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Welcome to the Online EIT Health Partner Assembly

22 October 2024

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- ✓ The session is being recorded and you will be muted.
- ✓ Participants with **voting rights**, confirm your attendance:

Go to www.slido.com and insert the code **#PAOCT**

Fill in your name, organisation you vote for, and answer the first question “Do you have the voting rights?”

- ✓ **Voting rights**: only the official Partner Assembly/Master/Legal **Core and Associate partner representative** (or designated substitute with submitted proxy letter).



The votes of Core partners will be counted double.

- ✓ Raise your hand in order to be unmuted, or post your question in the chat.
- ✓ Contact Laura Prat – laura.prat@eithealth.eu if you have any issue during the PA
- ✓ Do not use the online voting tool Slido if you do not have voting rights

1. Welcome and opening

Clara Hellner, SB Deputy Chairwoman.

1.1 Partner Assembly Chairperson

Clara Hellner, Supervisory Deputy Chairwoman, is the Chairperson of the Partner Assembly, due to the unavailability of the SB Chairman Félix Faucon, and as defined in the Articles of Association (article 8.2).

1.2 Appointment of the Partner Assembly Secretary (Decision)

Sabine Schumann is proposed to be appointed as the Secretary of the Partner Assembly (AoAs 8.2).

1.3 Adoption of the Agenda for today (Decision)

1. Welcome and opening

Clara Hellner, SB Deputy Chairwoman

- Appointment of the Partner Assembly Secretary [Decision]
- Adoption of the agenda [Decision]
- Verification of attendance and Partners eligible to vote

2. Fee Model [Decisions]

Annika Szabo-Portela, Ad interim Chief Partnership Management Officer and Graham Armitage, Managing Director EIT Health Ireland-UK

3. Decisions on SB mandate extensions [Decisions]

Moderated by SB Deputy Chairwoman Clara Hellner and the appointed PA Secretary

Mandate extensions for another 2-year term:

- Félix Faucon, independent SB member, as proposed by the SB.
- Lorenzo Moroni, SB member representing CLC BeNe, proposed by the BeNe SOC.

4. AoB and meeting closure

SB Deputy Chairwoman Clara Hellner



1.4 Verification of attendance and Partners eligible to vote

The Secretary verifies attendance.

To confirm whether the quorum for decisions has been reached.

AoAs, 11.2: The Partner Assembly constitutes a quorum if at least half the Associate and Core Partners are present or represented in the meeting.

Registration as voters and online voting

Instructions for Partners with voting rights:

1. Only the official Partner Assembly / Master / legal partner representatives (or designated substitute) have rights to vote.



The votes of **Core Partner** will be counted doubled.

2. Open a browser on any laptop, tablet or smartphone.
3. Go to **www.slido.com** and insert the code **#PAOCT**
4. Enter your **name, organisation and vote.**

Membership Fee Model Proposal 2025

Annika Szabo Portela & Graham Armitage

22 October 2024

Context

Due to the **unforeseen risks** arising from the use of Management Fees, we have endeavoured to simplify our membership fee model.

Objective

To propose a **simplified membership fee model** that will be suitable for **future expansion** of our Partner Network, while removing the current tax risk as well as meeting EIT's compliance requirements.

Clarification

The term **“Partner”** has become generalised. It does not clearly differentiate between beneficiaries of funded programmes, and organisations that contribute resources, fees, and expertise to support EIT Health's mission.

Proposal for New Membership Mechanisms & Fees

A single level structure

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

MEMBER

A single Partnership level to be known as Member that dissolves previous categories such as Core Partners, Associate Partners and SMEs into one.

€25k *per annum* **€10k** *p.a. (for SMEs)*

AFFILIATED ENTITY

Members may extend their participation through the inclusion of Affiliated Entities, who must have contractual or ownership linkages.

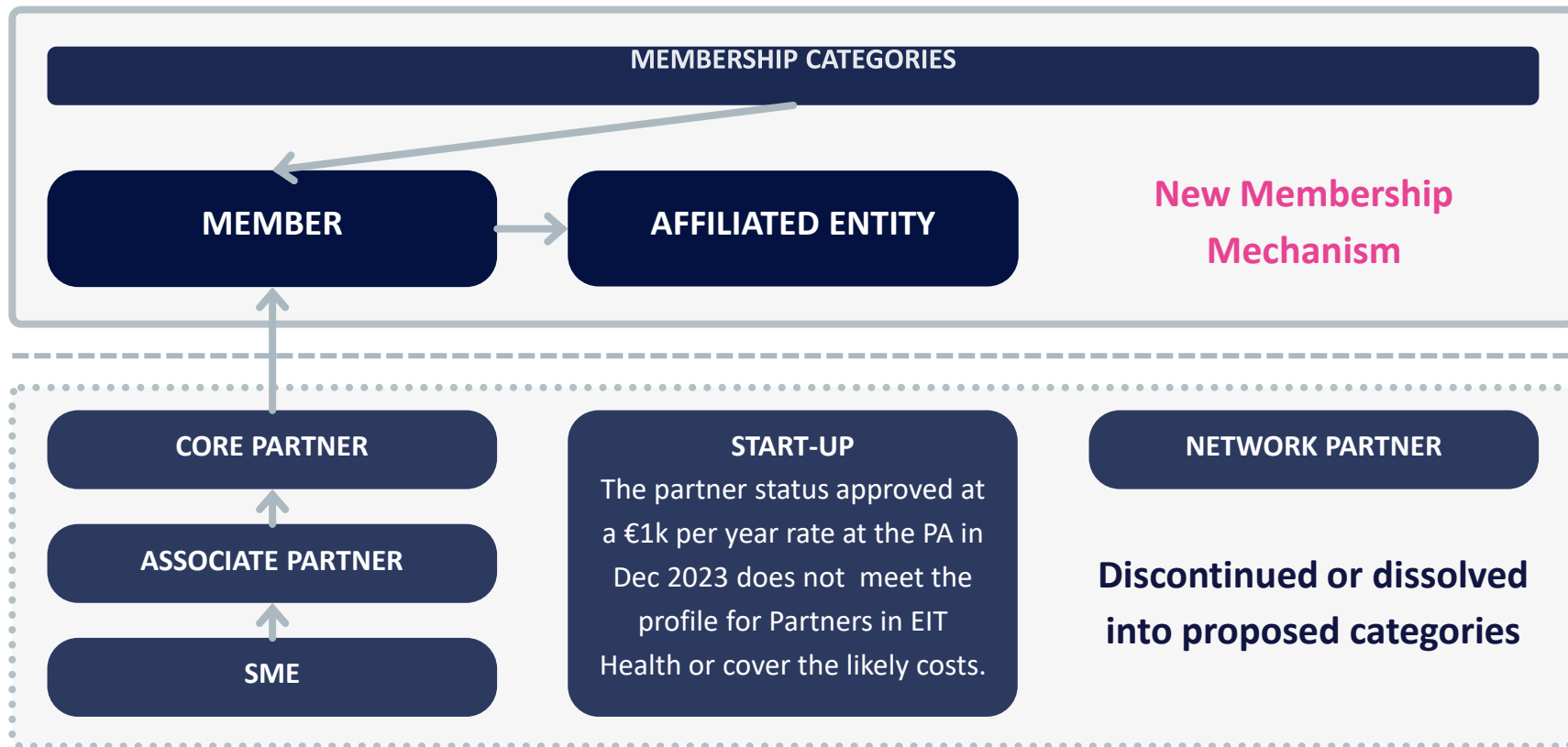
€5k *per annum*

MEMBERS ENTRY

A mechanism to attract new members, a time-bound (max 1 year) membership for reduced fee can be decided upon by the Management Board.

