

The Governing Council (GOC)

The GOC is composed of one representative from each Partner duly mandated by the legal authoritative person of the respective institution or Consortium. The representatives are chosen at the senior management level; advisors may accompany them in the meetings of the GOC. Substitutes for each Partner may also be appointed and shall have one vote in the case of a single institution.

Operating rules - The meetings shall be chaired by the elected Chairperson. A Vice-Chairperson shall also be elected among the representatives. During deliberations and decisions relating to the tasks of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairperson shall chair the meeting. In the decisions of the GOC, each member shall have one vote.

The first meeting of the GOC shall take place no later than one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days after the RECOOP HST Partners agree to form the Consortium in order to make the initial decisions relating to the governing structure. The schedule of further sessions subsequently be established according to the business plan, with a minimum of twice a year during the first 24 months.

The decisions taken in the GOC will overrule any decision taken by the BMD or WOG.

The meetings of the GOC shall be recorded in writing (*i.e.*, minutes) by the Chairperson and shall be sent to all representatives of the Partners and to all the Partners within thirty (30) calendar days after the closing date of the meeting.

For the sake of efficiency and effectiveness, the GOC shall create dedicated working groups (WOG) in charge of executing the business plan. The Board of Managing Directors will oversee the WOGs.

The GOC shall create task forces to prepare detailed proposals to the regular plenary sessions of the GOC for adoption or modification of the business plan. The task forces may invite any competent person to participate for the elaboration of proposals to the GOC.

The Governing Council is conceptualized to be responsible for determining the overall direction of the RECOOP HST Consortium. GOC will be the governing body of the RECOOP HST Consortium. The GOC will make strategic planning decisions on:

- Business Plans
- Priorities in research activities
- Priorities in Research and Innovation Management (RIM) Training
- Defining relevant publication strategies of scientific results (output)
- Defining relevant IP protection strategies of the ongoing scientific works in the Consortium (outcome)
- Creating a dedicated committee in charge of ethical issues with regards to relevant National, European and International Directives, Recommendations and laws
- Redistribution of the revenues in the Consortium
- Acceptance of External Investors
- Acceptance of New Members

Composition - The chairperson and the members shall be appointed by the GOC. The rules of appointment must ensure that matters of confidentiality are observed and all partners of the Advisory Board must sign a confidentiality agreement.

Meetings: twice a year. Meetings shall be organized adjacent to other meetings (BMD and WOG meetings, and capacity building training).

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