EIT HEI PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT NO <«PROJECTNUMBER»>

under the European Institute of Innovation and Technology
EIT Higher Education Initiative
Call for Proposals 2026

This EIT HEI Call 2026 Model Project Agreement outlines the basis project requirements and provisions – including the financial arrangements outlined in Section 5.3 of the Call text – expected of awarded projects. The Model Project Agreement template is illustrative and certain operational elements are subject to change depending on the allocated KIC.

This EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement ("**Agreement**", "**EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement**" or "**PGA**) is made effective as of 01 May 2027

By and between

1. on the one part,

   EIT RawMaterials GmbH,
   an entity duly established under the laws of Germany,
   having its registered offices at Knesebeckstr. 62, 10719 Berlin, Germany,
   registered at the Commercial Register of the Amtsgericht (Local Court) of Berlin-Charlottenburg HRB 168389 B,
   VAT# DE301692026,

   - "**KIC LE**" or "**EIT RM**"

   in its capacity of (a) acting legal entity of the Knowledge and Innovation Community ("**KIC**") EIT RawMaterials ("**KIC EIT RM**") comprising EIT RawMaterials GmbH and the other KIC Partners as associated in the EIT RawMaterials e.V., registered in the Association Register of the Amtsgericht (Local Court) of Berlin-Charlottenburg VR 34088 B, (b) KIC the Project (as defined below) has been allocated to in line with the EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026, and (c) signatory to the Partnership Agreement (PA2021/EIT/EIT RawMaterials; "**Partnership Agreement**" or "**PA**") and the Grant Agreement, EIT reference Project 101270329 – EIT HEI, ("**EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement**"), effective as of 01-01-2026, in each case between the European Institute of Innovation and Technology ("**EIT**"), a body of the European Union ("**EU**"), on the one part and KIC LE on the other part and as amended from time to time,

and

2. on the other part[12],

   2.1 <*full name of project participant*>,
   an entity duly established under the laws of <*country*> ,
   having its registered office at <*address details*>,
   registered at <*register details*>
   VAT ID # <*tax number*>

   - "**Project Coordinator**", "**Lead Partner**" or "**PP 2.1**"

[1] *Minimum five – for composition requirements see Call text, especially section 4.2, and Annex 3.2 hereof.*
[2] *HEIs from Hungary may be subject to restrictions following Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506 until lifted; see also Annex 3.2 hereof.*

2.2 **<*full name of project participant*>,**
an entity duly established under the laws of <*country*> ,
having its registered offices at <*address details*>,
registered at <*register details*>
VAT ID # <*tax number*>

- **"PP 2.2"**

2.3 **<*full name of project participant*>,**
an entity duly established under the laws of <*country*> ,
having its registered offices at <*address details*>,
registered at <*register details*>
VAT ID # <*tax number*>

- "**PP 2.3**"

2.4 **<*full name of project participant*>,**
an entity duly established under the laws of <*country*> ,
having its registered offices at <*address details*>,
registered at <*register details*>
VAT ID # <*tax number*>

- "**PP 2.4**"

2.5 **<*full name of project participant*>,**
an entity duly established under the laws of <*country*> ,
having its registered offices at <*address details*>,
registered at <*register details*>
VAT ID # <*tax number*>

- "**PP 2.5**"

- the Project Coordinator (PP 2.1) and PP 2.2 thru PP 2.5 each a "**Project Participant**" or "**PP**" and collectively the "**Project Participants", "PPs"** or the **"Consortium"**

- KIC LE (in its capacity as described under 1. above) and the Project Participants each a "**Party**" and collectively the "**Parties**",

relating to the EIT Higher Education Initiative project ("**Project**") entitled

«ProjectTitle»

in short

«ShortTitle».

WHEREAS

(A) The Project Participants have succesfully submitted the Project including its Innovation Vision Action Plan ("**IVAP**") for financial support under the EIT Higher Education Initiative ("**EIT HEI**") Call for

Proposals 2026[3] ("**Call**" or "**Call 6**" or "**EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026**", the Project including IVAP submitted also the "**Proposal**" or "**Project Proposal**") launched by the EIT in line with its Strategic Innovation Agenda ("**SIA**") 2021-2027 under the EU Horizon Europe 2021 – 2027 ("**HE**") programme, with the Call providing for the Project to be carried out over the period from 1 May 2027 until 31 October 2028[4].

(B) The EIT has confirmed to KIC LE (the latter acting as party to and coordinator of the EIT HEI) the availabilitly of Funding in 2027 and 2028 for the EIT HEI under the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement (as defined above) as per the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement provided by the European Commission/EIT[5]; which EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement establishes the so-called "**Cascading Model**" under which Cascading Model KIC LE is the only grantee of EIT Funding to the Project and all Project Participants, whether KIC Partners or not, "sub-grantees" or "third parties receiving financial support" relative to the Project from KIC LE;

(C) In light of the above, KIC LE is willing to provide Funding to the Project as further set out below.

(D) The Project Participants are interested, willing and accepting to implement the Project in line with the terms and conditions of the Call as further amended and defined in this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Unless the context requires otherwise, capitalised terms and expressions in this Agreement shall have the meaning ascribed to them (in the order of priority) in this Agreement, the EIT-KIC HEI

[3] *The reference to the Call for Proposals 2026 willl be updated upon publication of the Call documentation. The final version of the Call text and related application documents will be made available on the official Call webpage and shall be deemed incorporated herein by reference.*

[4] *Specific provisions may apply under the HE follow-up programme for the period beyond 31-12-2027.*

[5] *Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement ("**MGA**") provided by the European Commission/EIT, available at general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf (europa.eu); annotated version ("**AGA**") aga_en.pdf*

Grant Agreement, the EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026, the HE Annotated Model Grant Agreement ("**AGA**")[6] and/or the PA.

1.2 Whenever used in this Agreement, the words 'include', 'includes' and 'including' shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase 'without limitation'.

SECTION 2. SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS AGREEMENT, UMBRELLA DOCUMENTS, TRANSPOSING OF EIT-KIC HEI GRANT AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

2.1 This Agreement sets forth the understandings of the Parties and the terms and conditions in respect of their rights and obligations in the performance of the Project (as defined in Section 3 below).

2.2 The Projects Participants acknowledge and agree that the financial support ("**Funding**") to the Project is paid from public monies made available to EIT RM by the European Union, i.e. the EIT, under the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement including its Cascading Model[7]. The Parties therefore acknowledge and agree that the performance of their rights and obligations shall be governed by and be subject to (in the order of priority) (a) this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement, (b) the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement, (c) the EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026 and (d) the EU Horizon Europe legal framework governing EU grants including Horizon Europe Rules for Participation[8] and respective eligibility criteria[9], in each case as amended or substituted from time to time (each an "**Umbrella Document**" and collectively the "**Umbrella Documents**"). The Umbrella Documents shall be deemed an integral part of this Agreement and included into it by reference. The EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement corresponds to the HE Model Grant Agreement[10], with the EIT HEI specific provisions (EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement Annex 5 - SPECIFIC RULES) being available from BlueBook[11][12].Without prejudice to sentence two, the Project Participants agree to also formally accede to the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement and/or the HE Grant Agreement(s) thereafter, if and when requested by KIC LE and/or the EIT.

2.3 Without prejudice to the generality of section 2.2 and in light of the Cascading Model, the Project Participants acknowledge and agree to comply with the requirements of the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement as their own obligations towards KIC LE in the implementation of the Project including the following:

2.3.1 Articles 6 (Eligible and Ineligible Costs and Contributions), 12 (Conflict of Interest), 13 (Confidentiality and Security), 14 (Ethics and Values), 17 (Communication, Dissemination and Visibility), 18; Annex 5 (Specific Rules for Carrying Out the Action), 19 (General Information Obligations), 20 (Record-Keeping) and 25 (Checks, Reviews, Audits and Investigations – Extension of Findings) of the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement[13],

2.3.2 to carry out the Project, if involving research, in compliance with the highest standards of research integrity – as set out, for instance, in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity[14], to ensure that the Project activities have an exclusive focus on

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[6] *AGA-Annotated Grant Agreement, EU Funding Programmes 2021-2027, available at aga_en.pdf (europa.eu)*
[7] *Call for Proposals 2026, section 5.6.*
[8] *Publications Office*
[9] *aga_en.pdf*
[10] *See footnote 8 above.*
[11] *"BlueBook" as defined under section 3.4 below.*
[12] *In case of doubt or need of further information, liaise with KIC LE.*
[13] *As required by the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement.*
[14] *European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity of ALLEA (All European Academies) and ESF (European Science Foundation) of March 2017 ALLEA-European-Code-of-Conduct-for-Research-Integrity-2017.pdf*

civil applications and are carried out in compliance with Commission Decision 2015/444[15], i.e. security-sensitive information must be EU-classified, if its unauthorised disclosure could adversely impact the interests of the EU or of one (or more) of its member countries;

2.3.3 the provisions under which the EIT may recover monies or impose other sanctions under the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement on KIC LE to apply correspondingly to the Project and the KIC LE – Project Participants relationship.

SECTION 3. THE PROJECT, THE PROJECT CONSORTIUM, THE PROJECT COORDINATOR

3.1 The Project ("**Project**") including work packages, milestones, deliverables, and beneficiaries, as well as key performance indicators (each a "**KPI**") to track progress and impact (collectively including KPIs "**Milestones**") and other relevant information are specified in **Annex 3.1** hereto as well as in BlueBook (as defined in Section 3.4 below). BlueBook (as updated from time to time) forms an integral part of this Agreement. In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between Annex 3.1 and BlueBook, BlueBook shall prevail.

3.2 The Project Consortium declares that it does, at the time hereof, and shall at all times during the Duration, comply with the Project Consortium composition requirements ("**Consortium Composition**", "**Consortium Composition Requirements"**) as set out in **Annex 3.2** including (a) the roles and responsibilities of the Project Coordinator and other Project Participants and (b) the role of any funded (full) partner in earlier EIT Higher Education Initiative projects (if any) of "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Pioneer" within the Project Consortium and the larger EIT Higher Education Initiative Community. Each Project Participant (a) warrants and represents that it is not subject to any EU restrictions on participation and/or exclusion criteria as set out in **Annex 3.2** as at the date hereof, and (b) undertakes to notify the Project Coordinator and KIC LE without delay of any change in relation thereto. Each Project Participant further (a) declares that, to the best of its knowledge, it does have the operational and financial capacity to carry out the tasks assigned to it under this PGA, and (b) undertakes to notify the Project Coordinator and KIC LE without delay of any change in relation thereto.

3.3 Not used.

3.4 Annex 3.1 shall form an integral part of this Agreement. The Parties shall update Annex 3.1, including Milestones (including Deliverables) as much and as often as may be necessary, within the periods defined by KIC LE, to align it with the Project progress, especially if such update proves necessary to reach the Milestones within the Project Duration and in conformity with the time limits set out in Annex 3.1. Any updates and addenda shall be made by using the BlueBook tool (or other digital system replacing it, collectively "**BlueBook**"), or through any other means as agreed between the Parties from time to time. Such changes can be made by KIC LE or requested by the Project Participants according to the rules detailed in sections 3.5 and 3.6 below.

3.5 Updates by KIC LE or the EIT: KIC LE or the EIT shall be entitled to update Annex 3.1 and/or Milestones without the Project Participants' formal agreement, provided that such update does not unreasonably impact the possibility for the Project Participants to implement the Project within the Project Duration. Such update shall be made by notification to the Project Participants through the BlueBook tool ("**Update Notification**").

3.6 Change requests by the Project Consortium: The Project Consortium, through its Project Coordinator, shall be entitled to request changes to the Project (each a "**Change Request**"). Change Requests shall be submitted, accepted, rejected, or accepted upon condition of changes by KIC

[15] *COMMISSION DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2015/ 444 - of 13 March 2015 - on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (europa.eu)*

LE, within the time limits, procedures, terms and templates governing BlueBook procedures as amended from time to time.

SECTION 4. DURATION

4.1 This EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement shall enter into force on the date first above written ("**Effective Date**").

4.2 The duration ("**Duration**") of this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement shall be until the Parties have discharged their obligations under this Agreement in full.

4.3 Without prejudice to section 4.2, the Duration of the Funding shall be until the earlier of (a) 31 October 2028 as the maximum duration of projects under the Call ("**Grant Expiry Date**") and (b) the date or event specified for the end of the Project in BlueBook, as may be amended from time to time ("**Scheduled Project Finish Date**").

SECTION 5. AMOUNT AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

5.1 The Funding to the Project and its allocation to the Project Participants and activities, contributions by Project Participants or third parties ("**Co-Funding**"), if any, and other relevant information are set out in **Annex 5.1** hereto.

5.2 The Project Participants expressly undertake to use the Funding for the purposes of the Project pursuant to **Annex 3.1** hereto only.

