



**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING No 3/2018**

**on the Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the Infrastructure Advisory
Group**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING (hereinafter 'EuroHPC JU'),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 of 28 September 2018 establishing the European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) Joint Undertaking¹ (hereinafter 'Regulation'), and the Euro HPC Joint Undertaking Statutes annexed thereto (hereinafter 'Statutes'),

Having regard to in particular Articles 10, 12 and 14 of the Statutes defining the composition, the functioning and tasks of the Infrastructure Advisory Group (hereinafter 'INFRAG') respectively;

WHEREAS:

- (1) The Infrastructure Advisory Group (INFRAG) should provide advice to the Governing Board for the acquisition and operation of the petascale and pre-exascale supercomputers. For this purpose, it should:
 - (a) draw up and regularly update the draft multiannual strategic agenda for the acquisition of the petascale and pre-exascale supercomputers referred to in Article 18(1) of the Statutes for achieving the objectives of the Joint Undertaking set out in Article 3 of the Regulation. The draft multiannual strategic agenda for the acquisition of the petascale and pre-exascale supercomputers should include the specifications for the selection of the hosting entities and the planning for the acquisition of infrastructure; for this purpose, it should identify, inter alia, needed capacity increases, the types of applications and user communities to be addressed, the system architectures, and the integration with national High Performance Computing infrastructures;
 - (b) submit to the Executive Director the draft multiannual strategic agenda for the acquisition of the petascale and pre-exascale supercomputers as a basis for drafting the annual work plan within the deadlines set by the Governing Board;

¹ OJ L 252, 08.10.2018, p. 1-34

- (c) organise public consultations open to all public and private stakeholders having an interest in the field of High Performance Computing, to inform them about and collect feedback on the draft multiannual strategic agenda for the acquisition of the petascale and pre exascale supercomputers and the related draft activities plan for a given year.
- (2) The INFRAG should consist of no more than twelve members.
 - (3) Members of the INFRAG are appointed for a period of two years. They may be re-appointed once.
 - (4) The Governing Board should establish the specific criteria and selection process and should appoint its members.
 - (5) The members of the INFRAG should be selected on the broadest possible geographical basis from among nationals of Participating States representing European interests and without distinction as to racial or ethnic origin, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, age or disability, gender or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or family situation. A sectorial, gender, and a broad geographical balance among the members of the INFRAG should be ensured.
 - (6) The members of INFRAG should be recognised experts in the areas of expertise relevant to the tasks of the INFRAG. The composition of the INFRAG should reflect a balanced representation of the different areas of expertise required to perform the tasks of the INFRAG.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION

Article 1

Conflict of Interest

The rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests applicable to the members of the INFRAG are defined in the Rules of Procedure of the INFRAG.

Article 2

Eligibility and Exclusion Criteria

1. Candidate Members of the INFRAG shall enjoy full rights as a citizen of a Participating State of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and shall have a high-level of expertise in the relevant fields of the INFRAG tasks as defined in Article 14 of the Statutes.
2. Candidate Members of the INFRAG shall cumulatively have:
 - a) A university degree;
 - b) At least five (5) years of relevant professional experience in areas of relevance to the activities and tasks of the INFRAG.

3. European Commission staff, including external staff working for the Commission, EuroHPC Joint Undertaking staff, officials of Member States, and of national, regional or local authorities shall not be eligible.
4. Members of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking or their substitutes shall not be eligible.
5. In addition to the above requirements, the following exclusion criteria shall apply:
 - a. The candidate has been convicted of an offence concerning his/her professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of res judicata.
 - b. The candidate has been found guilty of grave professional misconduct.

Article 3

Selection Criteria

1. Candidate Members of the INFRAG must have proven competence and expertise in at least one of the following areas:
 - a) High Performance Computing Infrastructures, including a strategic overview capability of High Performance Computing Infrastructures and of the international landscape in this field;
 - b) In-depth knowledge in HPC state of the art systems or applications;
 - c) Management or operation of large High Performance Computing Infrastructures;
 - d) Public Procurement of large-scale ICT infrastructures preferably on supercomputers.
2. Knowledge in business administration and industry management in ICT will be considered an asset.
3. An excellent knowledge of the English language is required.

Article 4

Selection Process

1. For each 2 year- term, the Executive Director shall invite the members of the Governing Board to propose candidates for the INFRAG on the basis of the criteria referred to in Articles 1 and 2, specifying the documents to be submitted in that regard, means of submission and the deadline within which candidatures shall be submitted to the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. The Commission representative may propose up to four (4) candidates. Each member of the Governing Board shall propose up to two (2) candidates.
2. After expiration of the deadline for submission, the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Secretariat shall compile a list of the candidates received. The Executive Director shall

prepare and organise the work for the pre-selection of the members of the INFRAG on the basis of the candidatures received. He/she will appoint and chair a pre-selection panel, composed of three (3) members of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking senior staff.

3. The pre-selection panel shall verify the eligibility of the candidates in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 1 and 2. A candidate who does not meet all the eligibility criteria will be ineligible and be excluded from the next steps of the selection process.
4. The pre-selection panel shall carry out an objective assessment of each eligible candidate against the selection criteria set out in Articles 2 and 3.
5. On the basis of the preselection process the Executive Director shall establish a shortlist of twelve (12) candidates who are considered best suited for appointment, as well as a reserve list of at most six (6) candidates. These lists will include a conclusion concerning the merits and suitability to be appointed as a Member of the INFRAG for each candidate, also taking into account:
 - a) The need to reflect a balanced representation of recognised experts as defined in Article 2 and a balanced representation of the areas of expertise as defined in Article 3;
 - b) The need to have the necessary technical and scientific competencies and expertise required to carry out the INFRAG tasks set out in Article 14 of the Statutes;
 - c) The need to ensure geographical and gender balance.
6. For the purposes of points (a) and (b) of paragraph 5, the members of INFRAG and those included in the reserve list should reflect a balanced representation of recognised experts in the areas of expertise as defined in Article 3. Collectively, they should have the necessary technical and scientific competencies and expertise needed to carry out the INFRAG tasks set out in Article 14 of the Statutes.
7. By way of derogation from par. 1-4, for the first term of the INFRAG, the Commission, in collaboration with the Interim Executive Director, shall establish a shortlist of twelve (12) candidates who are considered best suited for appointment as members of the INFRAG, as well as a reserve list of maximum eight (8) candidates. In establishing these lists the Commission shall take into account the criteria defined in Articles 1-3, as well as par. 5 (a), (b) and (c) and par. 6.
8. The Executive Director Board will present the results of the selection process to the Governing Board, including a full record of the candidates not included in the lists mentioned above as well as the candidates deemed ineligible.
9. The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Secretariat will provide technical and logistic support and carry out the preparatory work for the selection process, and inform the applicants of the outcome of the process.

Article 5
Appointment

1. On the basis of the results of the selection process above and presented by the Executive Director, the Governing Board shall appoint the Members of the INFRAG and establish a reserve list. In particular, the Governing Board shall approve the proposed lists of shortlisted candidates and the proposed reserve list. The Governing Board may deviate and replace shortlisted candidates with candidates included in the reserve list, for duly substantiated reasons and in accordance with article 4 (5) (6). The decision of the Governing Board shall be taken in accordance with Article 9(2) (3) of its Rules of Procedure.
2. Members shall be appointed for a 2 year period. Upon recommendation by the Executive Director, the Governing Board can decide to renew the appointment for a new 2 year term.
3. By way of derogation from par. 2, the Governing Board may decide that the first term of office of the INFRAG members might be shortened, but it cannot be less than one year.
4. The established reserve list shall be valid for the duration of the term of the appointed INFRAG members. In case of a vacancy, after consultation with the Executive Director, the Governing Board will appoint a new member from the reserve list for the rest of the duration of the term of the INFRAG. The experts included in the reserve list shall be invited to participate in the INFRAG meetings as observers.
5. If a member does not actively participate in the activities of the INFRAG the Governing Board can decide to withdraw membership.

Article 6
Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force upon adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 6 November 2018.

For the Governing Board

[signed]

Thomas Skordas

The Vice Chair