## DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2022-TRAINING-03

## Q&A

**1. Q:** Does the EuroHPC JU has any advice regarding the bursary amounts to be paid?

Is it okay to consider the values of Marie Curie Grants or follow the country coefficients?

- A: The specific budgetary aspects will be discussed with the applicants invited to prepare a grant agreement with the JU. However, the management of resources, including an appropriate contribution by entities hosting trainees, will be subject to the evaluation.
- **2. Q:** Should the KPIs regarding international mobility be interpreted as a restriction for national traineeships? Should the Consortium limit the number of national traineeships?
  - A: Applicants are expected to provide appropriate KPIs, including baseline and target values, that reflect the spirit of the call. KPIs will be subject to evaluation by an expert panel.
- 3. Q: Do the entities hosting the trainees need to be part of the consortium?
  - A: No, although consortium members may host trainees proposals should focus on job placements in entities outside the consortium, in particular in the private sector, bridging the gap between education and labour market.
  - **Q:** Are consortium members expected to host trainees?
  - A: No, the consortium will organise paid traineeships in organisations offering professional career opportunities in HPC, which are involved in the EuroHPC ecosystem.
- 5. Q: What is the main target of the traineeships?
  - A: The main target is to promote opportunities and support the intake of talents for professional careers in the European HPC ecosystem. This includes, for example, university graduates and IT professionals who wish to develop their HPC skills in order to pursue a professional career in HPC. Entities hosting trainees should offer a professional working environment rather than an academic context. In particular, participation of trainees in PhD programmes, post-doctoral or similar research activities is not within the scope of the action.
- **6. Q:** Do the centres of excellence and competence centres relate to the EuroHPC projects of Centres of Excellence and National Competence Centres?
  - A: No. Centres of excellence and competence centres refer to organisations with leadingedge knowledge and competencies in HPC.
- 7. Q: Will the organisations hosting the trainee pay for the bursaries of their trainees?

A: The selected consortium is expected to provide personal scholarships directly to the trainees.