

# EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING

No 39/2024

approving the ranked list of proposals selected for funding pursuant to the evaluation of the call for proposals on National Competence Centres for High Performance Computing

(DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-NCC-02-01)

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,

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Readopted by means of the Governing Board Decision 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 Governing Board Decision No 12/2024 of 2 April 2024 approving the launch of a call on National Competence Centres for High Performance Computing (DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-NCC-02-01),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 11/2024 of 21 March 2024 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Amendment no 1)<sup>4</sup>,

# **WHEREAS**

- (1) By means of Decision of the Governing Board No 12/2024, the Governing Board approved the launch of the call for proposals on National Competence Centres for High Performance Computing (DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-NCC-02-01). The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking published the call with deadline of 14 May 2024.
- (2) In response to the call, one proposal was received within deadline. The proposal was checked for compliance with the admissibility requirements and eligibility conditions of the call. The compliance check concluded that the submitted proposal was admissible and eligible.
- (3) The proposal was evaluated by a panel of independent experts, in accordance with the call and the Digital Europe Programme (DEP) rules for participation, in line with the EuroHPC amended Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024.
- (4) The Executive Director has submitted to the Governing Board for approval the proposal selected for funding. The admissible and eligible proposal passed the relevant thresholds and shall be retained for funding. No reserve list needs to be established.
- (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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Amended by means of Decision of the Governing Board No 20/2024 of 13 May 2024 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Amendment No 2).

- (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.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the ranking of proposals selected for funding, annexed to this Decision, following the call for proposals on National Competence Centres for High Performance Computing (DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-NCC-02-01).

# 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 action selected for funding shall invite the applicant to start the grant agreement preparation.

# Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 19 July 2024.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

**Annex 1:** Ranked list of proposals retained for funding, following the call for proposals on National Competence Centres for High Performance Computing (DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-NCC-02-01)

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Proposal Acronym	Total Score	Number of Participants	Total Cost	Proposal Duration	Grant Requested by SME Participants	EU Grant Requested
EuroCC4SEE	11	14	9 928 497,90€	21 months	274 776 €	4 964 248,95 €