



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING**  
**No 60/2024**

**approving the ranked list of proposals selected for funding pursuant to  
the evaluation of the call for proposals on European Quantum  
Excellence Centres (QECs) in applications for science and industry**

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) 2018/1488<sup>1</sup>, (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 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 intelligence<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to Financial Rules of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking adopted by the Governing Board on 20 February 2020<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 45 thereof,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

<sup>3</sup> Readopted by means of the Decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board 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 Decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board No 34/2023 of 5 October 2023 approving the launch of a call for proposals on Quantum Computing Excellence Centres (Call HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2023-QEC-05),

Having regard to the Decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board No 32/2023 of 5 October 2023 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 5)<sup>4</sup>,

## WHEREAS

- (1) By means of Decision of the Governing Board No 34/2023, the EuroHPC JU Governing Board approved the launch of the call for proposals on the European Quantum Excellence Centres (QECs) in applications for science and industry. The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking published the call with deadline of 14 May 2024.
- (2) In response to the call, three (4) proposals were received within deadline. The proposals were checked for compliance with the admissibility requirements and eligibility conditions of the call. The compliance check concluded that all four (4) submitted proposals were admissible and eligible.
- (3) The admissible and eligible proposals were evaluated by a panel of independent experts, in accordance with the call and the Horizon Europe 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 lists of proposals that passed the threshold. In accordance with the conditions of the call for proposals and budget allocated, the creation of two centres were foreseen. Based on the final scoring, the Executive Director submitted to the Governing Board a list with proposals selected for funding. Two admissible and eligible proposals that passed the threshold with lower scoring 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.

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<sup>4</sup> Further amended by Decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board No 54/2023 of 22 December 2023 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 8).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Governing Board hereby approves the ranking of proposals selected for funding, and the reserve list of proposals annexed to this Decision, following the call for proposals on the European Quantum Excellence Centres (QECs) in Application for Science and Industry.

*Article 2*

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

*Article 3*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 4 November 2024.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

**Annex 1:** Ranked list of proposals retained for funding and reserve list, following the call for proposals on the European Quantum Excellence Centres (QECs) in Application for Science and Industry (HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2023-QEC-05-01).

**Annex 1:** Ranked list of proposals retained for funding and reserve list, following the call for proposals on the European Quantum Excellence Centres (QECs) in Application for Science and Industry (HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2023-QEC-05-01).

Main List

| Global rank | Proposal number | Proposal acronym | Total score | Number of participants | Proposal budget | Proposal duration | SME requested grant | Recommended grant | Cumulative recommended funding |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1           | 101194322       | QEC4QEA          | 13.5        | 18                     | 9,871,261.25 €  | 48                | 930,183.14 €        | 4,935,630,68 €    | 4,935,630,68 €                 |
| 2           | 101194491       | QUEx             | 12.5        | 11                     | 9,999,650.00 €  | 48                | 677,721.87 €        | 4,999,824.97 €    | 9,935,455.65 €                 |

Reserve list

| Global rank | Proposal number | Proposal acronym | Total score | Number of participants | Proposal budget | Proposal duration | SME requested grant | Recommended grant | Cumulative recommended funding |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3           | 101194222       | OmniQEC          | 11.5        | 13                     | 9,942,212.00 €  | 48                | 311,250.00 €        | 4,971,106,00 €    | 14,906,561,65 €                |
| 4           | 101194360       | EuroQC4I         | 10.5        | 9                      | 9,995,750.00 €  | 48                | 2,352,187.50 €      | 4,997,875.00 €    | 19,904,436.65 €                |