5.3 For the avoidance of doubt:

5.3.1 Other than the Funding there will be no further grants, subsidies, reimbursements or other payments by KIC LE, the EIT or other EU body to the Project and/or the Project Participants due to or in connection with the Project unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing.

5.3.2 The Funding shall be the only contribution by KIC LE, the EIT or other EU body to cover all costs, expenditures, travel expense, overhead, sub-contractors, duties, tax if any or other payment obligations incurred by the Project Participants due to or in connection with the Project, subject to (a) the maximum amount of Funding awarded hereunder and (b) meeting the eligibility criteria referred to under section 6.3 below.

SECTION 6. PAYMENTS, REIMBURSEMENTS, ELIGIBILITY OF COSTS

6.1 Any and all payments of Funding to the Project Participants shall be made by KIC LE, as and when and subject to being received from the EIT. Subject to the preceding sentence, payments of Funding (pre-financing, interim and final) are scheduled to be made as per **Annex 6.1** hereto.

6.2 Payments to Project Participants shall be made by KIC LE by transfer into the bank account of the respective Project Participant specified in **Annex 6.2** hereto or – subject to the approval of KIC LE (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) – any other bank account within the European Union or country of residence/registered office of the respective Project Participant specified by the Project Participant in writing. Each Project Participant expressly declares and undertakes that its account specified in Annex 6.2 (or substitute thereof) is held by it in its own name and for its own account during the entire Duration hereof (anti-money laundering declaration).

6.3 The Project Participants understand, acknowledge and agree that the Funding is made on a "***costs as actually incurred***" **basis, and that payments received prior to the end of the Project may be subject to reimbursement in case the costs actually incurred are lower and/or do not**

qualify as eligible under the Umbrella Documents including the HE Grant Agreements including Article 6 of the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement.

SECTION 7. MONITORING, REPORTING, CHECKS, REVIEWS, AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS

7.1 General

The Project Participants acknowledge and agree that monitoring, reporting and enabling checks, reviews, audits and investigations by KIC LE, the EIT, the EU Commission and/or any other competent EU body in line with the Umbrella Documents is of the essence for the EIT grant system, this Agreement and the Funding hereunder. As a consequence thereof, the Project Participants shall

a. comply with any and all monitoring and reporting requirements, rules and regulations established by the Umbrella Documents, including any future requirements by the EIT and/or as may be reasonably established by KIC LE,

b. proactively report any developments which may seriously affect the Project including the achievement of the overall Project target, any Milestone (as defined under 3.1 above including Key Performance Indicators, Deliverables or other major events or dates to mark the Project progress thereunder) and/or the purpose of the Funding immediately upon their respective occurrence,

c. allow and support any checks, reviews, audits and investigations by the EIT, the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office, the European Court of Auditors and/or any other competent EU body in line with the Umbrella Documents or as may be reasonably requested otherwise by the EIT, the Commission or KIC LE.

7.2 Reports

The reports to be submitted as at the date hereof are set forth in **Annex 7** hereto, it being expressly understood that KIC LE, the EIT and/or the Commission shall have the right to vary the reporting requirements for the Project in its reasonable discretion at any date hereafter.

SECTION 8. VISIBILITY OF EU FUNDING/EIT HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVE BRANDING

8.1 The Project Participants agree that KIC LE, the EIT and EU institutions in general may use their respective name and logo in their public materials and across all communication channels, and refer to Project Participants as entities supported by KIC LE, the EIT and/or the EU.

8.2 The Project Participants undertake to follow the communication, dissemination and visibility rules (including the branding guidelines and obligations) set out in Article 17 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement (GA)[16]. The communication infrastructure and all communication activities implemented by the Project Participants must comply with the branding guidelines for the EIT Higher Education Initiative, as amended from time to time. Unless instructed or permitted in writing otherwise by KIC LE, the EIT or other EU body, all Project-related content must acknowledge EU support and its affiliation to the EIT Higher Education Initiative displaying at least (a) the EIT Higher Education Initiative branding, (b) the European flag (emblem) and EU funding statement "Funded by the European Union" (translated into local languages, where appropriate) and (c) the KIC EIT RM logo and support statement, the latter with the following text: *"EIT RawMaterials is supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union"*. The branding guidelines and all relevant branding assets (including logos, branded templates, etc.), will be shared with the Project Participants during their onboarding process referred to in the Call. KIC LE, the EIT and/or other EU bodies shall have the right to (i) modify the branding guidelines and branding assets referred to above,

[16] *see footnote 8 above*

and/or (ii) revoke the above PP rights of use in whole or in part, in each case at any time hereafter in their sole and unfettered discretion without giving rise to any right or claim of Project Participants whatsoever. Further details applicable as at the date hereof are attached in **Annex 8.2** hereto, subject to change as per the preceding provisions. The IVAP must include a Dissemination and communication activities Plan as a mandatory deliverable[17]

SECTION 9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND OTHER RESULTS

9.1 Unless expressly agreed otherwise herein, intellectual property rights ("**IPR**") and other Results created/generated in the Project shall be governed by the provisions of the Umbrella Documents including Article 16 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement[18] and the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement[19] and/or HE Grant Agreement(s) to follow (if any). '**Results'** shall mean any (tangible or intangible) output of the Project such as data, knowledge or information — whatever its form or nature, whether it can be protected or not — that is generated in the Project, as well as any rights attached to it, including IPR. Specific agreements on IPR and other Results, if any, are set out in **Annex 9.1** hereto.

9.2 Without prejudice to the aforesaid, the Project Participants are encouraged to develop their joint IPR and other Result policy and seek international IPR protection where reasonably doable.

SECTION 10. DATA MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

10.1 The Parties expressly agree to be bound by the data management, data protection, confidentiality and security provisions of the Umbrella Documents, including the data management rules set out in Article 17.4 and Annex 5 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement[20]. Project Participants must prepare a Data Management Plan in accordance with Horizon Europe guidelines as a deliverable[21]. The Data Management Plan must outline how the data generated during the Project will be managed.

10.2 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Parties agree on the specific Project-related provisions set forth in **Annex 10.2**, if any.

SECTION 11. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-ACHIEVEMENT OF MILESTONES OR NON-FULFILMENT OF PROJECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

11.1 In case (a) a Milestone (as defined in section 3.1) is not – or becomes seriously likely not to be – achieved in whole or in part ("**Milestone Non-Achievement**") by one or several Project Participants, and/or (b) a Project or Project Participant eligibility criterion for participation and funding set out in the Call including the Consortium Composition Requirements (collectively "**Project Eligibility Requirements**") are not – or become seriously likely not to be – fulfilled as per section 3.2/Annex 3.2 hereof ("**Non-fulfilment of Project Eligibility Requirements**"), the Project Participant(s) concerned shall immediately inform the Project Coordinator and KIC LE thereof detailing, inter alia, the Milestone(s) and/or Project Eligibility Requirement(s) affected, the reasons, the consequences and the measures proposed to make up for the Milestone Non-Achievement and/or Non-fulfilment of Project Eligibility Requirements.

