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

**No 64/2024**

**Approving the selection of the tender for acquisition, delivery, installation**  
**and services of the EuroHPC Federation Platform for the European High**  
**Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC JU)**

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,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(i) and 7(7)(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>1</sup>,

Having regard to EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules approved by the Governing Board Decision No 03/2020 of 20 February 2020<sup>2</sup> and in particular to Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 26/2023 of 14 August 2023 approving the mandate to the Executive Director to launch the call for tender for the development and implementation of federated access services across all the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking supercomputers,

WHEREAS

- (1) The mission of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking is to develop, deploy and maintain in the Union a world-leading federated, secured and hyperconnected supercomputing, quantum computing, service and data infrastructure ecosystem,

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

<sup>2</sup> As readopted by Governing Board Decision No 17/2021 of 30 September 2021.

- (2) By Decision No 23/2023 of 14 August 2023, the Governing Board approved launch of the above-referred call for tenders. The call for tenders was launched on 6 October 2023, with deadline for submitting requests to participate provided on 8 December 2023.
- (3) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement rules for competitive dialogue in the terms provided in the EU Financial Regulation. The competitive dialogue procurement followed three stages: a) a selection stage; b) a dialogue stage; c) a tendering stage. The Evaluation Committee was appointed by the Responsible Authorising Officer of EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. The experts selected by EuroHPC Joint Undertaking assisted the Evaluation Committee with a detailed technical analysis against the award criteria,
- (4) Two vendors submitted an eligible and administratively compliant tenders in response to the call and both tenders were evaluated by the Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee, taking into account external experts' individual evaluation reports, concluded that only one tender passed all mandatory technical requirements as described in the technical specifications. The Evaluation Committee also concluded that the tender that did not meet mandatory requirements should be disqualified. Finally, the Evaluation Committee recommended to the Executive Director to award the contract to the eligible and administratively compliant tender that passed all mandatory criteria. More details on the evaluation procedure are provided in the annexed Evaluation Report,
- (5) The Executive Director has submitted the Evaluation Report to the Governing Board,
- (6) The Governing Board took note of the outcome of the evaluation, which included the Evaluation Report with annexes.
- (7) The Governing Board shall approve the list of actions selected for funding on the basis of the recommendation of the Executive Director for the tasks related to the federation and connectivity of the High Performance Computing and data infrastructure activities,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Governing Board hereby approves the selection of the tenderer for the acquisition, delivery, installation and services of the EuroHPC Federation Platform for the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC JU), in accordance with the annual Work Programme of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2023, and within the agreed available budget.

*Article 2*

The Executive Director shall inform the tenderers of the results of the evaluation and shall communicate simultaneously the relevant criteria scoring and analysis.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 13 November 2024.

For the Governing Board

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The Chair