



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

**No 42/2024**

**Amending the Governing Board Decision No 13/2023 on the selection of  
the Hosting Entity for a second High-End supercomputer (Amendment  
No 2)**

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"), in particular Articles 9, 10, and 11 thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "JU Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(q), 6(4) and 7(4) (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 the Governing Board Decision No 13/2023 of 15 June 2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entity for a second High-End supercomputer,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024 amending the Governing Board Decision No 13/2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entity for a second High-End supercomputer (Amendment No 1),

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

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

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 41/2022 of 5 December 2022 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Programme and Budget for the year 2022 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 5),

#### WHEREAS

- (1) By means of the Governing Board Decision No 13/2023, the EuroHPC JU Governing Board approved the selection of the Jules Verne consortium as a Hosting Entity for a EuroHPC JU high-end supercomputer,
- (2) Following the request by the Jules Verne consortium, by means of the Governing Board Decision No 23/2024, the EuroHPC JU Governing Board approved the increase of the operating costs for the EuroHPC supercomputer hosted by the Jules Verne consortium,
- (3) The call for tenders for acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of the EuroHPC exascale supercomputer hosted by the Jules Verne consortium will be launched in the second half of year 2024 as a competitive dialogue procedure, following a preceding formal approval by the EuroHPC JU Governing Board,
- (4) The Jules Verne consortium has informed EuroHPC JU that the Hosting Entity, GENCI, through its Associate CEA, is in the process of negotiating the price of electricity going forward and is optimistic that this may result in potential savings of EUR 20,000,000.00 in the OPEX budget,
- (5) The Jules Verne consortium wishes to include these savings in the call for tenders referred to in Recital (3) in the form of an option which EuroHPC JU will only activate upon written confirmation from the Consortium that it has capacity to operate the EuroHPC supercomputer in accordance with the provisions of the Hosting Agreement No 08/2023 of 18 June 2024 with the reduction of budget for operating costs,
- (6) The option of a transfer of EUR 20,000,000.00 from the budget for the operating costs to the budget for the acquisition costs will not affect the total cost of ownership as approved by Decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024 (Amendment No 1),
- (7) In case the option is not activated, the budgets for the acquisition and the operating costs remain the same as approved by the Governing Board in its Decision No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024 without any further formal decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The Governing Board approves the adjustment of budgets allocated to the acquisition costs and operating costs of the EuroHPC supercomputer hosted by the Jules Verne consortium. The maximum acquisition costs shall be EUR 354,800,000.00. The maximum operating costs shall be EUR 189,127,718.00.

The maximum total costs of ownership remain the same as approved in the Governing Board Decision No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024 (Amendment No 1).

### *Article 2*

The increased budget for the acquisition costs shall fund an option in the call for tenders for acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of “Alice Recoque” Exascale Supercomputer hosted by the Jules Verne consortium. Subject to the outcomes of competitive dialogue, and no later than before signature of the contract with the selected vendor, the Jules Verne consortium will inform the EuroHPC JU about the final decision on the activation of the option.

### *Article 3*

Before the activation of the option referred to in Article 2, the Jules Verne consortium will confirm in writing that the consortium has the capacity to operate the EuroHPC supercomputer in accordance with the provisions of the Hosting Agreement No 08/2023 of 18 June 2024 and with the reduction of budget for operating costs. The confirmation shall be provided no later than before signature of the contract with the selected vendor.

If the Jules Verne consortium does not confirm its capacity to operate the EuroHPC supercomputer in accordance with the provisions of the Hosting Agreement No 08/2023 of 18 June 2024 and with the reduction of budget for operating costs, the option referred to in Article 2 will not be activated. In this case, the budgets allocated to the acquisition and operating costs will remain the same as approved by the Governing Board in its Decision No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024.

### *Article 4*

Other provisions of the Governing Board Decisions No 13/2023 of 15 June 2023 and No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024 remain unchanged.

### *Article 5*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 8 August 2024.

For the Governing Board

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The Chair