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## **AMENDMENTS 32-56**

### **Draft opinion**

**(PE 384.289v02-00)**

**Erna Hennicot-Schoepges**

on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation establishing the European Institute of Technology

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2006)0604 – C6-0355/2006 – 2006/0197(COD))

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Amendment by David Hammerstein and Helga Trüpel

### Amendment 32

***The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to propose rejection of the Commission proposal.***

Or. en

### *Justification*

*The Assessment of the feasibility and possible impact of the establishment of an EIT, highlights serious concerns regarding almost all aspects of the Commission proposal. The lack of proper core funding may well render the initiative useless. Therefore it is proposed that the Commission withdraws its proposal and comes forward with a new proposal for a cluster EIT and with proper core funding.*

### **Draft legislative resolution**

Amendment by David Hammerstein and Helga Trüpel

Amendment 33

Paragraph 1 a (new)

***(1a) Is of the opinion that the financial reference amount of EUR 308 million is not***

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*adequate to finance the EIT and the Knowledge and Innovation Communities and must, therefore, be revised upwards; considers, therefore, that compatibility with the ceilings of heading 1a and 1b of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) is not ensured; calls on the Council to enter into negotiations with Parliament in order to secure an agreement on the financing of the EIT and the Knowledge and Innovation Communities, in accordance with points 14, 21 and 47 of the IIA of 17 May 2006;*

Or. en

## Proposal for a regulation

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Amendment by Gyula Hegyi

Amendment 34  
Recital 8

(8) In order to contribute to the competitiveness *and* to reinforce the international attractiveness of the European economy, the EIT should be able to attract partner organisations, researchers and students from all over the world and cooperate with third-countries organisations.

(8) In order to contribute to the competitiveness, to reinforce the international attractiveness of the European economy, *and to make European innovation capacity more visible*, the EIT should be able to attract partner organisations, researchers and students from all over the world and cooperate with third-countries organisations.

Or. en

Amendment by Tadeusz Zwiefka

Amendment 35  
Recital 8 a (new)

*(8a) In order to increase its attractiveness, the EIT, together with partner institutions, should create an appropriate structure allowing students and graduates to obtain an apprenticeship and/or recruitment within leading partner organisations within KICs.*

## Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 36  
Recital 9

(9) The EIT should primarily operate through excellence-driven long-term strategic partnerships on an inter and/or trans-disciplinary basis of key potential economic and societal interest for Europe. These partnerships shall be selected by the EIT Governing Board and designated as KICs. The relations between the EIT and the KICs shall be based on contractual agreements, which will set out the KICs' rights and obligations, ensure an adequate level of coordination and outline the mechanism for monitoring and evaluation of the KICs activities and outcomes.

(9) The EIT should primarily operate through excellence-driven long-term strategic partnerships on an inter and/or trans-disciplinary basis of key potential economic and societal interest for Europe. These partnerships shall be selected by the EIT Governing Board and designated as KICs. ***KICs should, where possible, be spread evenly across old and new Member States.*** The relations between the EIT and the KICs shall be based on contractual agreements, which will set out the KICs' rights and obligations, ensure an adequate level of coordination and outline the mechanism for monitoring and evaluation of the KICs activities and outcomes.

*Justification*

*KICs should, where possible, be spread evenly across the EU, in both new and old Member States.*

## Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 37  
Recital 10

(10) There is a need to support education as an integral but often missing component of a comprehensive innovation strategy. The agreement between the EIT and KICs should provide that the degrees and diplomas awarded through the KICs should be EIT degrees and diplomas. The EIT should promote the recognition of EIT ***degrees and diplomas*** in the Member States. All these

(10) There is a need to support education as an integral but often missing component of a comprehensive innovation strategy. The agreement between the EIT and KICs should provide that the degrees and diplomas awarded through the KICs should be EIT degrees and diplomas. The EIT should promote the recognition of EIT ***training qualifications bearing its label of***

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***excellence*** in the ***EU*** Member States ***and outside the EU***. All these activities should be carried out without prejudice to Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications.

