



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
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No 05/2025

Approving the selection of the tender for the acquisition of the
Daedalus Mid-Range 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) 2018/1488¹, in particular Article 14 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(i), 6(5) and 7(4)(g) thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1732 of 17 June 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 as regards a EuroHPC initiative for start-ups in order to boost European leadership in trustworthy artificial intelligence²,

Having regard to EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules approved by the Governing Board Decision No 03/2020 of 20 February 2020³ and in particular to Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 22/2021 of 12 November 2021 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2021,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 18/2022 of 14 June 2022 on the selection of the Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range supercomputers,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 05/2024 of 29 February 2024 amending the Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking No 18/2022 of 14 June 2022 on the selection of the Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range Supercomputers,

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

² OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

³ As readopted by Governing Board Decision No 17/2021 of 30 September 2021.

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 33/2024 of 12 June 2024 approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition of the Daedalus Mid-Range Supercomputer,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall acquire, jointly with the contracting authorities of the Participating State where the hosting entity is established or with the contracting authorities of the Participating States in the hosting consortium, the mid-range supercomputers and shall co-own them,
- (2) By means of the Governing Board Decision No 18/2022 of 14 June 2022, further amended by means of the Governing Board Decision No 05/2024 of 29 February 2024, GRNET was selected to host the Daedalus Mid-Range supercomputer.
- (3) In accordance with Article 168(2) of the EU Financial Regulation, where the share pertaining to or managed by the contracting authority of a Member State in the total estimated value of the contract is equal to or above 50 %, or in other duly justified cases, the Union institution may decide that the procedural rules applicable to the contracting authority of a Member State shall apply to the joint procurement, provided that those rules may be considered as equivalent to those of the Union institution. Since the financial contribution of Greece to the acquisition of the Deadalus Mid-Range supercomputer will cover 65% of the total acquisition cost of that supercomputer, the Hosting Entity, in consultation with the Joint Undertaking decided that the procurement law provisions of Greece were applicable to the joint procurement.
- (4) On 2 December 2022, the EuroHPC JU and GRNET concluded the Joint Procurement Agreement in this respect and agreed that that the procedural rules under Greek law shall apply to this procurement procedure in accordance with Article 168(2) of the EU Financial Regulation,
- (5) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement act in the jurisdiction of the Hosting Entity. The evaluation committee was appointed by the national contracting authority. The EuroHPC JU participated as an observer and nominated one technical expert for the evaluation.
- (6) Two vendors submitted a tender in response to the call and were evaluated by the evaluation committee. In accordance with the applicable public procurement law, the committee evaluated the tenders and assessed the tender with respect to the fulfilment of mandatory conditions for participation in the procurement procedure. The evaluation committee concluded that one of the tenderers satisfied mandatory criteria and was therefore qualified to proceed to the next stage of the evaluation process, in accordance with the provisions of the tender specifications. The evaluation committee concluded that the other tenderer failed to fulfil mandatory requirements and shall be rejected. Consequently, the evaluation committee recommended to award the contract to the

vendor that fulfilled all mandatory criteria and reached required threshold. More details on the evaluation procedure, including the composition of the evaluation committee, are provided in the annexed evaluation report.

- (7) The Executive Director has submitted the Evaluation Report to the Governing Board,
- (8) The Governing Board took note of the outcome of the evaluation, which included the Evaluation Report with annexes. Consequently, the Governing Board

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the selection of the tender for the acquisition of the Daedalus Mid-Range Supercomputer, in accordance with the annual Work Programme of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2021, and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the Mid-Range supercomputer.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall inform the tenderers of the results of the evaluation and shall communicate simultaneously the relevant criteria scoring and analysis.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 3 March 2025.

For the Governing Board

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