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[17] *see the EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026, Section 5.8*
[18] *see footnote 8 above*
[19] *see Article 16 AGA and EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement Annex 5 as per footnotes 13, 14 above.*
[20] *see footnote 8 above*
[21] *see the EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026, Section 5.9: [link to be inserted upon official publication of the Call].*

11.2 In case KIC LE determines, in its reasonable discretion, that the Milestone Non-Achievement and/or Non-fulfilment of Project Eligibility Requirements seriously jeopardises the Project or substantial parts thereof or the eligibility of costs under the EIT-KIC HEI Grant Agreement, KIC LE may decide upon the consequences thereof including ordering the Project to be discontinued in whole or in part. Upon such decision by KIC LE, the Project Participants' right to receive the Funding shall cease to exist for the Project or the Project parts affected by such decision, and any amounts already disbursed and unused shall be returned to KIC LE forthwith. In case the Milestone Non-Achievement and/or Non-fulfilment of Project Eligibility Requirements is due to a wilful act or gross negligence, KIC LE may claim back the parts of the Funding already used, too. The Project Participants warrant and represent to EIT RM that the Project Eligibility Requirements are fulfilled as at the date hereof.

11.3 Sections 11.1, 11.2 shall be without prejudice to any other right or remedy KIC LE, the EIT or other EU body may be entitled to under this Agreement, the Umbrella Documents or at law.

SECTION 12. LIABILITY

12.1 Liability of the Parties shall be governed by – in the order of priority – (a) this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement, (b) the Umbrella Documents and (c) the law.

12.2 Without prejudice to the role, responsibilities and liabilities of the Project Coordinator as per section 3.2/Annex 3.2 hereof, the other Project Participants shall be responsible and liable towards KIC LE – together with the Project Coordinator – as follows:

a. The Project Participants as a whole shall be responsible for the implementation of the Project (joint and several technical liability).
b. Each Project Participant shall be responsible for the performance of its own tasks and the Funding received by it (individual financial liability).

12.3 In case KIC LE determines that one or several Project Participants are in breach of their respective obligations under this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement (including Umbrella Documents and/or the law), KIC LE shall give written notice (email or fax to suffice) to such Project Participant(s) and the Project Coordinator, with copy to the other Project Participants, requiring such breach be remedied within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 30 calendar days. If such breach is not remedied within that period or is not capable of remedy, KIC LE may decide on the reasonable consequences thereof. If such breach not remedied or not capable of remedy is substantial such consequences may include – subject to the other Project Participants being heard in advance – the discontinuation of the Project or Project parts affected and/or the respective Project Participant's exclusion from the Project. Section 11 remains unaffected.

SECTION 13. MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 Project Coordinator

The Project Participants have designated PP 2.1 to be the Project Coordinator referred to under section 3.2/Annex 3.2 hereof. Any change of the Project Coordinator shall require the consent by KIC LE. Any notice or other communication made by the Project Coordinator to KIC LE or delivered by KIC LE to the Project Coordinator shall be deemed to have been made or received by all of the Project Participants.

13.2 Project Participant Consortium Agreement

Nothing contained in this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement shall prevent the Project Participants from making additional agreements between themselves as to the implementation of the Project ("**Consortium Agreement**") subject to

a. such Consortium Agreement being consistent with and subordinated to this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement and

b. a copy of any such Consortium Agreement being submitted to KIC LE upon KIC LE's request. KIC LE shall have the right to veto any Consortium Agreement provisions in whole or in part if and to the extent it finds it to be inconsistent with this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement including the Umbrella Documents.

13.3 Schedules, inconsistencies and severability

13.3.1 This Agreement consists of this core text and the following Annexes which shall be an integral part of this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement:

Annex 3.1: Project Description
Annex 3.2: Consortium Composition Requirements and Roles of Participants including the Project Coordinator
Annex 5.1: Funding
Annex 6.1: Funding Payment Schedule
Annex 6.2: Parties' Bank Account Details
Annex 7: Reports
Annex 8.2 Mutual Branding/Publicity - Visibility of EU Funding – EIT RM logo and support statement
Annex 9.1: Specific agreements on intellectual property rights and other Results, if any
Annex 10.2: Specific Agreements on Data Management/Protection and Confidentiality, if any
Annex 13.5.1: Party addresses for Notices and other Communication

13.3.2 In case the terms of this Agreement are in conflict with the terms of the Umbrella Documents, this Agreement shall prevail unless mandatory provisions in the Umbrella Documents or the Law provide otherwise. In case of any discrepancy between the Umbrella Documents themselves, the Umbrella Documents shall prevail in the order of priority as enumerated under Clause 2.2 above unless mandatory provisions in the Umbrella Documents or the Law provide otherwise. In case of conflicts between the Annexes and the core text of this Agreement, the Annexes shall prevail unless the core text contains rules and regulations of mandatory or general application.

13.3.3 Should any provision of this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement become invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement. In such an event the Parties concerned shall be entitled to request that a valid and practicable provision be negotiated which fulfils the purpose of the original provision.

13.4 No representation of other Parties

No Party shall be entitled to act or to make legally binding declarations on behalf of any other Party unless stated otherwise in this Agreement or the Umbrella Documents. The Project Coordinator provisions shall remain unaffected.

13.5 Notices and other communication

13.5.1 General

Unless provided otherwise in this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement including section 13.1 above, any notice to be given under this Agreement shall be given to the address of the respective Party specified in **Annex 13.5.1** hereto.

Each Party shall have the right and be obliged to notify the other Parties, in writing, on any change of persons or contact details. Until such notification is received, any communication shall be deemed properly made and received if made to the address as per Annex 13.5.1 (or, in case of any change notified, to the most recent address notified).

13.5.2 Formal notices:

If it is required in this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement that a formal notice, consent or approval shall be given such notice shall be signed by an authorised representative of

a Party and shall either be served personally, sent in the original by post with recorded delivery or sent by authenticated email, email/scan of the signed document or telefax.

13.5.3 Other communication:
Any other communication between the Parties may also be effected by other means allowing a permanent storage including by e-mail.