Or. pl

*Justification*

*The purpose of this amendment is to stress the need to promote the EIT's work and the training qualifications it issues not only within the European Union but internationally. This may increase the EIT's competitiveness in relation to other research centres around the world.*

Amendment by Tadeusz Zwiefka

Amendment 38  
Recital 10 a (new)

***(10a) In order to increase Europe's industrial competitiveness, the EIT should regularly monitor and consider European employers' needs in the context of changing educational and innovation requirements on the European and global market.***

Or. pl

Amendment by Erna Hennicot-Schoepges

Amendment 39  
Recital 20 a (new)

***(20a) Considers that the EIT should not be financed from funds allocated to Community programmes in the fields of education, research or innovation and that all possibilities offered by the IIA of 17 May 2006 should be explored.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*self explanatory*

Amendment by Erna Hennicot-Schoepges

Amendment 40  
Recital 20 b (new)

***(20b) The masculine gender shall be used in this regulation solely as a means of making the text more readable, with no discrimination intended.***

Or. fr

*Justification*

*To avoid unwieldy sentence structure, it is agreed that all words referring to persons in this regulation cover both women and men, and are without prejudice to the obligation of equal treatment for men and women.*

Amendment by Marie-Hélène Descamps

Amendment 41  
Article 2, paragraph 2

2. “Knowledge and Innovation Community” means ***a joint-venture*** of partner organisations, whatever its precise legal form, selected and designated by the EIT to carry out at the highest level integrated innovation, research and education activities in a specific field.

2. “Knowledge and Innovation Community” means ***an autonomous legal structure consisting*** of partner organisations, whatever its precise legal form, ***including at least one higher education institution,*** selected and designated by the EIT to carry out at the highest level integrated innovation, research and education activities in a specific field.

Or. fr

*Justification*

*The amendment stresses the need for Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) to be autonomous as well as the fact that higher education establishments are an essential part of them.*

Amendment by Marie-Hélène Descamps

Amendment 42

Article 4, paragraph 1, point f a (new)

***(fa) support exchanges between KICs so that a common innovation culture can be developed.***

Or. fr

*Justification*

*The EIT should contribute to the spreading of an innovation culture and should allow exchanges between KICs.*

Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 43

Article 5, paragraph 1, point (d)

(d) dissemination of best practices, in particular concerning the governance of innovation oriented organisations and the development of co-operation or partnerships between education/research and business.

(d) dissemination, ***in cooperation with the EIT***, of best practices, in particular concerning the governance of innovation oriented organisations and the development of co-operation or partnerships between education/research and business.

Or. pl

*Justification*

*This amendment stresses the need for KIC activities and EIT activities designed to disseminate best practices in this respect to be coordinated. It calls for close cooperation between the EIT and KICs in promoting models of best practice.*

Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 44

Article 5, paragraph 2, introductory part

(2) A partnership will be selected by the EIT to become a KIC on the basis of a

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competitive, open and transparent process, including the publication of detailed specifications and conditions.

competitive, open and transparent process, including the publication of detailed specifications and conditions, **while ensuring that KICs are spread evenly across the old and new Member States.**

Or. pl

*Justification*

*KICs should, where possible, be spread evenly across the EU, in both new and old Member States.*

Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 45  
Article 5, paragraph 4

(4) The partnerships may include partner organisations from third countries that can make a positive contribution to the objectives of the KICs.

(4) The partnerships may include partner organisations from third countries that can make a positive **and effective** contribution to the objectives of the KICs.

