

Minutes from the Board Meeting of the Innovation Fund Denmark's Board on 8 April 2024, 13.00-17.00

Present from the Innovation Fund Denmark Board:

- Anders Eldrup
- Henrik J. Andersen
- Christian Ketels (agenda item 2 and 3)
- Charlotte Rønhof
- Philipp Schröder
- Sine Reker Hadrup
- Henrik Breitenbauch

Present from the secretariat:

- Cecilie Brøkner
- Ole Sinkjær
- Søren Asp Mikkelsen
- Michael Friis Lindinger
- Eva Hansen
- Camilla Trothe Mygind (agenda item 4)
- Cecilie Juhl
- Cecilie Würtz Krog (referent)

Other participants:

- Jonathan Bugge Harder, Head of Office for EU coordination in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (agenda item 3)

1.1 Welcome and update from chairpersonship

Minutes from item 1.1 are not published, as the information is confidential

1.2 Conflict of interest

Prior to the meeting, all participating BoD members had declared no potential conflicts of interest for the agenda items.

At the meeting, Legal Officer Cecilie Würtz Krog ran through all declarations and asked each board member, if they had anything to add to their previous declarations cf. Rules of Procedure §31, subsection 2 and 3.

Mette Glavind was absent for the meeting while Christian Ketels was absent for parts of the meeting, but both had indicated to the chairperson and director their position on the decision items on the agenda, cf. Rules of Procedure §17. Their positions was stated at the meeting by the chairperson or CEO. Peter Holme Jensen was absent for the meeting and had not indicated his position on the decision items.

1.3 Approval of agenda and participants

Decision: The board decided to approve the agenda and participants

2. Strategic outlook

Minutes from item 2 are not published, as the information is confidential

3. IFD Strategy

Minutes from item 3 are not published, as the information is confidential

4. Strategic Research Committee

Camilla Trothe Mygind gave a status on Grand Solutions 2025 phase 1.

4.1. Research related ministerial advice

Søren Asp Mikkelsen presented the report for the 2024 research related ministerial advice, including the number of call material approvals, received applications and the estimated time spent.

Decision: BoD approved the 2024 reporting on research related ministerial advice.

Søren Asp Mikkelsen then presented the adjustments in the law for the Innovation Fund, which reintroduce model 1 (where ministries' own research units carry out evaluation of applications) and underline that - as the main rule - evaluation of applications should be carried out by established researchers. Søren briefed the board on the work with building a database of established researchers to evaluate applications in model 2 (where ministries do not have their own research units).

Decision: BoD decided to approve the adjusted guidelines and delegation.

4.2. Change request of Grand Solutions project

Minutes from item 4.2 are not published, as the information is confidential

5. Innovation Committee

5.1. Decision on participation in future ERA4Health calls

Henrik J. Andersen presented the suggestion on pausing participation in future ERA4Health calls.

Decision: BoD decided to approve the decision to pause participation in the coming joint transnational calls of the European partnership ERA4Health, unless IFD makes an agreement with Novo Nordisk about a collaboration in the funding of the calls.

5.2. Status on the joint defense programme with EIFO and the Danish Industry Foundation

Minutes from item 5.2 are not published, as the information is confidential

5.3. Chips JU – Information on increase of funding limits

Henrik J. Andersen informed the board that the secretariat has increased the funding limits for the Danish coordinated projects in Chips JU 2025 calls to 10 MDKK per project.

5.4. Information on grants since last BoD meeting

The BoD did not have any questions to the shared information on grants.

6. State of the nation

6.1. Approval of 2024 IFD audit report

Cecilie Brøkner gave a brief orientation on the report and the findings in the audits.

Decision: BoD decided to approve the 2024 IFD audit report.

6.2. Update of the Rules of Procedure

Cecilie Brøkner presented a new concept for handling conflict of interest in order to simplify the processes during meetings on the board's request.

Decision: BoD decided to approve an adjustment to the procedure for deciding on conflict of interest, and consequently an update of Rules of Procedure (RoP).

6.3. Update on the organization

Minutes from item 6.3 are not published, as the information is confidential

6.4. Complaints

Minutes from item 6.4 are not published, as the information is confidential

8. BoD circle of trust

The secretariat left the meeting while the board discussed confidential topics.

9. Meeting ends