



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING No 31/2022**

**Approving the launch of the second calls for expression of interest**  
**for the selection of a**  
**Hosting Entity for a high-end Supercomputer**

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"), in particular Articles 9, 10 and 11 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 Article 9(5)(d) of thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 26/2022 of 3 October 2022 adopting the third amendment of EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall entrust to a hosting entity the operation of a high-end supercomputer fully owned by the Joint Undertaking, in accordance with Article 11.
- (2) For the high-end supercomputers, the hosting entity may represent a Participating State that is a Member State or a hosting consortium. The hosting entity and the competent 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.

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

- (4) The third amendment of the annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2022, has been adopted by the Governing Board by its Decision No 26/2022 of 3 October 2022. This amendment includes the need of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to organise calls for expression of interest for the acquisition and operation of one exascale supercomputer to be procured in 2023.
- (5) The Governing Board should approve the launch of the second call for expression of interest for the selection of a Hosting Entity for a high-end Supercomputer, in accordance with the Annual Work Plan 2022.
- (6) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking should manage the call for expression of interest as provided for in the Annual Work Plan 2022.
- (7) During 29<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 the second call for expression of interest for the selection of a Hosting Entity for a high-end Supercomputer, in accordance with the Annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2022, and within the available budget in accordance with the Budget of the Joint Undertaking for 2023 that is under preparation, and invites the Executive Director, to take all necessary action in that regard.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Bologna, on 25 November 2022

For the Governing Board

[e-signed]

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair

Annexes:

- I. Call for Expression of Interest.
- II. Hosting Agreement