



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING No 50/2023**

**Approving the launch of the call for expression of interest for the**  
**selection of consortia of private partners and the Hosting Entities for**  
**the procurement of Industrial High Performance Computers**  
**(Call Ref. EUROHPC-2023-CEI-IND-01)**

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"), and in particular Articles 9, 10, and 13 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), 7(4)(c) and (d) thereof,

Having regard to Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking No 48/2023 of 7 December 2023, amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment no. 7),

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall entrust to the hosting entity the operation of each individual industrial-grade EuroHPC supercomputer jointly owned in accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation.
- (2) For the industrial-grade supercomputers, the hosting entity may represent a Participating State that is a Member State. The hosting entity shall enter into an agreement with a consortium of private partners for preparing an acquisition and for operating industrial-grade supercomputers.

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

- (3) Following a call for expression of interest, the hosting entity referred to in paragraph 2 above and its associated consortium of private partners shall be selected by the Governing Board through a fair and transparent process in accordance with Article 9(6)(c) of the Regulation.
- (4) The seventh amendment of the annual Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2023 has been adopted by the Governing Board by mean of Governing Board Decision no 48/2023 of 7 December 2023. The seventh amendment includes the need of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to organise and manage calls for expression of interest for the acquisition and operation of industrial-grade supercomputers to be procured in 2024, for which the relevant hosting entity shall be identified first.
- (5) The Governing Board shall approve the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of a consortium of private partners and a Hosting Entity for the procurement of an Industrial High Performance Computer, in accordance with Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023.
- (6) 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 2023 and in accordance with the Regulation.
- (7) During the 36<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 a consortium of private partners and Hosting Entities for the procurement of an industrial-grade supercomputer, in accordance with the amended Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023 (Amendment no 7) 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 7 December 2023.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

**Annexes**

- I. Call for Expression of Interest for the selection of a consortium of private partners and a Hosting Entity for the procurement of an Industrial High Performance Computer.