

DECISION 16/2020 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

ON THE OPINION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD ON THE FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR 2019

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 294/2008¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013² of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the "EIT Regulation"), and in particular Article 20(8) and (10) thereof and Section 2(a) of the Statutes annexed to the EIT Regulation;

Having regard to the Decision of the Governing Board of the EIT of 25 September 2019 on the Financial Regulation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (hereinafter referred to as 'EIT Financial Regulation')³;

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

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/715 of 18 December 2018 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies set up under the TFEU and Euratom Treaty and referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (hereinafter referred to as the 'Framework Financial Regulation')⁵, and in particular Article 102 thereof;

Having regard to the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors on the provisional annual accounts 2019 of the EIT, forwarded to the EIT Director by the President of the Court of Auditors on 19 May 2020⁶;

Having regard to the final accounts drawn up by the Accounting Officer of the EIT on 5 June 2020⁷;

WHEREAS

- (1) The Accounting Officer of the EIT sent the provisional accounts 2019 to the Court of Auditors on 27 February 2020.

¹ OJ L 97, 9.4.2008, p. 1

² OJ L 347, 20.10.2012, p. 1

³ Ares(2019)6810859

⁴ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222

⁵ OJ L 122, 10.5.2019, p. 1–38

⁶ Ares(2020)2955018

⁷ Ares(2020)2917772

- (2) The European Court of Auditors made its observations on the provisional accounts of the EIT on 19 May 2020.
- (3) Having received the European Court of Auditors' observations on the provisional accounts of the EIT, the Accounting Officer drew up the final accounts of the EIT for the financial year 2019 in accordance with Article 102 of the Framework Financial Regulation, and submitted them to the EIT Director on 5 June 2020.
- (4) The Director shall send the final accounts of the EIT to the EIT Governing Board, which shall provide an opinion on these accounts.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The EIT Governing Board provides a favourable opinion on the final accounts of the EIT for the financial year 2019 as presented in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The EIT Governing Board has taken note of the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors and therefore requests the EIT Director to follow up on the recommendations and remedy the shortcomings identified by the Court.

Article 3

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

Done at Budapest on 29 June 2020.

[Signed]

Dirk Jan van den Berg
Chair of the EIT Governing Board

Annex I. Final accounts of the EIT for the financial year 2019