Or. pl

Amendment by Erna Hennicot-Schoepges

Amendment 46  
Article 5, paragraph 4 a (new)

***(4a) Participants in KIC partnerships should not be selected according to national or regional criteria but on the basis of excellence criteria.***

Or. fr

*Justification*

*The right balance should be found between ensuring the European aspect of KICs and respecting the need for them to operate in conditions of excellence.*

Amendment by Marie-Hélène Descamps

Amendment 47

Article 5 a (new), paragraph 1 a (new)

***(1a) Each KIC shall draw up an agreement with the EIT setting out medium-term objectives and the means of achieving them.***

Or. fr

Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 48

Article 6, paragraph 3

(3) The Member States cooperate in recognising EIT ***degrees and diplomas.***

(3) The Member States cooperate in recognising EIT ***training qualifications bearing its label of excellence and promoting their recognition outside the EU.***

Or. pl

*Justification*

*This amendment is intended to underline that EU Member States should also endeavour to promote the EIT and the diplomas and certificates it issues outside the EU.*

Amendment by Erna Hennicot-Schoepges

Amendment 49

Article 6 a (new), Title

***Mobility***

Or. fr

Amendment by Erna Hennicot-Schoepges

Amendment 50

Article 6 a (new), paragraph 1



***1. Through its activities and work, the EIT shall help promote mobility within the European Higher Education Area (pursuant to the agreements concluded under the Bologna Process);***

Or. fr

Amendment by Erna Hennicot-Schoepges

Amendment 51  
Article 6 a (new), paragraph 2

***2. The transferability of grants allocated for KIC activities, in particular to researchers and students, should be guaranteed.***

Or. fr

*Justification*

*It should be ensured that students and researchers have sufficient means to cover living costs for them to be able to devote their time exclusively to their research and training.*

Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 52  
Article 12, paragraph 1

(1) The EIT shall ensure that its activities are conducted with a high level of transparency.

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***In particular, the EIT shall set up an accessible, free, multilingual website providing information about the activities of the EIT and individual KICs.***

Or. pl

*Justification*

*A website should be set up to provide information, so as to ensure a high level of transparency and to promote the EIT's work.*

Amendment by Erna Hennicot-Schoepges

Amendment 53  
Article 15 a (new)

**Article 15a**

**Transitional provisions**

***Within a period of 24 months from the date of adoption of this Regulation, the EIT shall select up to three KICs in cooperation with the Commission. One of those KICs should operate in the field of Renewable Energy and Climate change.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*As the main objective of the EIT through the KICs is to promote innovation in the EU, the selection of the field of operation of a KIC has to be market oriented in an independent way and after proposals submitted by the Governing Board.*

Amendment by David Hammerstein and Helga Trüpel

Amendment 54  
Article 16

The indicative financial envelope ***for the implementation*** of this Regulation during the period of 6 years as from 1 January 2008 is set at ***EUR 308.7 million***. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority ***within the limits of the financial framework***.

The indicative financial envelope ***of Community funding*** of this Regulation during the period of 6 years as from 1 January 2008 is set at ***EUR 2 367.1 million which is subject to an agreement by the budgetary authority in accordance with the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, and in particular Points 14, 21 and 47 thereof***. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Establishing the EIT without proper funding for the KICs will render the initiative useless. Either the Commission should come forward with a new proposal for an EIT with a proper budget and accompanied by a request for a revision of the financial perspectives to that end or the Council and Parliament, as the two arms of the budgetary authority, use this*

*opportunity to negotiate such revision before adopting this regulation.*

Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 55

Annex, Article 2, paragraph 2, point (c)

(c) adopt rigorous, transparent and user-friendly procedures for selection of KICs; these procedures shall include external expert evaluation and shall cover the relations between the EIT and the KICs;

(c) adopt rigorous, transparent and user-friendly procedures for selection of KICs; these procedures shall include external expert evaluation and shall cover the relations between the EIT and the KICs, ***while ensuring that KICs are spread evenly across the old and new Member States.***

Or. pl

*Justification*

*KICs should, where possible, be spread evenly across the EU, in both new and old Member States.*

Amendment by Gyula Hegyi

Amendment 56

Annex, Article 2, paragraph 2, point (c) a (new)

***(ca) establish and publish a transparent, competitive procedure and the criteria according to which the contributions flowing directly to the EIT, other than those from the EU budget (such as contributions from business or private organisations), are to be allocated in order to finance the activities of the KICs;***

Or. en