



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 23/2021

**Approving the amendment of Decision 5/2018 on the Criteria and Selection Process for
the Composition of the Research and Innovation Advisory Group**

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 (hereinafter "Regulation")¹,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Article 7(k) and Article 10(3) therein,

WHEREAS

- (1) Article 10 of the Status provides that the Research and Innovation Advisory Group (hereinafter, "RIAG") may include up to six observers proposed by Participating States and appointed by the Governing Board.
- (2) This new provision requires the need of updating Decision 5/2018 on the Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the RIAG to adapt the selection process to select up to six (6) observers.
- (3) During 22nd Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board agreed to amend the Decision 5/2018 and

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

Article 1

The Governing Board approves the amendment of Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking 5/2018 on the Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the RIAG in the following terms:

- updates Decision 5/2018 in the new terms provided by the Regulation;
- modifies the numbers of RIAG candidates placed in the reserved list from 3 to 9;
- and the first 6 of the 9 candidates on the reserve list shall become observers of the RIAG.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 21 October 2021.

For the Governing Board

[signed]

Thomas Skordas

The Interim Chair

Annex: Amended Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking 5/2018 on the Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the RIAG



**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 5/2018**

**on the Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the Research and Innovation
Advisory Group**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC Joint Undertaking (hereinafter 'EuroHPC JU'),
Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of 13 July 2021
on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking and repealing
Regulation (EU) 2018/1488² (hereinafter 'Regulation'), and the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking
Statutes annexed thereto (hereinafter 'Statutes'),

Having regard to in particular Articles 10, 11 and 13 of the Statutes defining the composition, the
functioning and tasks of the Research and Innovation Advisory Group (hereinafter referred to as
'RIAG') respectively;

WHEREAS:

- (1) The RIAG should:
 - (a) draw up its contribution to the draft multiannual strategic programme referred to in Article 18 (1) of the Statutes and review it regularly in accordance with the evolution of the scientific and industrial demand; This contribution to the draft multiannual strategic programme shall include (a) the strategic research and innovation agenda identifying the research and innovation priorities for the development and uptake of technologies and end-user applications for High Performance Computing across different application areas in order to support the development of an integrated High Performance Computing, quantum computing and data ecosystem in the Union, to increase the Union's resilience and societal applications measures to promote the development and uptake of European technology; (b) potential international cooperation activities in research and innovation that add value and are of mutual interest; (c) training and education priorities for addressing key competences

² OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

and the skills gap in High Performance Computing and quantum computing technologies and applications, in particular for industry.

- (b) organise public consultations open to all public and private stakeholders having an interest in the fields of High Performance Computing and quantum computing to inform them about, and collect feedback on, the draft multiannual strategic programme and the related draft activities of the research and innovation work programme for a given year.
- (2) The RIAG, should consist of no more than twelve members, whereof no more than six should be appointed by the Private Members – ETP4HPC and BDVA Associations, and no more than six should be appointed by the Governing Board.
 - (3) The Research and Innovation Advisory Group may include up to six observers proposed by Participating States and appointed by the Governing Board.
 - (3) Members of the RIAG are appointed for a period of two years. They may be reappointed once.
 - (4) The Governing Board should establish the specific criteria and selection process for the members it appoints.
 - (5) The members of the RIAG should be selected on the broadest possible geographical basis from among nationals of Participating States representing European interests and without distinction as to racial or ethnic origin, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, age or disability, gender or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or family situation. A sectorial, geographic and gender balance among the members of the RIAG should be ensured.
 - (6) The members of RIAG should be recognised experts in the areas of expertise relevant to the tasks of the RIAG. The composition of the RIAG should reflect a balanced representation of the different areas of expertise required.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION

Article 1

Conflict of Interest

The rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests applicable to the members of the RIAG are defined in the Rules of Procedure of the RIAG.

Article 2

Eligibility and Exclusion Criteria

1. Candidate Members of the RIAG shall enjoy full rights as a citizen of a Participating State of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and shall have a high-level of expertise in the relevant fields of the RIAG tasks as defined in Article 13 of the Statutes.
2. Candidate Members of the RIAG shall cumulatively have:
 - a) A university degree;
 - b) At least five (5) years of relevant professional experience.
3. European Commission staff, including external staff working for the Commission, EuroHPC JU staff, officials of Member States, and of national, regional or local authorities shall not be eligible.
4. Members of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking or their substitutes shall not be eligible.
5. In addition to the above requirements, the following exclusion criteria shall apply:
 - a) The candidate has been convicted of an offence concerning his/her professional conduct by a judgment, which has the force of *res judicata*.
 - b) The candidate has been found guilty of grave professional misconduct.

Article 3

Selection Criteria

1. Candidate Members of the RIAG must have proven competence and expertise in at least one of the following areas:
 - a) High Performance Computing and areas of relevance: a strategic overview capability in High Performance Computing and a deep knowledge of the international landscape in the field;
 - b) Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) in High Performance Computing and areas of relevance: In-depth understanding and knowledge in HPC state of the art technologies;
 - c) Applications: Experience in using high performance computing in relevant scientific or industrial application areas including by way of indication renewable energy, materials modelling and design, molecular and atomic modelling, climate change, Global System science, bio-molecular research, etc.;
 - d) Provision of services supporting different supercomputing usage models for the community needs, specialised training and capacity building measures to develop the human capital resources for increased adoption of advanced HPC in industry (including SMEs) and academia;
2. Knowledge in business administration and industry management in ICT will be considered as an asset.

3. An excellent knowledge of the English language is required.

Article 4

Selection Process

1. For each 2 year- term, the Executive Director shall invite the private members of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and the members of the Governing Board to propose candidates for the RIAG on the basis of the criteria referred to in Articles 1 and 2, specifying the documents to be submitted in that regard, means of submission and the deadline within which candidatures shall be submitted to the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking.
2. The RIAG shall consist of no more than twelve members, whereof no more than six shall be appointed by the Private Members – the ETP4HPC and BDVA Associations, and no more than six shall be appointed by the Governing Board. The Private Members have established, the specific criteria and selection process for the members they appoint, defining the number of members each association may appoint in the six members of the Private Members.
3. As for the 6 members that are to be appointed by the Governing Board, the Commission representative may propose maximum two (2) candidates and each member of the Governing Board shall propose maximum one (1) candidate with sufficient motivation for this proposition.
4. After expiration of the deadline for submission, the Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall compile a list of the candidates received. He/she shall prepare and organise the work for the pre-selection of the members of the RIAG on the basis of the candidatures received. He/she will appoint and chair a pre-selection panel, composed of three (3) members of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking senior staff.
5. The pre-selection panel shall verify the eligibility of the candidates in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 1 and 2. A candidate who does not meet all the eligibility criteria, will be ineligible and be excluded from the next steps of the selection process.
6. The pre-selection panel shall carry out an objective assessment of each eligible candidate against the requirements for selection criteria set out in Articles 2 and 3.
7. On the basis of the preselection process the Executive Director shall establish a shortlist of 6 candidates who are considered best suited for appointment, as well as a reserve list of at most 9 candidates. These lists will include a conclusion concerning the merits and suitability to be appointed as a Member of the RIAG for each candidate, taking into account: a) The need to reflect a balanced representation of recognised experts as defined in Article 2 and a balanced representation of the areas of expertise as defined in Article 3, including SMEs. b) The need to have the necessary scientific and technical competencies

- and expertise required to carry out the RIAG tasks set out in Article 13 of the Statutes; c)
The need to ensure geographical and gender balance.
8. The first 6 of the 9 candidates on the reserve list shall become observers and the Executive Director shall present the relevant list to the Governing Board as provided in Article 10 of the Regulation.
 9. For the purposes of points (a) and (b) of paragraph 5, the members of RIAG and those included in the reserve list should reflect a balanced representation of recognised experts in the areas of expertise as defined in Article 3. Collectively, they should have the necessary scientific and technical competencies, expertise and experience needed to carry out the RIAG tasks set out in Article 13 of the Statutes.
 10. The Executive Director Board will present the results of the selection process to the Governing Board, including a full record of the candidates not included in the lists mentioned above as well as the candidates deemed ineligible.
 11. The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Secretariat will provide technical and logistic support and carry out the preparatory work for the selection process, and inform the applicants of the outcome of the process.

Article 5

Appointment

1. On the basis of the results of the selection process above and presented by the Executive Director, the Governing Board shall appoint the Members of the RIAG, establish a reserve list and appoint up to 6 observers. In particular, the Governing Board shall approve the proposed lists of shortlisted candidates, the proposed reserve list together with the list of the relevant observers. The Governing Board may deviate and replace shortlisted candidates with candidates included in the reserve list, for duly substantiated reasons and in accordance with article 4 (5) (6). The decision of the Governing Board shall be taken in accordance with Article 9(2) (3) of its Rules of Procedure.
2. Members and observers shall be appointed for a 2 year period. Upon recommendation by the Executive Director, the Governing Board can decide to renew the appointment for a new 2 year term.
3. The established reserve list shall be valid for the duration of the term of the appointed RIAG members. In case of a vacancy, after consultation with the Executive Director, the Governing Board will appoint a new member from the reserve list for the rest of the duration of the term of the RIAG.
4. If a member does not actively participate in the activities of the RIAG the Governing Board can decide to withdraw membership.

Article 6

Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force upon adoption.