Comparison with the Prior Fee Mechanism

Voted at the Partner Assembly 13 December 2023

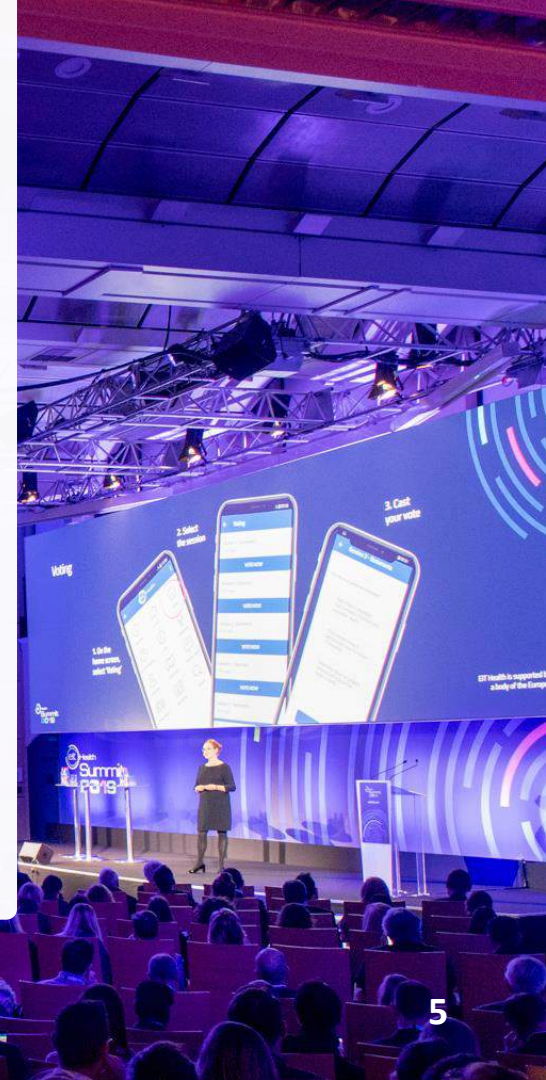


Partnership Type & Benefits | MEMBER

A single Partnership level to be known as Member, with all members of the Association holding a single vote at the Partner Assembly. There is a 3 month notice to end the membership, prior to the end of the year.

- Member of the Association
- Member of the regional Strategic Orientation Committee (SOC)
- Free access to EIT Health's information platforms
- Bespoke support from their relevant regional CLC and the partnership management team to access EIT Health programmes
- Opportunities, through the SOC and Partner Forums, to shape the EIT Health agenda
- Ability to appoint affiliated entities at additional cost
- Use of the EIT Health Logo in accordance with EIT health communications guidance

Member benefits described are “non-exhaustive”. Partner value proposition includes further benefits.



Partnership Type & Benefits | **AFFILIATED ENTITY**

Members may extend their participation through the inclusion, at additional cost, of Affiliated Entities, who must have pre-existing contractual or ownership linkages. Affiliated entities are not members of the Association but gain their benefits through their host.

- Member of the regional Strategic Orientation Committee
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Partnership Type & Benefits | EXTERNAL PROJECT PARTNER

Due to Horizon Europe openness principles, the availability of funding is not limited to Members. Non-Members participating in funded programmes will continue to be referred to and managed as External Project Partners.

- Free access to the EIT Health information platforms
- Use of the EIT Health Logo in project specific contexts



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CENTRAL FEE MANAGEMENT

- All fees should be centrally managed from 1 January 2025
- Given the discontinuation of the Network Partnership, current Network Partners can either be transferred to member or be linked to EIT Health as a Collaborator
- Collaborators are stakeholders that do not naturally fit within the membership model. They can still be linked to EIT Health via a Memorandum of Understanding or commercial agreement with one of our CLCs or to EIT Health e.V. in the case of pan-European organisations or organisations outside of Europe
- Any Collaborator fees are to be centrally administrated but is going to flow back fully to CLCs minus the admin cost

MANAGEMENT FEES

- The combined challenges of Partners concerns about their ability to manage payment and tax eligibility have made the effective implementation of Management Fees impossible to date
- It is proposed that **Management Fee proposals be dropped**
- The overall reduction in fee income, will need to be managed **by improved cost control**

UNIFIED PARTNER STATUS IMPLEMENTATION

- Adoption of a single Member status with two fee levels starting January 2025
- Partner entries to be approved by only Management Board and not the Supervisory Board any longer (AoA 4.4) to simplify and accelerate the entry process
- It remains unchanged that the SB would have to approve any member exclusions as defined in the AoAs 5.4

2025 NON-KAVA BUDGET PLANNING

- Non-KAVA budget planning for 2025 based on the new model, with fees of €25k (all non-SMEs) and €10k (SMEs) per annum as previously approved by the Partner Assembly, without management fees

TRANSITION OF CORE AND ASSOCIATE PARTNERS

- Managed transfer of existing Core and Associate Partners to the new single status during the remainder of 2024
- The proposal is, as we are past the end of September, to make an exception to AoA 5.2, so that existing members may declare the termination of their membership by 30 November 2024 with effect from 01 January 2025

NETWORK PARTNER TRANSFER

- Managed transfer of Network Partner fee contracts to EIT Health e.V. membership during the remainder of 2024
- Transfer of Network Partners not suitable for membership to other Collaborator mechanisms

2. Decision on Fee Model

Annika Szabo-Portela, ad-interim Chief Partnership
Management Officer and Graham Armitage, Managing
Director, EIT Health Ireland-UK

"Do you approve that any kind of existing Management Fees on granted/funded activities in 2024 will not be charged for 2024 nor any upcoming years, unless otherwise resolved by the Partners Assembly?
Already executed 2024 payments will be reimbursed."

