

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

## The Organisation

**EIT Health** was created in 2015 by a consortium that includes around 120 leading life sciences and healthcare companies, research organisations and universities in Europe. It is a vast, vibrant community of world leading health innovators backed by the European Union. Working across borders, we bring together the brightest minds from the worlds of business, research, education, and healthcare delivery to answer the biggest health challenges Europe faces. Our ambition is to enable people in Europe to live longer, healthier lives by building and growing businesses to create products and services that progress healthcare in Europe, while strengthening our economy. EIT Health has pan-EU representation via our headquarters in Munich and eight regional innovation hubs (known as Co-Location Centres, CLCs) which operate as strong innovation clusters to drive our thriving ecosystem. It has a permanent staff of around 160 people. EIT Health has expanded the community's presence with the EIT Health Regional Innovation Scheme in 13 regions across Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, as well as leading the development of the EIT Hub in Israel, which connect innovators across Europe to other key thriving ecosystems beyond the EU. 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 Lisa Shaw-Marotto. 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 as well as the other members of the Management Board upon proposal by the CEO, supervises their work and discusses and approves strategic decisions that guide the organisation and are developed and proposed by the Management Board.

In addition, independent members of the EIT Health e.V. Supervisory Board are also expected to act as independent members of the Local Supervisory Boards (LSB's), with each independent member requested to fulfil up to two LSB positions as either Chairperson or independent member, as needed.

The Supervisory Board is elected by the Partner Assembly and consists of one representative for each CLC (Co Location Center) and for the InnoStars. In addition, the Partner Assembly shall appoint so many additional, independent members of the Supervisory Board that it is assured that at least half of the members of the Supervisory Board, including the Chairperson of the Supervisory Board, are Independent Members of the Supervisory Board. The Board's composition aims to have representatives with complementary skills and experiences.

The EIT Health e.V. Supervisory Board meets at least four times a year, virtually or face to face, for board meetings. In addition, extraordinary virtual meetings or work on specific topics may be performed. In addition, the Local Supervisory Boards are required to meet at least twice a year, virtually or face to face, for CLC LSB board meetings.

## 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: “Members of the Supervisory Board who in no way (neither directly nor indirectly) hold an interest in a Member, do not act for a Member and are not a representative of a CLC or InnoStars, and must not have been active for a legal entity that could constitute a conflict of interest in their person, e.g. by working for an CLC or InnoStars, within the last 2 years prior to their appointment.”
- 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 two independent members for its Supervisory Board. It is desired that one of these candidates will be ready to participate on the Supervisory Board effective no later than October 1, 2023, and the other, no later than March 31, 2024. Candidates should fit the following profile:

- Holding a leadership position in the health sector in Europe, Big Pharma or Medtech, with a strong international dimension.
- Lobbying or policymaking at national or EU level, with a 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:

- **Successful product launch:** people who successfully developed a new pharmaceutical product/med-tech device/ AI or digital health solutions and successfully brought it to the market from A to Z.
- **Business development and Financial expertise:** venture capitalists/investors/investment bankers in the health industry and/or people with a financial management background (CFO/audit) with a major player in the health sector.
- **Research and 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.
- **University hospitals:** people involved in clinical trials organisation and/or education organisation.

## 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 for Independent Members of the Supervisory Board 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.
- In addition to the remuneration above for e.V. participation, the recommended compensation for LSB independent members is a consulting fee of €1.000 per day each meeting attended to a maximum of € 5K /year (defined by each LSB)
- If the Independent Members of the Supervisory Board do not hold office within the whole year, they are only entitled to a pro rata portion of the Members Remuneration in the ratio of the period of their office in the respective year and the Members Maximum Amount is reduced in the same ratio.

## 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 Supervisory Board's Executive Committee: [sb.applications@eithealth.eu](mailto:sb.applications@eithealth.eu), no later than **August 18, 2023**.