



EUROPEAN HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING JOINT UNDERTAKING

Summary of the 6th meeting of the Governing Board of the European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) Joint Undertaking – 10 May 2019

Executive Summary

The 6th meeting of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board (GB) took place on 10 May 2019 in Brussels. The Commission representative and Vice Chair of the JU, Thomas Skordas replaced the Chair Patrick Garda for this meeting.

The Commission and all Participating States (PS) of the JU were present. From the Observer States, Malta and the United Kingdom were present. Turkey was welcomed as 29th EuroHPC Participating State.

After the formal approval of the draft agenda of the meeting and of the draft minutes of the 5th Governing Board Meeting, including changes brought during the meeting, the Governing Board (GB) proceeded with exchanges on the different agenda points.

The Interim Executive Director presented the items for discussion starting by the EuroHPC 2019 R&I Call priorities, followed by the Administrative Arrangements for the EuroHPC budget implementation and the process for the selection of hosting entities following the evaluation, including the handling of conflicts of interest.

An extensive discussion took place on the Annual Workplan 2019. The PS raised their comments and remarks and agreed to send their comments in writing within one week. The PS presented a first indication on budget estimates. Budget flexibility between the different Workplan priorities and the timing of the calls for proposals was also addressed.

The Interim Executive Director presented the final Rules of Procedure adopted by the EuroHPC Research and Innovation Advisory Group (RIAG) and requested the GB for endorsement of the RIAG's rules for handling Conflicts of Interest. The GB decided that the RIAG's Rules of procedure needed clarifications on this issue and asked the Interim Executive Director to request the RIAG for corrections. Until the RIAG revises this point the GB will not take a decision on the RIAG's rules for handling Conflicts of Interest.

The Interim Executive Director gave an update about the publication of the vacancy for the position of the Executive Director of the JU and the selection process.

The Vice Chair gave an overview about the next MFF and the financial aspects of the three programmes (Horizon Europe, Digital Europe Program and Connecting Europe Facility) informing the GB that the presidency is preparing some options about what will be the next financial framework.

The next GB meeting is planned for 4-5 June in Luxembourg. The following meetings are planned for July (11-12) and October (10-11) in Drosbach and Bech respectively.