



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING**  
**No 48/2024**

**approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition of the**  
**Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer**

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 Article 14 thereof,

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(4)(f) 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,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision no 3/2020 approving the Financial Rules of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking<sup>2</sup>, in particular Article 43(5) thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 33/2022 of 25 November 2022 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 4),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 14/2023 of 15 June 2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range supercomputers,

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

<sup>2</sup> Readopted by Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking 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 the Governing Board Decision No 35/2024 of 9 July 2024 amending the Governing Board Decision No 14/2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range Supercomputers (Amendment No 1),

#### WHEREAS

- (1) The EuroHPC Joint shall acquire, jointly with the contracting authorities of the Participating State where the Hosting Entity is established or with the contracting authorities of the Participating State in the hosting consortium, the Mid-Range Supercomputers and shall co-own them. The Parties shall sign a Joint Procurement Agreement in this respect.
- (2) By means of the Governing Board Decision no 14/2023 of 15 June 2023, Linköpings Univeristet was selected as a Hosting Entity to host a EuroHPC Mid-range Supercomputer (Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer).
- (3) The Governing Board shall approve the launch of the call for tenders in accordance with the annual work plan for the year 2022.
- (4) The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking, jointly with the Hosting Entity, will procure one Mid-Range supercomputer (Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer) within the agreed available budget for the acquisition.
- (5) Article 165(2) of the EU Financial Regulation provides that where the share pertaining to or managed by the contracting authority of a Member State in the total estimated value of the contract is equal to or above 50%, the Union institution may decide that the procedural rules applicable to the contracting authority of a Member State shall apply to the joint procurement provided that those rules may be considered as equivalent to those of the Union institution. Considering that the financial contribution of Sweden to Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer will cover 65% of the total cost of ownership, the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and Hosting Entity agreed in the Joint Procurement Agreement that the procedural rules under Swedish law shall apply to this procurement procedure.
- (6) The EuroHPC and Linköpings Univeristet concluded the Joint Procurement Agreement on 6 June 2024 laying down the practical modalities that will govern the joint procurement procedure for the acquisition of the Arrhenius Mid-range Supercomputer.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

The Governing Board hereby approves the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition of one Mid-range Supercomputer (Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer) in

accordance with the annual Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022 and withing the agreed available budget.

*Article 2*

The Governing Board invites the competent authority, on the basis of the Joint Procurement Agreement concluded between the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and the respective Hosting Entity, to proceed with all necessary actions for the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition of the Mid-Range supercomputer (Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer) in accordance with the legal framework and procedural provisions applicable to the joint procurement and within agreed budget for the its acquisition.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 10 October 2024.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair