



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

No 31/2024

approving the ranked list of proposals selected for funding pursuant to
the evaluation of the call for proposals on Support Centre for HPC-
powered Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications
(DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2023-AISC-03-01)

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"),

Having regard to Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the JU Regulation (thereinafter "JU Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(i) and 7(5)(d) thereof,

Having regard to Financial Rules of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking adopted by the Governing Board on 20 February 2020², and in particular Article 45 thereof,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 43/2023 of 25 October 2023 approving the launch of the call for proposals for Support Centre for HPC-powered Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications (*CALL DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2023-AISC-03-01*),

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3.

² Readopted by means of the Governing Board Decision No 17/2021 approving the re-adoption of Governing Board Decisions adopted under the framework of Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 and its updated Rules of Procedure in the view of Regulation (EU) 2021/1173.

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 42/2023 of 25 October 2023 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment no 6),

WHEREAS

- (1) By means of Decision of the Governing Board No 43/2023, the Governing Board approved the launch of the call for proposals on Support Centre for HPC-powered Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications. The EuroHPC published the call with deadline of 27 February 2024.
- (2) In response to the call, four (4) proposals were received within the deadline. The proposals were checked for compliance with the admissibility requirements and eligibility conditions of the call. The compliance check concluded that three (3) submitted proposals were admissible and eligible. One proposal was declared as inadmissible.
- (3) The admissible and eligible proposals were evaluated by a panel of independent experts, in accordance with the call and the Digital Europe Programme rules for participation, in line with the EuroHPC amended Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023.
- (4) The Executive Director has submitted to the Governing Board for approval the list of proposals selected for funding. In accordance with the conditions of the call for proposals and budget allocated, only one of the admissible and eligible proposals that passed the relevant thresholds shall be retained for funding. Two admissible and eligible proposals that passed the relevant thresholds shall be placed on the reserve list.
- (5) The Governing Board shall approve the actions selected for funding on the basis of the call evaluation report and financial contribution of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking as provided in the call for proposals.
- (6) The Governing Board took note and acknowledged the report of the Executive Director on the outcome of the call for proposal which includes the Call Evaluation Report with its annexes as well as the evaluation summary reports which will be attached to the individual notification letter.
- (7) The Governing Board should approve the list of actions selected for funding on the basis of the ranking list produced by a panel of independent experts.
- (8) The Executive Director shall implement the decisions of the Governing Board.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the ranking of proposals selected for funding, the reserve list, annexed to this Decision, following the call for proposals on Support Centre for HPC-powered Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications (DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2023-AISC-03-01).

Article 2

The Executive Director shall inform the applicants of the result of the evaluation and shall communicate simultaneously the relevant individual evaluation summary reports as an attachment to the notification letter. The notification letter sent by the Executive Director to the action selected for funding shall invite the applicant to start the grant agreement preparation.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 19 June 2024.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

Annex 1: Ranked list of proposals retained for funding and the reserve list, following the call for proposals on Support Centre for HPC-powered Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications (DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2023-AISC-03-01).

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Main list:

Rank	Proposal Number	Proposal Acronym	Total Score	Number of Participants	Proposal Budget	Proposal Duration	Requested Grant	SME Requested Grant	Recommended Grant	Recommended Cumulative Budget
1	101182737	MINERVA	13.5	10	9,691,771.10 €	36	4,845,885.55 €	483,640.00 €	4,845,885.55 €	4,845,885.55 €

Reserve list:

Rank	Proposal Number	Proposal Acronym	Total Score	Number of Participants	Proposal Budget	Proposal Duration	Requested Grant	SME Requested Grant	Recommended Grant	Recommended Cumulative Budget
2	101182757	SCALE-AI	11.5	9	8,482,350.10 €	36	4,241,175.07 €	1,261,307.44 €	4,241,175.07 €	9,087,060.62 €
3	101182629	EuroSCAIL	11	9	9,658,929.59 €	36	4,829,464.80 €	0.00 €	4,829,464.80 €	13,916,525.42 €