13.6 Assignment and amendments/written form

13.6.1 Assignment
Except as provided in this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement, no rights or obligations of the Parties arising from this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement may be assigned or transferred, in whole or in part, to any third party without the other Parties' prior written consent.

13.6.2 Amendments/written form
Amendments to and modifications of this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement shall require a separate written agreement.
The Parties agree that electronic signatures, including simple electronic signatures executed via electronic signature platforms, shall satisfy the written form requirement wherever this Agreement requires in writing, unless applicable mandatory law requires a stricter form.

13.7 Mandatory national law
Nothing in this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement shall be deemed to require a Party to breach any mandatory statutory law under which the Party is operating. In case any Party determines it is prevented from the fulfilment of any of its obligations under this Agreement by its national law, it shall notify KIC LE thereof without delay.

13.8 Language
This EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement is drawn up in English, which language shall govern all documents, notices, meetings, proceedings and processes relative thereto.

13.9 Applicable law
This EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of Germany excluding its conflict of law provisions.

13.10 Settlement of disputes

13.10.1 The Parties shall endeavour to settle their disputes amicably.

13.10.2 Any dispute, controversy or claim arising under, out of or relating to this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement and any subsequent amendments of this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement, including, without limitation, its formation, validity, binding effect, interpretation, performance, breach or termination, and/or this clause as well as non-contractual claims, which cannot be solved amicably shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Berlin/Germany.

13.11 EIT RM General Terms and Conditions of Financial Support to Third Parties (Sub-Granting)[22]
The EIT RM General Terms and Conditions of Financial Support to Third Parties (Sub-Granting)[23] shall be deemed incorporated into this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement by reference and apply to the Project implementation where this Agreement and the Umbrella Documents are silent or not containing specific provisions.

[22] *Publicly available at the EIT RM website www.eitrawmaterials.eu or upon request from KIC LE at the address given above.*
[23] *Available at EIT RM under Microsoft Word - 6936353-EIT-RM-General-Terms-and-Conditions-of-Subgranting-as-at-19042023-cl (1).docx or upon request from KIC LE at the address given above.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have caused this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement to be duly signed by the undersigned authorised representatives in separate signature pages – either handwritten or electronically – as follows:

SIGNATURES TO BE PROVIDED USING AN E-TOOL, THIS IS ONLY A PLACEHOLDER-PAGE

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION[24]

Following is the Executive Summary based on which the Project was awarded Funding:

<*pls. insert*>

For further details of the Project as awarded and/or as amended from time to time, see full details given in the <BlueBook[25]> or other electronic Project reporting tool provided by KIC LE.

For the avoidance of doubt: the above Executive Summary is not exhaustive. All rights and obligations of the Parties – including all assessments, progress reviews, Funding reporting etc. – shall be governed by and be done against the full Project Proposal as awarded Funding and/or amended thereafter from time to time by mutual consent or as set out otherwise in this Agreement including via <BlueBook[26]> or other electronic Project reporting tool provided by KIC LE.

The Project Description, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), Work Packages, Deliverables, and other Project Milestones are derived from the final Proposal submitted by the Project Consortium and are set out herein. Any amendments, updates, or other modifications thereto shall be duly reported and documented in the BlueBook tool and shall be subject to the terms and conditions specified in Sections 3.1, 3.5, 3.6 of this Project Agreement.

[24] *Please, specify.*
[25] *Please, specify as applicable.*
[26] *Please, specify as applicable.*

I. EIT KPIs

EIT KPI	Targets to be achieved in 2027 as per Project Proposal as accepted	Targets to be achieved in 2028 as per Project Proposal as accepted
[EITHE03.1] # Start-ups/scale-ups supported		
[EITHE04.1] # Start-ups created		
[EITHE08.1] # Participants in (non-labelled) education and training. **Notes:** In line with the Call 6 requirements: • All trainings must foster innovation, entrepreneurship and IP management capacities among students, academics and staff enrolled/working in relevant STEM fields. • All training programmes must consist of a minimum of 10 learning hours. • Projects must achieve minimum KPI results across three participant categories: students, academic staff and non-academic staff. The distribution across the three categories should be determined by the project according to its intervention model and target groups. • Only participants who successfully complete the programme will be counted. • Eligible activities must have clearly defined learning outcomes and a competency assessment method.		
[EITHE19.1] # Of new and/or improved support structures and mechanisms		
[EITHE20] # Of new partnerships established This indicator has two sub-indicators, for which only one sub-indicator needs to be fulfilled: • [EITHE20.1] # New partnerships established by participating HEIs and businesses, research organisations, other actors • [EITHE20.2] # and % of HEIs which participate in other activities of the KICs For both sub-indicators, partnerships must strengthen the connection and integration of the project and its partners with other innovation and entrepreneurship actors and/or initiatives.		
[EITHE01.1] [Optional KPI] Number of innovative products, processes and methods and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) applications resulting from EIT HEI project activities.		

II. EIT Core KPIs

EIT Core KPI[27]	Definition	Targets to be achieved in 2027 as per Project Proposal as accepted	Targets to be achieved in 2028 as per Project Proposal as accepted
[EITHE02.4] # Innovations launched on the market	Number (#) of innovations introduced on the market during the KAVA duration or within 3 years after completion with a sales revenue of at least 10 000 EUR documented. Innovations introduced on the market must be directly linked with the KAVA and reported in the year when they reached the first revenue (but not later than three years after completion of the KAVA).		
[EITHE04.4] N# Start-ups created	Number (#) of start-ups established in year N as a result / based on the output(s) of KAVA(s), or start-ups created for the purpose of an innovation project to organise and support the development of an asset (but not later than three years after the completion of KAVA) having financial transactions of at least 10 000 EUR for services/products (result of the KIC KAVA) sold to customers or at least 200,000 EUR raised via private investment into start-up equity.		
[EITHE06.1] N# Investment attracted by HEI CBI supported startups and scale-ups	Total EUR amount of private and public capital attracted within year N by supported start-ups / scaleups (per country) that have received KIC business creation services support or HEI CBI project support of total duration of at least two months, within a maximum of three years following the last received KIC KAVA incl. project support activity. Supporting evidence: declaration of a start-up proving the amount, type of investment, source of income by type (public/private) and a link to a specific KAVA and support received and the year when last support was provided.		

[27] *Target must follow the target outlined in the project IVAP and comply with the EIT Impact Framework available at eit_impact_framework_2022-2027.pdf; to be checked and adapted when the new EIT Impact Framework will be available.*

III. Deliverables

Deliverable ID	Deliverable name	WP number	Reference to which Action, if applicable	Responsible partner	Delivery date

IV. Milestones

Milestone ID	Milestone name	WP number	Reference to which Action, if applicable	Responsible partner	Achievement date

V. Furter information/Miscellaneous

5.1 For further information on the contents of the EIT KPIs, EIT Core KPIs and other data see EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026.

