



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING**

**No 04/2025**

**Approving the selection of the tender for Acquisition, Delivery, Installation**  
**and Hardware and Software Maintenance of the Upgrade of the EuroHPC**  
**Supercomputer Leonardo - LISA**

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>, in particular Article 15 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(i), 6(5) and 7(4)(g) thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1732 of 17 June 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 as regards a EuroHPC initiative for start-ups in order to boost European leadership in trustworthy artificial intelligence<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules approved by the Governing Board Decision No 03/2020 of 20 February 2020<sup>3</sup> and in particular to Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 28/2022 of 3 October 2022 on the selection of EuroHPC supercomputers to be upgraded (Ref. EUROHPC-2022-CEI-UPG-01),

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 37/2024 of 17 September 2024 approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of the upgrade of the EuroHPC Supercomputer Leonardo - LISA,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

<sup>3</sup> As readopted by Governing Board Decision No 17/2021 of 30 September 2021.

## WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall acquire, jointly with the contracting authority of the Participating State where the selected Hosting Entity is established, the upgrade of the supercomputer and shall own it under the same conditions of ownership of the original EuroHPC supercomputer,
- (2) By Decision No 28/2022 of 3 October 2022, the Governing Board selected the EuroHPC pre-exa supercomputer Leonardo hosted by the Hosting Entity CINECA as to be upgraded,
- (3) By Decision No 37/2024 of 17 September 2024, the Governing Board approved launch of the above-referred call for tenders. The call for tenders was launched on 19 September 2024, with deadline provided on 15 November 2024. Within the deadline, two applications were submitted in response to the above-referred call for tenders,
- (4) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement rules for open procedures in the terms provided in the EU Financial Regulation. The Evaluation Committee was appointed by the Responsible Authorising Officer of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. Three external experts selected by EuroHPC Joint Undertaking assisted the Evaluation Committee with a detailed technical analysis against the award criteria,
- (5) Two submitted applications were deemed eligible and administratively compliant. The tenders have been evaluated by the Evaluation Committee (award criteria) and persons involved in the evaluation (exclusion criteria and selection criteria). The Evaluation Committee, taking into account external experts' individual evaluation reports, concluded that both tenders passed all mandatory technical requirements as described in the technical specifications part of the call for tenders and one tender was superior to the other. The Evaluation Committee recommended to the Executive Director to award the contract to the superior tenderer. More details on the evaluation procedure are provided in the annexed evaluation report,
- (6) The Executive Director has submitted the Evaluation Report to the Governing Board,
- (7) The Governing Board took note of the outcome of the evaluation, which included the Evaluation Report with annexes. Consequently, the Governing Board

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The Governing Board hereby approves the selection of the tender for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of the upgrade of the EuroHPC Supercomputer Leonardo - LISA, in accordance with the annual Work Programme of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2022, and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the respective upgrade of a EuroHPC supercomputer.

*Article 2*

The Executive Director shall inform the tenderers of the results of the evaluation and shall communicate simultaneously the relevant criteria scoring and analysis.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 7 February 2025.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair