



EuroHPC
Joint Undertaking

EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 52/2023

Approving the launch of the second call for expression of interest for
the selection of Hosting Entities and operation of European Quantum
Computers integrated in HPC Supercomputers
(Ref. EUROHPC-2023-CEI-QC-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) 2018/1488¹, (hereinafter, "the Regulation"), and in particular Articles 9, 10, and 12 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 9(5)(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 hosting entities the operation of each individual quantum computer it owns in accordance with Article 12 of the Regulation.
- (2) For the quantum computers integrated in HPC supercomputers, the hosting entity may represent a Participating State that is a Member State or a hosting consortium Participating States that have agreed to contribute to the acquisition, integration and operation of the quantum computer. The hosting entity and the competent

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

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.
- (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 quantum computers to be procured in 2024, for which the relevant hosting entity shall be identified first.
- (5) The Governing Board shall approve the launch of the second call for expression of interest for the selection of hosting entities for quantum computers, 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 36th 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 the second call for expression of interest for the selection of hosting entities for European quantum computers integrated in HPC Supercomputers (Ref. EUROHPC-2023-CEI-QC-01), 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 Hosting and operation of European quantum computers integrated in HPC supercomputers (Ref. EUROHPC-2023-CEI-QC-01).