

# Call for three Independent Members of the EIT Health Supervisory Board

## The Organisation

**EIT Health** was created in 2015 by a consortium that includes around 150 leading life sciences and healthcare companies, research organisations and universities in Europe, with the aim to deliver innovations that can enable European citizens to live longer, healthier lives. For that purpose, it supports the creation of start-ups, develops new products and services, and trains and educates students and professionals. It is funded by EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology).

EIT Health has its head office in Munich, Germany, and has regional innovation hubs (CLCs/InnoStars) in Rotterdam, Paris, Mannheim, Stockholm, Barcelona, Dublin and Budapest. It has a permanent staff of around 160 people. More information can be found on [www.eithealth.eu](http://www.eithealth.eu).

EIT Health is an Association under German law. Its Partner Assembly appoints the members of the Supervisory Board, which is currently chaired by Professor Alexander von Gabain. EIT Health seeks the appointment of two new members for the Supervisory Board who are “independent”, meaning that they do not have any affiliation with its member organisations.

## Role of the Supervisory Board in EIT Health

The Supervisory Board has a supervisory and non-operational function, overseeing the activities of EIT Health and monitoring the definition, approval and fulfilment of the Strategic Agenda. It appoints the CEO and COO, supervises their work and discusses and approves strategic decisions that guide the organisation and are developed and proposed by the Management Board.

The Supervisory Board is elected by the Partner Assembly and is composed of the independent chairperson, one representative from each of the regional Innovation Hub/InnoStars, and up to four additional independent representatives with complementary skills and experiences.

The Supervisory Board meets at least four times a year, virtually or face to face, for board meetings. In addition, work on specific topics may be performed.

## Duration of term and requirement of ‘independence’

- Term of the position is two years.
- A maximum of three terms (total of six years) can be served if the Partner Assembly renews the mandate accordingly.
- An Independent Member is defined in the statutes of EIT Health as follows: “Member of the Supervisory Board who in no way (neither directly nor indirectly) holds an interest in a Member, does not act for a Member and is not a representative of a CLC (regional Innovation Hub) or InnoStars.” The list of members of EIT Health – “Partners” – can be found here: <https://eithealth.eu/our-network/our-partners/>

## Profile

The Supervisory Board now wants to attract three additional independent members for its Supervisory Board. Candidates should fit the following profile:

- Holding a leadership position in the health sector in Europe, with a strong international dimension.
- Strong pan-European network to decision-makers in the health sector.
- Preferably with board experience.
- Excellent communication skills, a passion for innovation and entrepreneurship as well as willingness and motivation to become a forceful ambassador for EIT Health.
- Excellent command of English.

There is a preference for candidates with following backgrounds:

- Digital health: people who have been successful in starting/developing digital health solutions, particularly those that have disrupted traditional pharma and med-tech approaches or healthcare systems.
- Financial expertise: venture capitalists/investors/investment bankers in the health industry or people with a financial management background with a major player in the health sector.
- Innovation/scientific credibility: people who have hard-core science expertise in health in their DNA, who are considered top notch in the scientific community in the health sector.
- Successful product launch: people who successfully developed a new pharmaceutical product/med-tech device and successfully brought it to the market from A to Z.
- Health insurance: people who very well understand the dynamics of health costs and reimbursement, and ideally, have also contributed to thinking about new business/payment models (e.g. value-based healthcare, outcome based payment) to optimise outcome and cost of healthcare.

## Expenses and offered compensation

- Related expenses will be reimbursed according to EIT Health policies.
- EIT Health offers a compensation consisting of a fixed and variable component. The annual remuneration amounts to EUR 5,000.00 plus applicable statutory taxes. A consultancy fee is offered in the amount of EUR 1,000.00 for each Supervisory Board Meeting attended (indicatively four meetings per annum). The aggregate consultancy fee per year is limited to a maximum amount of EUR 5,000.00.

## Equal opportunities

EIT Health applies a policy of equal opportunity and accepts applications without discrimination on any grounds.

To apply for this position, please submit your CV and a cover letter explaining your motivation and highlighting the quality of your application to our advisors, Egon Zehnder, at [eithealth@egonzehnder.com](mailto:eithealth@egonzehnder.com) no later than **May 23, 2021**.