide on the design and

Amendment
(l) decide on the design and
coordination of support actions undertaken by the KICs for the development of entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of higher education institutions and their integration in innovation ecosystems.

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certified training institutions and their integration in innovation ecosystems.

Amendment 90
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 2 – point 1 – point 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(la) promote the creation of synergies between the EIT and the KICs and the Union Framework Programmes as well as national and regional funding schemes.

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 91
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 2 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Governing Board shall take decisions in compliance with the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, laid down in Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68, relating to the EIT staff and the conditions of its employment, in particular:

(a) adopt the implementing measures

deleted
for giving effect to the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, in accordance with Article 110(2) of the Staff Regulations;

(b) exercise in accordance with point (c) the powers conferred by the Staff Regulations on the Appointing Authority and by the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants on the Authority Empowered to Conclude a Contract of Employment (the ‘appointing authority powers’);

(c) adopt, in accordance with Article 110(2) of the Staff Regulations, a decision based on Article 2(1) of the Staff Regulations and Article 6 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, delegating relevant appointing authority powers to the Director and defining the conditions under which this delegation of powers can be suspended. The Director shall be authorised to sub-delegate those powers;

(d) adopt a decision to temporarily suspend, where exceptional circumstances so require, the delegation of the appointing authority powers to the Director and those sub-delegated by the latter and exercise them itself or delegate them to one of its members or to a staff member other than the Director.

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Or. en

Amendment 92

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 4 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission: 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of four members and the

Amendment: 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of three members and the
Chairperson of the Governing Board, who shall also chair the Executive Committee. The four members other than the Chairperson shall be chosen by the Governing Board from among the Governing Board's members, providing a balance between those with experience in business, higher education and research. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be two years, renewable once.

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Amendment 93

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 4 – point 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

10a. The Governing Board shall take decisions in accordance with the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, laid down in Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68, relating to the EIT staff and the conditions of its employment. It shall in particular:

(a) adopt the implementing measures in order to give effect to the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, in accordance with Article 110(2) of the Staff Regulations;

(b) in accordance with point (c), exercise the powers conferred by the Staff Regulations on the Appointing Authority and by the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants on the Authority Empowered to Conclude a Contract of Employment (the ‘appointing authority powers’);
(c) in accordance with Article 110(2) of the Staff Regulations, adopt a decision based on Article 2(1) of the Staff Regulations and Article 6 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, delegating relevant appointing authority powers to the Director and defining the conditions under which that delegation can be suspended with the Director being authorised to sub-delegate those powers;

(d) adopt a decision to temporarily suspend, where exceptional circumstances so require, the delegation of the appointing authority powers to the Director and those sub-delegated by the latter and exercise them itself or delegate them to one of its members or to a staff member other than the Director.

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1a OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 94

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 5 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The term of office of the Director shall be four years. The Governing Board, acting on a proposal from the Commission that takes into account its evaluation of the Director’s performance and the EIT’s future tasks and challenges, may extend that term of office once for a period of up to two years. A Director whose term of office has been extended may not participate in another selection procedure

Amendment

3. The term of office of the Director shall be four years. The Governing Board, acting on a proposal from the Commission that takes into account its evaluation of the Director’s performance and the EIT’s best interests as well as its future tasks and challenges, may extend that term of office once for a period of up to four years. A Director whose term of office has been extended may not participate in another

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for the same post.

selection procedure for the same post.

Amendment 95

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 5 – point 6 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) organise the meetings of the Stakeholder Forum and of the Member States' Representatives Group, under the supervision of the Governing Board;

Amendment

(h) organise the meetings of the Stakeholder Forum and of the Member States' Representatives High-level Group, under the supervision of the Governing Board

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 96

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 5 – point 6 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

(j) ensure the implementation of effective monitoring and evaluation procedures relating to the performance of the EIT in accordance with Article 19, under the supervision of the Governing Board;

Amendment

(j) ensure the implementation of effective monitoring and evaluation procedures relating to the performance of the EIT in accordance with Article 19, as well as implement appropriate corrective measures in the event of underperformance with regard to the EIT’s objectives and target, under the supervision of the Governing Board;

Or. en
Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 97

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 5 – point 6 – point n

Text proposed by the Commission

(n) ensure effective communication with the Union's institutions, under the supervision of the Governing Board;

Amendment

(n) ensure effective communication with the Union's institutions, namely through annual presentations to the European Parliament and the Council under the supervision of the Governing Board;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.

Amendment 98

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – section 6 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The staff of the EIT shall consist of personnel employed directly by the EIT. The Staff Regulations, the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants and the rules adopted by agreement between the institutions of the Union for giving effect to them shall apply to the staff of the EIT.

Amendment

1. The staff of the EIT shall consist of personnel employed directly by the EIT. The Staff Regulations, the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants and the rules adopted by agreement between the institutions of the Union for giving effect to them shall apply to the staff of the EIT. The contractual agreements concluded by the EIT shall be governed by the rules applicable at the time of the launch of the respective call for proposals.

