



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING**  
**No 59/2024**

**Amendment no 1 to Decision No 51/2024 approving launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory (EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-02)**

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 JU Regulation"), and in particular Articles 9, 10 and 12a thereof,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013,

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

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

(EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 51/2024 of 10 September 2024 approving launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory (EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-02),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 57/2024 of 7 October 2024, amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Amendment No 5),

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall acquire AI-optimised supercomputers and shall own them. For such AI-optimised supercomputers, the Hosting Entity shall create a one-stop shop for users, including startups, small and medium-sized enterprises and scientific users, to facilitate access to its support services.
- (2) The Joint Undertaking shall acquire, jointly with the contracting authorities of the Participating State where the selected hosting entity is established or with the contracting authorities of the Participating States in the selected hosting consortium, the upgrade of the supercomputer and shall own it under the same conditions of ownership of the original EuroHPC supercomputer.
- (3) By means of Decision of the Governing Board No 51/2024, the EuroHPC Governing Board approved the launch of the of a call for expression of interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory.
- (4) The fifth amendment to the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme for the year 2024, adopted by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Governing Board by means of Decision No 57/2024 of 7 October provided for technical adjustments to the call for expression of interest referred to in Recital (3).**
- (5) The Governing Board shall approve the amendment referred to in Recital (4) to the call for expression of interest for the selection of hosting entities, in accordance with Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Amendment No 5).
- (6) The Governing Board does not consider necessary to extend the deadline for the first cut-off date as provided for in the call text approved by means of Decision of the

Governing Board No 50/2024 of 10 September 2024 (Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 Amendment No 4)

(7) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall manage the calls for expression of interest as provided for in the Work Programme and Budget and 2024 and in accordance with the Regulation.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Governing Board hereby approves the amended call for expression of interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory without extension of the deadline for the first cut-off date as provided for in the in call text approved by means of Decision of the Governing Board No 50/2024 of 10 September 2024 (Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 Amendment No 4).

The amended call is approved in accordance with the amended Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Amendment No 5) and within the available budget.

The Governing Board invites the Executive Director to take all necessary actions in this regard.

*Article 2*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 14 October 2024.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair