

EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING No 14/2023

On the selection of the Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range supercomputers

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 14 thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 6(4) and 7(4) (d) thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 33/2022 of 25 November 2022 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment no. 4)²,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 32/2022, of 25 November 2022, approving the launch of the call for expression of interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for Mid-Range Supercomputers,

WHEREAS

- (1) Pursuant to the Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022, the Joint Undertaking published on 13 December 2022, the Call for Expression of Interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for Mid-Range Supercomputers with REF: EUROHPC-2022-CEI-MR-01 with a deadline of 15 February 2023.
- (2) One (1) application was submitted in response to this Call, which satisfied the admissibility and eligibility criteria.
- (3) The application was evaluated by independent experts, under the responsibility of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking, reaching the evaluation threshold.
- (4) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking has presented to the Governing Board at its 33rd meeting (15 June 2023) the proposal to select the application as Hosting Entity of the Mid-Range Supercomputer.

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

² Amended by Governing Board Decision No 41/2022 of 5 December 2022 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment no.5)

- (5) The Governing Board should approve the selection of the Hosting Entity with indications of the maximum Union funding to be allocated for the Mid-Range Supercomputer to be acquired by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking jointly with the contracting authority of the Participating State where the hosting entity is established or with the contracting authority of Participating States in the hosting consortium.
- (6) The Executive Director should implement the decision of the Governing Board.
- (7) During the 33rd Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board has discussed the selection of a Hosting Entity for the Mid-Range Supercomputer to be acquired by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Based on the proposal submitted by the Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking, the only application received is selected as Hosting Entity for the Mid-Range supercomputer to be acquired by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking jointly with the contracting authority of the Participating State where the hosting entity is established or with the contracting authority of the Participating States in the hosting consortium, with indications of the maximum Union funding to be allocated for the Mid-Range supercomputer (Annex 1).

Article 2

The Executive Director is mandated to take the necessary measures to implement the decision of the Governing Board and should invite the selected Hosting Entity to start negotiations in view of signing the Hosting Agreement.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force upon its adoption by the Governing Board.

Done at Luxembourg, on 15 June 2023

For the Governing Board

[e-signed]

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair

Annexes:

Annex 1: Proposal retained as Hosting Entity for the mid-range supercomputer with indication of the maximum Union funding to be allocated for the mid-range supercomputer.

Annex 1: Ranked list of selected applicants retained as Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range supercomputers with indications of the maximum Union funding to be allocated for each Mid-Range supercomputer [REDACTED VERSION]

Rank	Application acronym	Final score	Evaluation status	Requested EuroHPC contribution (EUR)	Acquisition costs (a)	Operating costs (b)	TCO (a+b)	ARES reference
1	ARRHENIUS (Sweden)	94	Final	23.989.000	42.816.000	25.724.000	68.540.000	Ares(2023)3802476