Or. en
Justification

This amendment is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments.
Established in 2008, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) aims to boost sustainable European economic growth and competitiveness by reinforcing the innovation capacity of the Member States and the Union. In particular, it reinforces the Union's innovation capacity and addresses societal challenges through the integration of the knowledge triangle of higher education, research and innovation.

The EIT operates through its Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs): large-scale European partnerships which address specific societal challenges by bringing together education, research and business organisations, and provides them with grants, whilst monitoring their activities, supporting cross-KIC collaboration and disseminating results and good practices.

The 2008 Regulation set out the EIT's mission and tasks and the framework for its functioning. It was amended in 2013 in order, *inter alia*, to be aligned with Horizon 2020.

On 11 July 2019, the Commission published its new EIT proposals, consisting of a recast proposal on an updated EIT Regulation and a proposal for a decision on new Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) for the EIT the period 2021-2027.

Recasting the EIT Regulation consists of adopting of a new Regulation which incorporates in a single text both the substantive amendments which it makes to the existing Regulation and the unchanged provisions of that Regulation. The Commission considered the update to the Regulation necessary as provisions in the existing EIT Regulation made direct reference to Horizon 2020 which ends at the end of the year. The recast proposal aims therefore to ensure the alignment of the EIT Regulation with Horizon Europe, by notably removing references to Horizon 2020 and implementing decisions which will be taken as part of Horizon Europe.

The proposed EIT Regulation focuses on the key principles of the functioning of the EIT and its KICs. It aims to ensure greater legal clarity vis-à-vis Horizon Europe as well as to enshrine the financial sustainability principle for the KICs. For the period 2021-2027, the EIT is integral part of Horizon Europe. The European Commission sets out the draft budget of €3bn for the next MFF as well as its rationale, added value, areas of intervention and broad lines of activity.

The Rapporteur is supportive of the EIT, its mission and achievements to date and, overall, welcomes the Commission’s proposal to ensure greater legal clarity vis-à-vis Horizon Europe as well as to enshrine the financial sustainability principle for the KICs. For the period 2021-2027, the EIT is integral part of Horizon Europe. The European Commission sets out the draft budget of €3bn for the next MFF as well as its rationale, added value, areas of intervention and broad lines of activity.

The rapporteur considers that several substantial aspects of the proposal need to be modified and is therefore proposing amendments covering, among other, the following issues:

The rapporteur rejects the Commission proposal to make the regulation “time neutral” and therefore introduces the necessary amendments to modify that. In this regard, the rapporteur proposes several modifications to the text with a view of increasing alignment with Horizon Europe in the areas of simplification of procedures, clarity and limitations to the type of
derogations from Horizon Europe rules, increased cooperation with the European Innovation Council, among other.

Concerning transparency and openness, the rapporteur makes several proposals to improve these aspects within the EIT and KICs’ procedures and guidelines as well as in the calls for partners and projects. An improvement in these aspects will also lead to a better spread across the Union of innovation capacity and will work hand in hand with the Regional Innovation Scheme.

While considering that the high autonomy awarded to the KICs is an essential element to their success, the rapporteur considers that this autonomy must go hand in hand with increased monitoring and evaluation of their business plans and outcomes than in the existing legislation. This would also allow to better applying the principle of financial sustainability taking into account the specificities of each KIC. To this aim, the rapporteur proposes several amendments.

With regards to the Higher education and training aspects of the proposal, the rapporteur believes that the EIT label should be further promoted by ensuring all higher education degrees and masters participating should get the EIT label and that a more work needs to be done to ensure that training and life long learning modules can also use the label.

The European water, marine and maritime sectors are world-leading in terms of science and technology development, as such, there is an excellent level of science, technology and business capacity to innovate through close collaboration with partners across the knowledge triangle with an ample capacity to scale up innovations. The rapporteur therefore considers that an EIT KIC on Blue New Deal would address a major socio-economic and relevant societal challenge “creating sustainable, circular and blue economies that are based on healthy water and maritime ecosystems” as defined in Horizon Europe framework programme.

Finally, with regard to resources, the rapporteur reiterates the Parliament’s position asking for 4% of the Horizon Europe budget to be allocated to the EIT and introduces several amendments to ensure that adequate employment conditions are ensured at the EIT with a view to maintaining a high standard of expertise and delivering on the additional responsibilities entrusted upon the EIT.
ANNEX: LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS

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Mr Cristian-Silviu BUŞOI
Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
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Dear Chair,

The Committee on Legal Affairs has examined the proposal referred to above pursuant to Rule 110 on Recasting of Parliament's Rules of Procedure.

Paragraph 3 of that Rule reads as follows:

“If the committee responsible for legal affairs considers that the proposal does not entail any substantive changes other than those identified as such in the proposal, it shall inform the committee responsible for the subject matter thereof.