5.2 During the HEI Project funding period, the Project Participants must use the EIT Impact Framework[28], which includes EIT KPIs and EIT Core KPIs, to quantify results achieved.

5.3 KIC LE shall have the right to establish further guidelines, rules and regulations for the KPI and other data reporting.

[28] *Available underhttps://www.eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2024-07/EIT%20Impact%20Framework%20%282022-2027%29%20with%20codes.pdf; to be checked and adapted when the new Impact Framework will be available*

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CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS AND ROLES OF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING THE PROJECT COORDINATOR, EU RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPATION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA

(A) CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS AND ROLES OF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING THE PROJECT COORDINATOR

I. The Project Consortium shall at all times ("**Consortium Composition Requirements**") consist of a minimum of five (5) beneficiaries which complies with the following conditions:

(a) A minimum of three higher education institutions ("**HEIs**") from three different Horizon Europe eligible countries.

(a.1) One HEI beneficiary must be the coordinator.

The coordinator – i.e. for all purposes of this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement the **Project Coordinator** (PP 2.1) – has the full responsibility to ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement. Its coordination covers the following duties under this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement[29]:

- Represents and acts on behalf of the Consortium for all purposes of this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement towards KIC LE and the EIT;
- Bears the financial and legal responsibility for the proper operational, administrative and financial implementation of the entire Project;
- Coordinates the activities of the Project Participants;
- Does the reporting to KIC LE as further set out in this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement;
- Communicates and disseminates Project results, outcomes and impacts.

A "**Beneficiary**" in the terms of the EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026 is any legal entity that signs the Project Grant Agreement and undertakes to carry out part of the EIT HEI project. Beneficiaries are entitled to receive EU/EIT funding for their tasks and have full rights and obligations under the Project Grant Agreement, including technical implementation, financial management, and reporting.

(a.2) At least one of the three partners must be based in a Member State,

(a.3) Each HEI must involve at least two faculties, departments, units or equivalent (manufacturing-related strongly encouraged).

(b) Minimum two business/industry partners and/or business/industry representative organisations

[29] *The provisions contained herein DO NOT prevent the Coordinator from seeking relief or indemnity from the other Project Participants by the internal Consortium agreement or other inter-partes agreements.*

(private or public)
(b.1) May include SMEs, start-ups, larger enterprises, or industry representative organisations such as industry associations
(b.2) Business/industry partners that operate in manufacturing or industrial technologies strongly encouraged

(c) An organisation may not participate in more than one EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026 application or Project as a funded partner (Beneficiary), meaning it is neither able to submit an application to both Topics of the Call, nor participate in more than one project consortium as a funded partner. An organisation may participate in other applications as an Associated Partner only.

An "**Associated Partner**" in the terms of the EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026 is any legal entity that is not able to or does not wish to participate as funded Beneficiary, but to participate as a non-funded participant only.

(d) Any Beneficiary in earlier EIT Higher Education Initiative projects (if any) must have the role of "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Pioneer" within the Project Consortium and the larger EIT Higher Education Initiative Community as described in the EIT Higher Education Initiative Call for Proposals 2026.

II. Entities from Hungary - Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506

In the event one or several Project Participants are entities affected by Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506[30][31] prohibiting legal commitments to be entered into with any public interest trusts established on the basis of the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity maintained by such a public interest trust, any Funding allocated to it/them in Annex 5.1 or otherwise in the PGA, shall be subject to the specific approval by the EIT or lifting of the sanctions imposed by the above Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506. The participation of such PP in the Project without EU Funding shall not be affected thereby, unless provided otherwise by EU legislation or the EIT.

(B) EU RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPATION

Project Participants must not, at the date hereof or at any time during the Project implementation, be subject to any EU restrictions on participation, as amended from time to time, including, as at the date hereof:

EU RESTRICTIVE MEASURES: Entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)17 as well as Article 75 TFEU18, are not eligible to participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any). Special rules also apply to entities covered by Commission Guidelines No 2013/C 205/052219.

LEGAL ENTITIES ESTABLISHED IN RUSSIA, BELARUS, OR IN NON-GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED TERRITORIES OF UKRAINE: Given the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the involvement of Belarus, there is currently no appropriate context allowing the implementation of the actions foreseen in this programme with legal entities established in Russia, Belarus, or in non-government controlled territories of Ukraine. Therefore, even where such entities are not subject to EU restrictive measures, such legal entities are not eligible to participate in any capacity. This includes participation as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any). Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for justified reasons. With specific regard to measures addressed to Russia, following the adoption of the Council Regulation

[30] *Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506 available at Publications Office (europa.eu); list of entities affected available at List-of-21-Hungarian-HEIs_Annex2022_2506.pdf (eit-hei.eu).as amended and/or substituted from time to time; legal commitments must not be entered into with any public interest trusts established on the basis of the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity maintained by such a public interest trust*
[31] *Section III may be deleted if the Consortium does not include any such entity.*

(EU) 2024/1745 of 24 June 202420 (amending Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014) concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, legal entities established outside Russia but whose proprietary rights are directly or indirectly owned for more than 50% by a legal person, entity or body established in Russia are also not eligible to participate in any capacity.

MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNION BUDGET AGAINST BREACHES OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RULE OF LAW IN HUNGARY: see II above

RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNICATION NETWORKS: The protection of European communication networks has been identified as an important security interest of the Union and its Member States[32]. For further information, please refer to the Horizon Europe, Work Programme 2026-2027, General Annexes, B – Eligibility on page 14[33]

(C) EXCLUSION CRITERIA (WITHOUT LIMITATION)

C.1 Project Participants must not, at the date hereof or at any time during the Project implementation, be in one of the situations referred to in Article 138(1) of the EU Financial Regulation. Project Participants that are subject to EU administrative sanctions (i.e. exclusion) or are in one of the following exclusion situations that bar them from receiving EU grants can NOT participate:

- The applicant is bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding-up procedures, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended its business activities, or is in any analogous situation under applicable Union or national law.
- It has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the applicant is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions.
- It has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the applicant is guilty of grave professional misconduct, including, in particular, fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting relevant information, entering into agreements to distort competition, violating intellectual property rights, unduly influencing decision-making, attempting to obtain confidential information to gain an undue advantage, or inciting discrimination, hatred or violence in the circumstances specified in Article 138(1)(c).
- It has been established by a final judgment that the applicant is guilty of fraud, corruption, conduct related to a criminal organisation, money laundering or terrorist financing, terrorist offences or offences related to terrorist activities, child labour, or other offences concerning trafficking in human beings.
- The applicant has shown significant deficiencies in complying with its main obligations in the implementation of a legal commitment financed by the EU budget, where these deficiencies have led to early termination, the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties, or have been identified through checks, audits or investigations by the relevant authorities.
- It has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the applicant has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95.
- It has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the applicant has created an entity in another jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place of business, or that an entity has been created for this purpose.
- The applicant has intentionally and without proper justification resisted an investigation, check or audit carried out by the relevant EU authorities or their representatives, including the authorising officer, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) or the European Court of Auditors.

The exclusion situations above shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with Article 138(1) of the EU Financial Regulation, including the applicable evidentiary requirements.

- Have misrepresented the information required as a condition for participating in the procedure or have failed to supply that information; or

[32] *European Council conclusions of 1 and 2 October 2020 (EUCO 13/20), point 11; Council Conclusions on the significance of 5G to the European Economy and the need to mitigate security risks linked to 5G, 14517/19.*
[33] *https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2026-2027/wp-15-general-annexes_horizon-2026-2027_en.pdf*

- Were previously involved in the preparation of documents used in the award procedure where this entails a breach of the principle of equality of treatment, including distortion of competition, that cannot be remedied otherwise.

C.2 Project Participants are further excluded from participation in this Project if:

- they fail to provide the declaration of honour on exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interest as envisaged under the Call, or statements therein being or becoming false, incomplete or misleading;
- they have received, are receiving or will receive grants or other benefits from EU institutions (such as the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture - DG EAC) for activities forming part, in whole or in part, of the Project (no double funding)[34].

Project Participants will be expected so sign the a/m declaration of honour and give notice should any of the circumstances declared therein change including if receiving any future EU grant related to the Project and/or any EU operating grant.

[34] *See Article 183 EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509*

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FUNDING[35]

I. Breakdown

Project Participant	2027 [EUR]	2028 [EUR]	Total [EUR]	Co-Funding [EUR]	Remarks
2.1					
2.2					
2.3					
2.4					
2.5					
TOTAL					

II. Further Provisions[36]:

[35] *Please, specify as may be appropriate. The data/criteria indicated below are not exhaustive.*
[36] *Please, specify, if any.*

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FUNDING PAYMENT SCHEDULE[37] [38] [39]

Payment Type	*Timing (target)*	*Reporting period*	*Amount/Conditions*
Prefinancing	*Within 30 days after signature of the Project Grant Agreement*	*NA*	*25% of the total Funding*
Interim Payment	*Within 30 days following the approval of the interim financial and performance reports (and maximum 90 calendar days after the submission of the first interim financial and performance reports)*	*1 May 2027 – 31 December 2027*	*Amount depending on the costs claimed by the Consortium and accepted by KIC LE as eligible costs with a ceiling that the pre-financing and the interim payments together cannot be more than 80% of the total Funding amount.*
Balance Payment	*Within 30 calendar days following the approval of the final financial and performance reports*	*1 January 2028 – end of the Project on 31 October 2028*	*Amount depending on the costs claimed by the Consortium and accepted by KIC LE as eligible costs. Payment timing dependent on availability of funds from the granting agency (EIT). The payment will be processed within 30 calendar days of receipt of the funds from the EIT.*

Notes:

(i) Financial and performance reports must be complete, correct and suitable for review;

(ii) Payments for Project Participants without CFS audit will be processed without undue delay, once the reports are submitted, reviewed, deemed complete (including internal financial checks on Project Participants) and approved by KIC LE.

(iii) For payments to Project Participants with CFS audits, KIC LE will pay only what is deemed eligible. If the Project Participants raise disputes, this will be followed up together with the EIT. In case some of the ineligible cost will be deemed eligible, KIC LE will make an additional payment to the Project Participant for the corresponding amount.

(iv) The payment deadline of 90 calendar days towards the Project Participants might be suspended by KIC LE, if clarifications are necessary;

(v) Payments by KIC LE may be subject to revision as a result of final EIT review; Umbrella Document recovery provisions may apply.

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[37] *Subject to receipt from the EIT.*
[38] *As per EIT harmonisation as at the date hereof.*
[39] *Please, specify if different from template.*

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PARTIES BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS[40]

EIT RawMaterials GmbH
Account holder:
IBAN:
BIC/SWIFT:
Bank:

PP 2.1
Account holder:
IBAN:
BIC/SWIFT:
Bank:

PP 2.2
Account holder:
IBAN:
BIC/SWIFT:
Bank:

PP 2.3
Account holder:
IBAN:
BIC/SWIFT:
Bank:

PP 2.4
Account holder:
IBAN:
BIC/SWIFT:
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PP 2.5
Account holder:
IBAN:
BIC/SWIFT:
Bank:

[40] *Please, specify.*

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REPORTS[41]

VII.1 Reporting/General

VII.1.1 All reporting shall be made and submitted to KIC LE by the Project Coordinator including on behalf of the other Project Participants. It is the responsibility of the Project Participants to organise their internal reporting to the Project Coordinator, provided that such internal reporting must be in line and secure compliance with the reporting requirements as per this EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement.

VII.1.2 All Reports shall be submitted for (a) each Project Participant individually and (b) the Project Participants together on a consolidated basis. Both the individual and the consolidated collective reports shall be consolidated and reported to KIC LE by the Project Coordinator as per section V.1.1.

VII.1.2 All Reports shall be drawn up in English, in a uniform manner and electronic format acceptable to KIC LE and the EIT. The reporting of deliverables and select results will use templates provided by the KIC LE and/or the EIT.

VII.1.3 All Reports shall be drawn up in accordance with sound reporting and accounting practices. Notwithstanding the fact that each Party shall be free to run and record the Project in accordance with its usual accounting and management principles, KIC LE shall have the right to request, with binding effect upon the Project Participants, the Project Participants to implement a uniform financial reporting system acceptable to KIC LE and/or the EIT, provided that such request must not contradict national mandatory law applicable to a Party.

VII.2 Specific Reports as at the date hereof[42]

VII.2.1 Financial Reporting

The Project Participants shall strict and timely comply with any and all financial reporting requirements as, when and how established by the EIT and/or KIC LE in light of the EIT HE Grant Agreement or other considerations (collectively "**EIT Financial Reporting Requirements**"). The Project Participants are aware of the fact and accept that the EIT Financial Reporting Requirements may vary in the course of the Project and commit to comply with the EIT Financial Reporting Requirements as varied from time to time.

