



**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING No 5/2018**

on the Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the Research and Innovation 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 EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Statutes annexed thereto (hereinafter 'Statutes'),

Having regard to in particular Articles 10, 11 and 13 of the Statutes defining the composition, the functioning and tasks of the Research and Innovation Advisory Group (hereinafter referred to as 'RIAG') respectively;

WHEREAS:

- (1) The Research and Innovation Advisory Group (RIAG) should:
 - (a) draw up and regularly update the draft multiannual strategic research and innovation agenda 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. This draft multiannual strategic research and innovation agenda should identify research and innovation priorities for the development and adoption of technologies and key competences for High Performance Computing across different application areas in order to support the development of an integrated High Performance Computing ecosystem in the Union, strengthen competitiveness and help create new markets and societal applications. It should be reviewed regularly in accordance with the evolution of the scientific and industrial demand;
 - (b) submit to the Executive Director the draft multiannual strategic research and innovation agenda as a basis for drafting the annual work plan within the deadlines set by the Governing Board.
- (2) The RIAG, should consist of no more than twelve members, whereof no more than six should be appointed by the Private Members – ETP4HPC and BDVA Associations, and no more than six should be appointed by the Governing Board.
- (3) Members of the RIAG are appointed for a period of two years. They may be re-appointed once.

¹ OJ L 252, 08.10.2018, p. 1-34

- (4) The Governing Board should establish the specific criteria and selection process for the members it appoints.
- (5) The members of the RIAG 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, geographic and gender balance among the members of the RIAG should be ensured.
- (6) The members of RIAG should be recognised experts in the areas of expertise relevant to the tasks of the RIAG. The composition of the RIAG should reflect a balanced representation of the different areas of expertise required

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 RIAG are defined in the Rules of Procedure of the RIAG.

Article 2
Eligibility and Exclusion Criteria

1. Candidate Members of the RIAG 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 RIAG tasks as defined in Article 13 of the Statutes.
2. Candidate Members of the RIAG shall cumulatively have:
 - a) A university degree;
 - b) At least five (5) years of relevant professional experience.
3. European Commission staff, including external staff working for the Commission, EuroHPC JU 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 RIAG must have proven competence and expertise in at least one of the following areas:
 - a) High Performance Computing and areas of relevance: a strategic overview capability in High Performance Computing and a deep knowledge of the international landscape in the field;
 - b) Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) in High Performance Computing and areas of relevance: In-depth understanding and knowledge in HPC state of the art technologies;
 - c) Applications: Experience in using high performance computing in relevant scientific or industrial application areas including by way of indication renewable energy, materials modelling and design, molecular and atomic modelling, climate change, Global System science, bio-molecular research, etc.;
 - d) Provision of services supporting different supercomputing usage models for the community needs, specialised training and capacity building measures to develop the human capital resources for increased adoption of advanced HPC in industry (including SMEs) and academia;
2. Knowledge in business administration and industry management in ICT will be considered as 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 private members of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and the members of the Governing Board to propose candidates for the RIAG 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.
2. The RIAG shall consist of no more than twelve members, whereof no more than six shall be appointed by the Private Members – the ETP4HPC and BDVA Associations, and no more than six shall be appointed by the Governing Board. The Private Members have established, the specific criteria and selection process for the members they appoint, defining the number of members each association may appoint in the six members of the Private Members.
3. As for the 6 members that are to be appointed by the Governing Board, the Commission representative may propose maximum two (2) candidates and each member of the Governing Board shall propose maximum one (1) candidate with sufficient motivation for this proposition.
4. After expiration of the deadline for submission, the Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall compile a list of the candidates received. He/she shall prepare and organise the work for the pre-selection of the members of the RIAG 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.

5. 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.
6. The pre-selection panel shall carry out an objective assessment of each eligible candidate against the requirements for selection criteria set out in Articles 2 and 3.
7. On the basis of the preselection process the Executive Director shall establish a shortlist of 6 candidates who are considered best suited for appointment, as well as a reserve list of at most 3 candidates. These lists will include a conclusion concerning the merits and suitability to be appointed as a Member of the RIAG for each candidate, 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, including SMEs.
 - b) The need to have the necessary scientific and technical competencies and expertise required to carry out the RIAG tasks set out in Article 13 of the Statutes;
 - c) The need to ensure geographical and gender balance.
8. For the purposes of points (a) and (b) of paragraph 5, the members of RIAG 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 scientific and technical competencies, expertise and experience needed to carry out the RIAG tasks set out in Article 13 of the Statutes.
9. 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.
10. 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 RIAG 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. The established reserve list shall be valid for the duration of the term of the appointed RIAG 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 RIAG.
4. If a member does not actively participate in the activities of the RIAG 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