



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

No 58/2024

**Amendment No 1 to Decision 52/2024 approving the launch of a call for
expression of interest for the selection of existing Hosting Entities of
EuroHPC supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-
optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional) and to establish an AI
Factory (EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-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 JU Regulation”), and in particular Articles 9 and 10 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 intelligence²,

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 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, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3.

² OJ L, 19.6.2024, p.1-5.

283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 52/2024 of 10 September 2024 approving the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of existing Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional) and to establish an AI Factory (EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-01),

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) In accordance with the amended JU Regulation, an existing Hosting Entity may become an AI Factory in the meaning of Article 2(3b) of the JU Regulation. Furthermore, Hosting Entities for this call will be identified in line with Article 195(f) of the EU Financial Regulation.
- (2) Following a call for expression of interest, a Hosting Entity referred to in Recital (1) shall be selected by the Governing Board through a fair and transparent process based, *inter alia*, on the selection criteria described in Article 9(5), and provided that the hosting entity can demonstrate that its EuroHPC supercomputer has enough computing resources for training large scale, general-purpose AI models and emerging AI applications.
- (3) By means of Decision of the Governing Board No 52/2024, the EuroHPC Governing Board approved the launch of the of a call for expression of interest for the selection of existing Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional) and to establish 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 existing Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional) and to establish 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

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The Chair