Yes

No

Abstain

"Do you approve the implementation of the new Fee Model and all the necessary amendments and adjustments to the AoAs/By-Laws & Annexes of EIT Health e.V. as submitted to the members ahead to this Partner Assembly, to become effective on 01 January 2025?"

Yes

No

Abstain

"Do you approve that in exception to AoA 5.2 existing members may declare the termination of their membership by 30 November 2024 with effect from 01 January 2025?"

Yes

No

Abstain

3. Decisions on SB mandate extensions

Clara Hellner, SB Deputy Chairwoman
and the PA Secretary

Mandate extensions for another 2-year term for Supervisory Board members:

**Proposed by Supervisory Board as
independent member**



Félix Faucon

Health economist
Former General Inspector

Proposed by CLC BENE SOC



Lorenzo Moroni

Scientific Director MERLN Institute for
Technology-Inspired Regenerative
Medicine at
Maastricht University

In two separate votes:

"Do you approve to extend the mandate for a third two-year term of Félix Faucon, as independent Supervisory Board member, becoming effective on 08 February 2025?"

Yes

Abstain

"Do you approve to extend the Supervisory Board member mandate for a second two-year term of Lorenzo Moroni, representing CLC Belgium-Netherlands, becoming effective on 08 February 2025?"

No

4. AOB and meeting closure

Clara Hellner, SB Deputy Chairwoman



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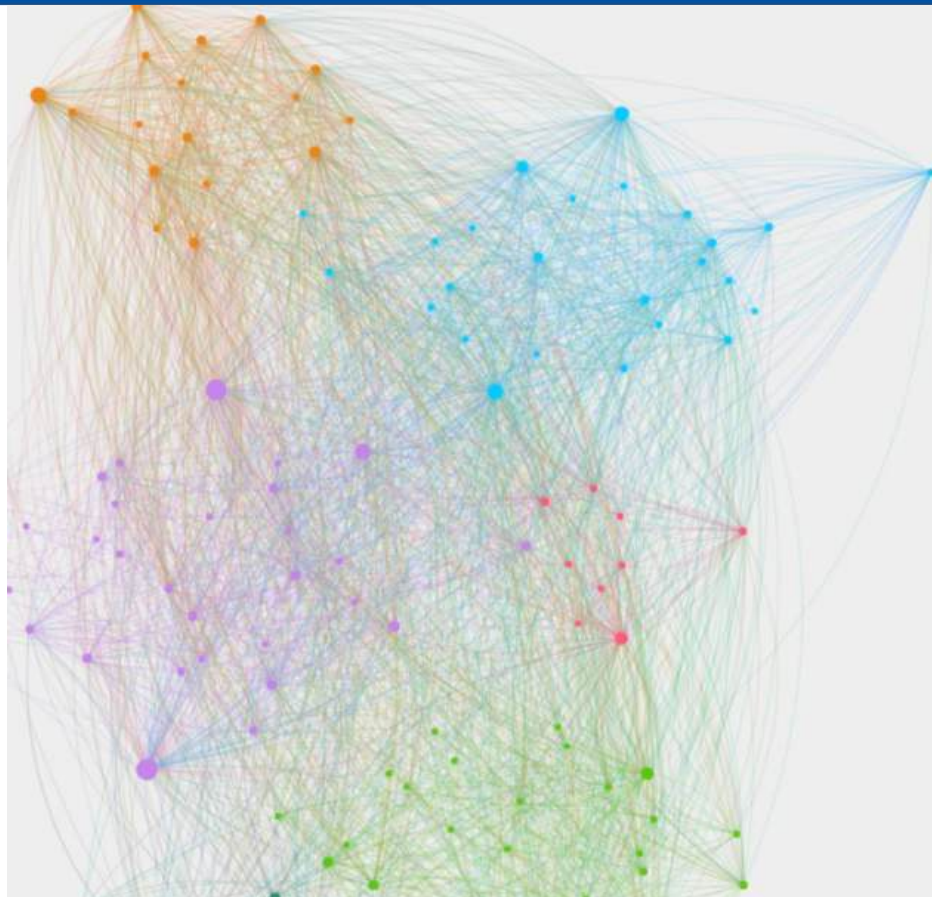
Partner Forum

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What Fires Together, Wires Together



- We have an incredible network resulting from 15 years of network weaving.
- We maintain it as critical infrastructure for Europe.
- We aim to introduce fresh threads into our woven tapestry, creating a more complex and rich visual narrative.
- Adding new layers to an existing structure will boost social capital, resilience and innovation.

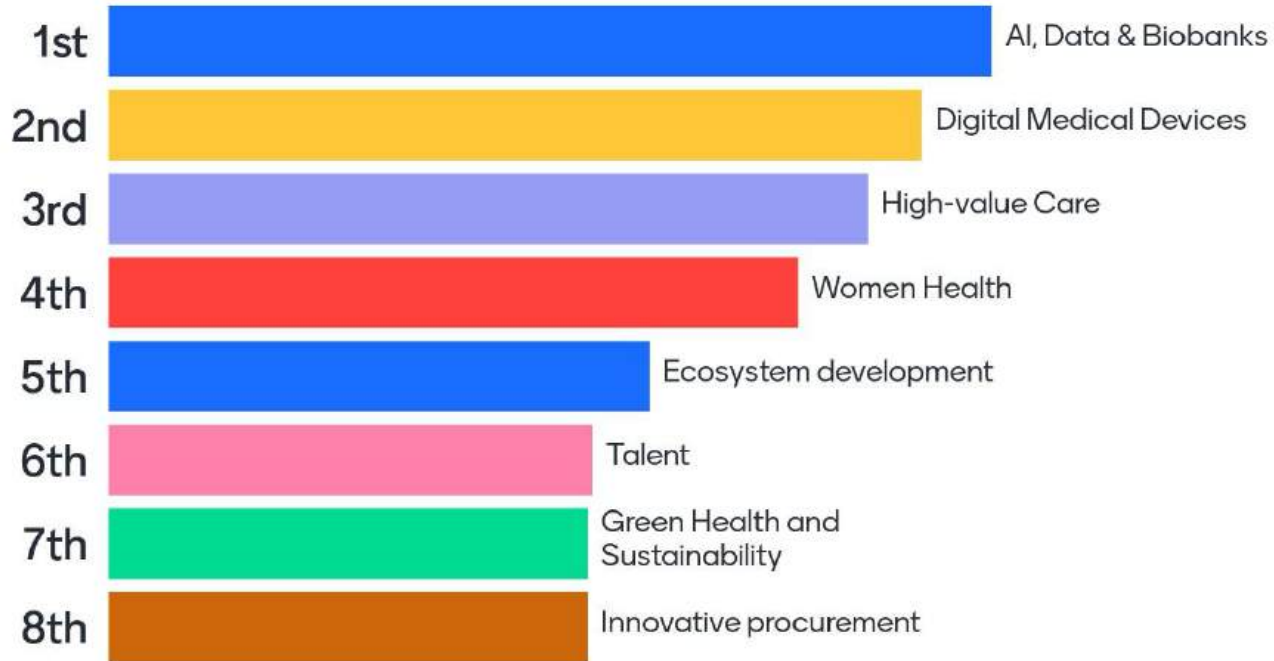


Partner Forum – new patterns in our network tapestry

- We start with **partners**: Involving individual experts and organisations representing all stakeholders.
- Topics, prompting questions, and agendas will follow the community's energy.
- We encourage **self-organising** groups led by super users and supported by KOLs around each area.
- The work programme will include both **online and in-person** activities across Europe (bridging the CLCs with InnoStars/RIS countries).
- Desk research, interviews & surveys, round-tables, thought leadership meetings, co-creation workshops, strategic design sessions, CLC visits, etc.
- **We support you** with the organisation while you can focus on the team dynamics and the content.
- Participants **benefit** from learning about the global innovation flow, building a professional network, learning from others' knowledge and being agile in funding applications.
- Periodically, smaller working groups will work on an overview and mapping of the current landscape and state of the art around each strategic area, the main current and upcoming challenges for the EU health ecosystem, and **recommendations** on action plans (for education, innovation, business creation).

Kick-off: 21st November at 3 p.m. CET

Partners prefer AI, Data & Biobanks as a first topic*



*voting results from the
matchmaking on 8-10-2024



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Thank you for your participation

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