

# 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research & Innovation Advisory Group (RIAG) and 7th Meeting of the Infrastructure Advisory Group (INFRAG)

### Thursday 8 February 2024 9:00 – 10:45

09:00 - 10:15 INFRAG/RIAG/JU at the EC LOI 130, Room A (with minutes)

- 1. Presentation by Anders Dam Jensen
- 2. Presentation by Juan Pelegrin
- 3. Presentation by Daniel Opalka
- 4. Presentation by Evangelos Floros
- 5. Approval of previous INFRAG/RIAG meeting minutes
- 6. Explanations on Advisory Groups' mandate and future elections of new groups
- 7. Next steps/ last meeting

ON-SITE PARTICIPANTS	INFRAG: SINEAD RYAN (CHAIR), CLAUS AXEL MÜLLER (VICE-CHAIR), BRANISLAV JANSÍK, SANZIO BASSINI, NORBERT MEYER, STEPHANE REQUENA, GUNNAR BØE, PEDRO ALMEIDA ALBERTO, NURIA LÓPEZ, PETER HANS MICHIELSEN, GÖRAN WENDIN, SERGI GIRONA, GABRIELLA SCIPIONE
	RIAG: JEAN-PHILIPPE NOMINÉ (CHAIR), BARBARA KRASOVEC, VERONICA TEODOR, FLORIAN BERBERICH, THOMAS LIPPERT, BRUNO GOUVÊA TAKETANI, HARALD SCHOENING, MARTIN PALKOVIC, HUGO FALTER, CATHERINE LAMBERT, SUAREZ ESTELA, MARCO ALDINUCCI, CEVDET AYKANAT, JESSE ROBBERS, ALBA VILLARINO, MARÍA S. PEREZ-HERNANDEZ, DANIELE CESARINI, ARE MAGNUS BRUASET, MATEUSZ TYKIERKO, MARTIN DANEK
ONLINE PARTICIPANTS	DEJAN VALH, MINNA PALMROTH, JEANETTE NILSSON, PASCALE ROSSE-LAURENT
EUROHPC JU PARTICIPANTS	ANDERS DAM JENSEN , JOSEPHINE WOOD, EVANGELOS FLOROS, DANIEL OPALKA, LILIT AXNER, KRISHNAKSHI BHUYAN AND VENETA BONEVA
EC PARTICIPANTS	JUAN PELEGRIN

#### 1. Presentation by Anders Dam Jensen, Executive Director of the EuroHPC JU

Anders (ADJ) warmly welcomed all attendees to the meeting, emphasizing the forthcoming discussions in the upcoming Governing Board (GB) meeting concerning the elections of the new INFRAG/RIAG members. Regarding the new members, Anders informed that all Member States have been requested to submit the names of new INFRAG/RIAG member candidates by

the deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> of February. The JU's consolidated list will be presented to the GB for decision during the upcoming GB meeting at the end of February. After the GB decision the aim is for the handover to occur during the f2f at the EuroHPC Summit. The current Chairs of the advisory groups are invited to attend the handover meeting at the Summit and to present the work done and further details. The expenses will be reimbursed only for the Advisory Board members in force at the given time.

## 2. Presentation by Juan Pelegrin (EC): AI factories - Amendment to the EuroHPC JU Regulation

Juan Pelegrin (JP), representing the European Commission (EC), delivered a presentation on the proposal for the amendments to the current Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking related to AI. He emphasised that this amendment is anticipated to undergo approval by the European Parliament around July 2024.

#### 3. Presentation by Daniel Opalka, Head of Sector Research & Innovation

Daniel Opalka (EuroHPC JU) provided the overview update of recent activities in the work programmes for 2023 and 2024, outlining upcoming activities and initiatives for 2024. He particularly discussed updates on grant agreements, on the launched 13 calls, those under evaluation, and those currently open for applications.

#### Presentation by Vangelis Floros, Head of Sector Infrastructure

Vangelis Floros provided an update on the EuroHPC JU Infrastructure Activities, outlined the progress of the EuroHPC's ongoing procurements and the current status of EuroHPC systems.

#### 4. Approval of previous INFRAG/RIAG meeting minutes

The minutes of the last RIAG/INFRAG meeting on 5 Sept 2023 were formally approved.

#### 5. Explanations on Advisory Groups' mandate (date and handover)

The JU anticipates receiving nominees by February 9. Subsequently, the JU will compile a list for the Governing Board (GB) and ideally seek approval of the new members during the upcoming GB meeting on February 29.

#### **Next steps**

JU announced that the compositions of the new INFRAG and RIAF are anticipated to be finalised by March 1. The virtual transition could potentially take place on March 21 during the Summit Week. While the current INFRAG and RIAG members are welcome to attend, it should be noted that the JU will not cover travel expenses for the current INFRAG/RIAG.