KIC LE shall have the right to establish additional or specific financial reporting requirements including prescribing certain templates or formats to be used.

VII.2.2 Project Progress/KPI Reporting (Performance Reports) and Reviewing

The Project Participants shall provide the necessary information, allow for and facilitate a regular Project review by KIC LE, EIT or any other competent EU body. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Project Participants shall submit to KIC LE on a monthly or other regular basis as may be determined by KIC LE reports on the status, progress and forecast of the Project, with special emphasis being put on the Project being on time, on budget, in scope, and proactively report any other development, data or information which may be reasonably expected to be delivered as to enable KIC LE to evaluate the Project, its progress, achievements and prospects. Full reporting guidelines, timeline, templates and instructions will be provided to the Project Coordinator.

[41] *Please, specify as may be appropriate. The data/criteria indicated below are not exhaustive.*
[42] *KIC LE shall have the right to vary the reporting requirements for the Project in its reasonable discretion at any date hereafter.*

KIC LE shall have the right to request information in addition to what is included in the aforementioned reporting guidelines and instructions, conduct Project reviews (including convening Project review meetings and tele-conferences) and take such other measures as it may reasonably deem fit to satisfy itself of the Project progress and compliance with applicable rules, regulations and budgets. For the avoidance of doubt: The rights of EIT, the Commission and/or any other EU body under the Umbrella Documents shall not be affected by the foregoing provisions.

VII.2.3 [*deliberately left blank*]

VII.2.4 Final Report

The Project Participants shall submit, not later than within sixty (60) calendar days from the end of the Project, a final report ("**Final Report**") on the Project in line with the Umbrella Documents and/or as may be requested by EIT or KIC LE.

VII.2.5 Ad hoc Report

The Project Participants shall submit a report in case of an event referred to under clause 7.1 lit. b EIT HEI Project Grant Agreement and/or as may be reasonably required by KIC LE.

VII.2.6 Post-Project Impact Report

The Project Participants shall continue to submit to KIC LE, not later than until 31 March of each calendar year and for the duration of (a) five (5) years after the end of the last year in which Funding is provided by KIC LE for the Project or (b) 31 December 2032, whichever is the later, an annual report on the continued impact of the Project ("**Post-Project Impact Report**"). The Post-Project Impact Report shall be a limited set of information allowing to assess (a) the impact of the Project, basically as per the EIT impact KPIs, and (b) the fulfilment of post-Project obligations of the Project Participants, if any, in each case as may be reasonably requested by KIC LE.

VII.3 Specific Reporting Agreements, if any[43]

- see ANNEX 6.1 - FUNDING PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Interim and final Financial and Performance Reports shall and must be submitted on a calendar-year basis (i.e. 2027, 2028) throughout the Project Duration as a condition precedent for the Interim and Final Funding disbursements as per the Funding Payment Schedule

[43] *Please specify any modifications of or amendments to the Reports referred to under item VII.2 above, if any.*

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MUTUAL BRANDING/PUBLICITY - VISIBILITY OF EU FUNDING

Subject to Section 8.2. of the main body of this Agreement and unless expressly provided otherwise in the documents specified therein, the following shall apply:

I. Publicity by PPs

PPs must promote the EIT Higher Education Initiative programme and its results, by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public) in a strategic and effective manner.

Unless EIT RawMaterials (which term for all purposes hereof shall include the KIC, KIC LE, and/or any other body of the foregoing) requests or agrees otherwise or unless it is impossible, any communication activity related to the action (including in electronic form, via social media, etc.) must:

(a) display the "*Funded by the European Union*" text and European Union flag;

(b) display the "*Supported by*" text and the EIT RawMaterials logo accompanied by the EIT support statement: "*EIT RawMaterials is supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union*"

(c) Display the EIT Higher Education Initiative logo

in each case following the EIT Higher Education Initiative visual identity guidelines[4445] as may be amended or restated from time to time and/or other branding or other publicity materials and instructions referred to in section 8 of the main body of this Agreement.

(d) With the following disclaimer being inserted in an appropriate place (translated into local languages where appropriate):

> "Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or EIT RawMaterials. Neither the European Union nor EIT RawMaterials can be held responsible for them."

All of the logos and emblems must remain distinct and separate and cannot be modified by adding other visual marks, brands or text. When displayed together with another logo, the EIT RawMaterials logo, the EU emblem and the EIT Higher Education Initiative logo must have appropriate prominence and be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as the other logos.

For the purposes of its obligations hereunder, PP may use the EIT RawMaterials logo, the EU emblem and the EIT Higher Education Initiative logo without first obtaining separate approval from EIT RawMaterials.

This does not, however, give PPs the right to exclusive use or any other rights of use or exploitation in relation thereto except as expressly consented to by EIT RM.

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[44] *EIT Higher Education Initiative visual identity guidelines will be available in Bluebook. In case of doubt or need of further information, liaise with KIC LE.*

Moreover, PPs may not appropriate the EU, EIT RawMaterials and/or EIT Higher Education Initiative logo or any similar trademark or logo, or seek any other intellectual property rights in relation thereto, whether by registration or by any other means.

EIT RawMaterials reserves the right to revoke the above right of use at any time in its sole and unfettered discretion without giving rise to any right or claim of PPs whatsoever.

II. Publicity by EIT RawMaterials

EIT RawMaterials may use, for its communication and publicising activities, any information relating to the Project, documents (notably summaries) for publication as well as any other material, such as pictures or audio-visual material that it receives from or upon instruction of PPs (including in electronic format).

EIT RawMaterials shall have the right to publish the name and address of PPs as entities promoted by it, its origin, the amount of the Grant and its nature and purpose unless PP has justified requested to waive this publication (because of disclosure risks threatening its security and safety or harming its legitimate interests).

Photos and videos taken by EIT RawMaterials during EIT RawMaterials events where PPs will feature or take part in are the sole property of EIT RawMaterials. Each PP consents to such photos and videos being taken and undertakes to obtain the consent of any persons sent by it to any such event prior to sending any such person.

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SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OTHER RESULTS, IF ANY [46]

☐ **NONE**

☐ **AS FOLLOWS:**

[46] *Please, specify as may be appropriate. Otherwise, tick "NONE"*

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SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS ON DATA PROTECTION AND CONFIDENTIALITY, IF ANY [47]

☐ **NONE**

☐ **AS FOLLOWS:**

[47] *Please, specify as may be appropriate. Otherwise, tick "NONE".*

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