

**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING No 23/2020**  
**Approving the selection of the tender for the acquisition of the VEGA**  
**petascale supercomputer**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 of 28 September 2018 establishing the European High Performance Computing (HPC) Joint Undertaking (hereinafter "Regulation")<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the Statutes the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Article 7(4)(h) thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 6/2019 of 4 June 2019 on the selection of the Hosting Entities of the Petascale Supercomputers,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 9/2019 of 12 July 2019 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan for the year 2019,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 11/2019 of 3 October 2019 adopting the first amendment of the Joint Undertaking's Budget for 2019,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 14/2019 of 22 October 2019 adopting the Hosting Agreement to be signed with the Hosting Entities for the Petascale Supercomputers.

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall launch, jointly with the European Commission and the contracting authorities of the Participating State where the Hosting Entity is established calls for tenders for the acquisition of Petascale Supercomputers and acquire, jointly with these contracting authorities Petascale Supercomputers. The parties shall sign a Joint Procurement Agreement in that regard.
- (2) Five (5) Hosting Entities for the Petascale supercomputers have been selected by Governing Board Decision No 6/2019 of 4 June 2019, amongst which IZUM – Institute of Information Science, located in Maribor, Slovenia.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 252, 08.10.2018, p. 1

- (3) After the Joint Procurement Agreement and the Hosting agreement are concluded, the Joint Undertaking, jointly with the competent authorities of the Participating States, supported by the selected hosting entity, shall launch the procedures for the acquisition of the petascale supercomputers.
- (4) The Governing Board approved the launch of the calls for tenders, in accordance with the annual work plan 2019.
- (5) The EuroHPC JU, jointly with the selected Hosting Entity and the European Commission will procure one (1) petascale supercomputer (so-called VEGA supercomputer) within the agreed available budget for its acquisition and shall co-own it.
- (6) Article 165 (2) of the EU Financial Regulation provides that where the share pertaining to or managed by the contracting authority of a Member State in the total estimated value of the contract is equal to or above 50 %, the Union Institution may decide that the procedural rules applicable to the contracting authority of a Member State shall apply to the joint procurement, provided that those rules may be considered as equivalent to those of the Union institution.
- (7) Since the financial contribution of Slovenia to the acquisition of the VEGA supercomputer will cover 65% of the total acquisition cost of that supercomputer, the Hosting entity, in consultation with the Joint Undertaking decided that the procurement law provisions of Slovenia will be applicable to the joint procurement. This will be reflected in the Joint Procurement Agreement which will be signed between the parties and which will provide the detailed practical arrangements for the evaluation of the requests for participation or of the tenders, the award of the contract, the law applicable to the contract and the competent court for hearing disputes.
- (8) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement act (PPA) in the jurisdiction of the Hosting Entity. The evaluation committee was appointed by the national contracting authority and included one representative of the EuroHPC JU.
- (9) One vendor submitted a tender in response to the call and was evaluated by the evaluation committee. The tender met all eligibility criteria and achieved an aggregated sustained performance of 6.8 PFlops. In accordance with the applicable public procurement law, the committee evaluated the tender and then assessed the tender with respect to the fulfilment of all conditions for participation in the procurement procedure. The evaluation of the tender by the evaluation committee concluded that the economic operator fulfilled all requirements. More details on the evaluation procedure, including the composition of the evaluation committee, are provided in the annexed evaluation report.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Governing Board hereby approves the selection of the tender for the acquisition of one (1) Petascale Supercomputer (VEGA supercomputer), in accordance with the annual Work

Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2019, and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the respective Petascale Supercomputer.

*Article 2*

The Executive Director shall inform the applicants who submitted tenders of the results of the evaluation and shall communicate simultaneously to each of them the relevant evaluation summary report, as attachment to the notification letter.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 24 August 2020.

For the Governing Board

[signed]

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair