

*Innovation Communities are designed as pan-European partnerships that bring together business, research centers and universities with the aim to tackle major societal challenges in areas with high innovation potential. To find out more, please visit [www.eit.europa.eu](http://www.eit.europa.eu). The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) recently launched the building of the Innovation Community Manufacturing.*

# Call for independent Supervisory Board members for EIT Manufacturing

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## Background

The manufacturing industry is a global base for prosperity and key to Europe's economic, social and environmental sustainability. Manufacturing is a main driver of industrial innovation, job creation and growth for the European society. It stands for over 2.1 million manufacturing enterprises in Europe, providing over 32 million jobs, which corresponds to 16% of the total EU working population, including approximately 13 million jobs in the growing high-tech manufacturing industry and in 2016, the share of EU-28 GDP originated by manufacturing was 16.1% <sup>1</sup>, corresponding to a total turnover of EUR 7.11 trillion <sup>2</sup>.

EIT Manufacturing is an Innovation Community within the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) that connects the leading manufacturing actors in Europe. Fueled by a strong interdisciplinary and trusted community, we will add unique value to European products, processes, services – and inspire the creation of globally competitive and sustainable manufacturing. [www.eitmanufacturing.eu](http://www.eitmanufacturing.eu)

EIT Manufacturing's approach is designed to immediately and forcefully address specific economic and societal challenges, leveraging opportunities to maximise the impact for a successful European manufacturing.

Our **purpose is to improve people's lives through sustainable manufacturing** and our **vision is: Global Manufacturing Innovation is led by Europe.**

The operation is managed by the EIT Manufacturing headquarters in Paris-Saclay (France) and six regional subsidiaries in Vienna (Austria), Milan (Italy), Darmstadt (Germany), Athens (Greece), Gothenburg (Sweden), and San Sebastian (Spain)

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<sup>1</sup> Eurostat, GDP percentage of total, industry breakdowns, 10.01.2018

<sup>2</sup> European Commission, Factories of the Future Manufacturing in Horizon 2020 and beyond, 2017

### Governance structure

EIT Manufacturing is governed by an own legal entity; the EIT Manufacturing ASBL (KIC LE), an Association according French law (LOI 1906).

The association's Partner Assembly (PA) is the highest decision-making body in which all partners (members) have voting rights. The company encompasses the Supervisory Board (SB) as its main governing body and the Management Team (MT) as its main operational body.

### Role of the Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board has a supervisory and non-operational function, overseeing the activities of the KIC LE and monitoring the definition and fulfilment of the Strategic Agenda. It appoints the CEO and COO, supervises their work and makes strategic decisions that guide the organisation.

It is elected by the Partner Assembly and is composed of the independent chairperson, one representative from each of the regions and up to 8 additional independent representatives with complementary skills and experiences from across industry, academia, research and public society.

Members of the Supervisory Board are appointed for two (2) years, renewable one time, by the Partner Assembly. The Supervisory Board meets at least four times a year virtually or face to face for board meetings. Furthermore, work on specific topics is performed in topical committee meetings.

### Independent Supervisory Board members

Independent Supervisor Board members may not be on the payroll of any of the Members or its Affiliates or having a consultancy relationship for the rendering of managerial services with any of the Members or its Affiliates.

Independent Supervisory Board members may not have been employed in a management function by or rendered managerial services to the Association during a period of six months before the start of their mandate. Independent Supervisory Board members may not have a spouse, partner or second-degree relatives who is member of the Management Team of the Association.

Independent Supervisory Board members may not have had any significant business dealings with the Association during a period of six months before the start of their mandate.

### Independent Supervisory Board members requirements

Candidates for the Supervisory Board should fulfil the following conditions:

- minimum of 10 years in a leadership position related to manufacturing, the European investors community, industrial associations or public authorities
- minimum of 5 years supervisory board experience
- minimum of 10 years international experience on a pan-European level
- highly committed to the vision and mission of EIT Manufacturing
- well connected to high-level decision makers in Europe

- excellent communicator with the willingness to become a forceful ambassador for EIT Manufacturing

### Equal opportunities

EIT Manufacturing applies a policy of equal opportunities and accepts applications without discrimination on any grounds.

### Selection Committee

A Selection Committee will be appointed to carry out the evaluation of applications submitted. Please note that the Selection Committee's internal proceedings are strictly confidential. Shortlisted candidates may be invited for interview(s) with a panel consisting of current members of the Supervisory Board. Candidates may be asked to provide proof of qualifications, background, skills, and experiences by providing relevant documents.

### Protection of personal data

Candidates' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

For more information, please check the privacy statement on recruitment available [Privacy Notice](#).

### Application:

To apply for this position, please submit your CV and a cover letter explaining your motivation and highlighting the quality of your application to [HR@eitmanufacturing.eu](mailto:HR@eitmanufacturing.eu) no later than **12 August 2024**.