



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING No 27/2021**  
**Approving the launch of the calls for expression of interest**  
**for the selection of**  
**Hosting Entities for Mid-Range Supercomputers**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of 13 July 2021 on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/1488<sup>1</sup>, (hereinafter, “the Regulation”), in particular Articles 9, 10 and 14 thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(d), 6(4), 7(4) (c) and (d), and Article 9(5)(d) of thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 22/2021 of 12 November 2021 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2021,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall entrust to hosting entities the operation of mid-range supercomputers jointly owned by the Joint Undertaking, in accordance with Article 14.
- (2) For the mid-range supercomputers, the hosting entity may represent a Participating State that is a Member State or a hosting consortium. The hosting entity and the competent authorities of the Participating State or Participating States in a hosting consortium shall enter into an agreement to that effect.
- (3) Following a call for expression of interest, the hosting entity referred to in paragraph 2 above and the corresponding Participating State where the hosting entity is established or the corresponding hosting consortium shall be selected by the Governing Board through a fair and transparent process based, inter alia, on the criteria provided in Article 9(5) of the Regulation.

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<sup>1</sup> *OJL 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51*

- (4) The third amendment of the annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2021, has been adopted by the Governing Board by its Decision No 22/2021 of 12 November 2021. This amendment includes the need of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to organise calls for expression of interest for the acquisition and operation of several mid-range supercomputers to be procured in 2022, for which the relevant hosting entity shall be identified first.
- (5) The Governing Board should then approve the launch of the call for expression of interest for the selection of hosting entities for mid-range supercomputers, in accordance with the Annual Work Plan 2021.
- (6) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking should manage the call for expression of interest as provided for in the Annual Work Plan 2021.
- (7) During 23<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board discussed the launch of the call for expression of interest and

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Governing Board hereby approves the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of hosting entities for a mid-range supercomputer, in accordance with the Annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2021, and within the available budget in accordance with the Budget of the Joint Undertaking for 2021, and invites the Executive Director to take all necessary action in that regard.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, on 12 November 2021

For the Governing Board

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair

Annexes:

- I. Call for Expression of Interest.
- II. Hosting Agreement