In such a case, over and above the conditions laid down in Rules 169 and 170, amendments shall be admissible within the committee responsible for the subject-matter only if they concern those parts of the proposal which contain changes.

However, amendments to parts of the proposal which remain unchanged may, by way of exception and on a case-by-case basis, be accepted by the Chair of the committee responsible for the subject matter if he or she considers that this is necessary for pressing reasons relating to the internal logic of the text or because the amendments are inextricably linked to other admissible amendments. Such reasons must be stated in a written justification to the amendments.”

Following the opinion of the Consultative Working Party of the Legal Services of the Parliament, the Council and the Commission, which has examined the recast proposal, and in keeping with the recommendations of the rapporteur, the Committee on Legal Affairs considers that the proposal in question does not include any substantive changes other than those identified as such and that, as regards the codification of the unchanged provisions of the earlier acts with those changes, the proposal contains a straightforward codification of the existing texts, without any change in their substance.

The Committee notes, however, that the examination of the proposal resulted in the Consultative Working Party's establishing, by common accord, as follows:

1. The following should have been marked with the grey-shaded type generally used for
identifying substantive changes:

- the deletion of the entire text of recital 6 of Regulation (EC) No 294/2008;

- in Article 6(g), the adding of the final words 'by promoting the KIC’s as excellent innovation partners';

- in Article 11(3), the adding of the words 'framework partnership' before of the final word 'agreement';

- in Article 17(5), the replacement of the words 'through the general budget of the European Union' with the words 'under another Union programme';

- in point 2(i) of Section 2 of Annex I, the replacement of the words 'language policy' with 'working languages';

- in point 1 of Section 6 of Annex I, the deletion of the words 'the Director'.

2. In Article 11(2), the adding of the word 'Union' should have been identified with adaptation arrows.

3. In Article 22, the existing wording of paragraph 4 of Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 294/2008, entirely marked with a 'substantive deletion' sign, should have read as follows: 'Upon a recommendation from the Council, the European Parliament shall, before 15 May of the year N + 2, give a discharge for the year N to the Director in respect of the implementation of the EIT budget'.

In conclusion, at its meeting of 9 January 2020, the Committee on Legal Affairs, with 21 votes in favour, none against and 1 abstention, recommends that the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, can proceed to examine the above proposal in accordance with Rule 110.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy NETHSINGHA


1 The following Members were present: Lucy Nethsingha (Chair), Marion Walsmann (Vice-Chair), Ibán García Del Blanco (Vice-Chair), Raffaele Stancanelli (Vice-Chair), Gunnar Beck, Patrick Breyer, Geoffroy Didier, Angel Dzhambazki, Evelyne Gebhardt, Esteban Gonzáles Pons, Jackie Jones, Mislav Kolakušić, Gilles Lebreton, Karen Melchior, Sabrina Pignedoli, Jiří Pospíšil, Franco Roberti, Liesje Schreinemacher, Marie Toussaint, Edina Tóth (for József Szájer pursuant to Rule 209(7)), Bettina Vollath and Axel Voss.

CONSULTATIVE WORKING PARTY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES

Brussels, 7 November 2019

OPINION

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT THE COUNCIL THE COMMISSION

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast)

Having regard to the Inter-institutional Agreement of 28 November 2001 on a more structured use of the recasting technique for legal acts, and in particular to point 9 thereof, the Consultative Working Party consisting of the respective legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission met on 18 and 26 September 2019 for the purpose of examining the aforementioned proposal submitted by the Commission.


1. The following should have been marked with the grey-shaded type generally used for identifying substantive changes:

- the deletion of the entire text of recital 6 of Regulation (EC) No 294/2008;

- in Article 6(g), the adding of the final words 'by promoting the KIC’s as excellent innovation partners';

- in Article 11(3), the adding of the words 'framework partnership' before of the final word 'agreement';

- in Article 17(5), the replacement of the words 'through the general budget of the European

2 The Consultative Working Party worked on the basis of the English language version of the proposal, being the master-copy language version of the text under discussion.
Union' with the words 'under another Union programme';

- in point 2(i) of Section 2 of Annex I, the replacement of the words 'language policy' with 'working languages';

- in point 1 of Section 6 of Annex I, the deletion of the words 'the Director'.

2. In Article 11(2), the adding of the word 'Union' should have been identified with adaptation arrows.

3. In Article 22, the existing wording of paragraph 4 of Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 294/2008, entirely marked with a 'substantive deletion' sign, should have read as follows: 'Upon a recommendation from the Council, the European Parliament shall, before 15 May of the year N + 2, give a discharge for the year N to the Director in respect of the implementation of the EIT budget'.

In consequence, examination of the proposal has enabled the Consultative Working Party to conclude, without dissent, that the proposal does not comprise any substantive amendments other than those identified as such. The Working Party also concluded, as regards the codification of the unchanged provisions of the earlier act with those substantive amendments, that the proposal contains a straightforward codification of the existing legal text, without any change in its substance.

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