

EUROPEAN HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING JOINT UNDERTAKING

Summary of the 4st meeting of the Governing Board of the European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) Joint Undertaking – 14 & 15 February 2019

Executive Summary

The 4th meeting of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board (GB) took place on 14 – 15 February 2019 in Luxembourg.

The Commission and all Participating States (PS) of the JU were represented. GR was represented by HU. From the Observer States, Cyprus, Malta, Switzerland and the United Kingdom were present.

After the formal approval of the draft agenda of the meeting and of the draft minutes of the 3rd Governing Board Meeting, the Governing Board (GB) proceeded with exchanges on the different agenda points. The GB took the following decisions:

- Approval of the launch of Call for Expression of Interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the Petascale Supercomputers (including approval of the Call documents).
- Approval of profile and vacancy notice for the selection of the EuroHPC Executive Director.
- First discussion and indicative financial commitments of MS for the main R&I priorities for the EuroHPC Workplan 2019 (subject to further inputs from the Research and Innovation Advisory Advisory Group of the EuroHPC JU): Reference ppt..
- Appointment of the six members of the Research and Innovation Advisory Group (RIAG) and appointment of five observers of the RIAG.
- The Chair of the Governing Board will organize a meeting with the PRACE Council to establish a structured dialogue on the future relations between EuroHPC and PRACE.

The Chair of the EuroHPC Infrastructure Advisory Group (INFRAG) gave an overview of the composition, goals, work done so far and the planning of activities, and reported on the discussions in the last INFRAG meeting.

The Interim Executive Director gave an overview of the EuroHPC funding rules and introduced the R&I priorities proposed by the JU in the orientations paper. This was followed by a discussion on the R&I priorities, including a tour de table where the Participating Sates presented their national priorities and some further budgetary perspectives.

Regarding the association procedures for a country to become member of the EuroHPC JU, the Interim Executive Director clarified that the only valid process for a Member State or a country associated to H2020 to do so is the one described in Article 3 of the Statutes annexed to the Regulation establishing the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking.

The future relations between the EuroHPC JU and PRACE were discussed, in particular mutual benefits and how to structure the discussions with PRACE.

The Interim Executive Director presented the Commission's policy for accessing all reports, data and information generated by the projects funded by the Joint Undertaking from H2020 sources.

The Governing Board gave a mandate to the EuroHPC Research and Innovation Advisory Group (RIAG) and the Infrastructure Advisory Group (INFRAG) to investigate the technological perspective, respectively the user perspective, of the Open Euro HPC initiative.

The next GB meeting is planned for 14-15 March in Luxembourg. The following meetings are planned for May (13) and June (4-5). Their exact date and location will be depending on the possibility to collocate them with the EuroHPC Summit Week in Poznan (17 May), or with a Romanian presidency event (11/12 June).