

EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 14/2022
Approving the selection of the tender for the acquisition of MareNostrum 5
Precursor to Exascale 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) 2018/1488¹, in particular Article 38.1 second paragraph thereof.

Having regard to the Statutes of Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 annexed thereto (hereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 7 (4) (h) and 6 (5) thereof,

Having regard to EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules, approved by Governing Board Decision 3/2020, of 20 February 2020² and, in particular, to Article 43 thereof.

Having regard to the Financial Regulation³ and to the Annex attached thereto.

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 22/2021 of 12 November 2021, amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Plan and Budget for the year 2021,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 12/2021 of 1 December 2021, approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition of MareNostrum 5 Precursor to Exascale Supercomputer,

WHEREAS

- (1) Article 38.1 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 provides that as regards the actions initiated under Articles 10, 11, 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1488, as well as Articles 6

¹ *OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51*

² As readopted by Governing Board Decision No 17/2021, of 30 September 2021.

³ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, *OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222*

and 7 of the Statutes annexed to that Regulation, it shall continue to apply until their completion and to the extent necessary.

- (2) The Joint Undertaking shall procure the Precursors to Exascale Supercomputers and shall own them and entrust to a Hosting Entity the operation of each individual Precursor to Exascale Supercomputer it owns.
- (3) The Hosting Entities for pre-exascale supercomputers were selected following a call for expression of interest for Precursors to Exascale Supercomputers (EUROHPC-2019-CEI-PE-01). Three (3) Hosting Entities for pre-exascale supercomputers were selected by the Governing Board by its Decision No 7/2019 of 5 June 2019, amongst which Barcelona Supercomputing Centre (BSC).
- (4) By Decision No 12/2021 of 1 December 2021, the Governing Board launched the call for tenders for the acquisition of MareNostrum 5 Precursor to Exascale Supercomputer.
- (5) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement rules for open procedures in the term provided in the Financial Regulation. The evaluation committee was appointed by the responsible authorising officer of EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. Four external experts selected by EuroHPC Joint Undertaking assisted the evaluation committee with a detailed technical analysis against the award criteria.
- (6) One vendor submitted an eligible tender in response to the call and has been evaluated by the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee, taking into account external experts' individual evaluation reports, concluded that the sole tender satisfies all the mandatory technical requirements as described in the technical specifications part of the call for tenders and that the technical choices included in the tender, will allow to tackle the scientific, social and economic challenges that have been imposed by the recent Covid-19 pandemic. More details on the evaluation procedure are provided in the annexed evaluation report.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the selection of the tender for the acquisition of one (1) Pre-exascale Supercomputer (MareNostrum 5 supercomputer), in accordance with the annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2021, and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the respective Pre-exascale Supercomputer.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall inform the applicant 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 10 May 2022.

For the Governing Board

[signed]

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair