



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

No 70/2024

**approving the selection of existing Hosting Entities of EuroHPC
supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-optimised
Supercomputing Platform (optional) and to establish an AI Factory**

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, (hereinafter, "JU Regulation"), in particular Articles 9 and 10 thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "JU Statutes") and in particular to Article 7(4)(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 intelligence²,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 52/2024 of 10 September 2024 approving the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of existing Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Platform (optional) and to establish an AI Factor (EuroHPC-2024-CEI-AI-01), further amended by the Governing Board Decision No 58/2024 of 14 October 2024 (Amendment No 1),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 57/2024 of 7 October 2024 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 5),

WHEREAS

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

² OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

- (1) By means of Decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board No 52/2024 of 10 September 2024, as amended by Decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board No 58/2024 of 14 October 2024, the Governing Board approved the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of existing Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional) and to establish an AI Factory, pursuant to Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Amendment No 5),
- (2) The call was published by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking on its website on 10 September 2024 providing the deadline of the first cut-off date on 4 November 2024,
- (3) By 4 November 2024, one application was submitted for the above-referred call. The application was checked against the admissibility and eligibility criteria. The application was deemed admissible and eligible.
- (4) The application was evaluated by independent experts who concluded that the application was above the threshold.
- (5) The Governing Board shall approve the selection of existing Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers to establish an AI Factory with indication of maximum Union contribution to the AI Factory,
- (6) The Executive Director should implement the decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION

Article 1

The Governing Board approves the selection of existing Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional) and to establish an AI Factory, with indication of the maximum Union funding to be allocated to the AI Factory (Annex 1).

The Union financial contribution for each of the selected Hosting Entities is subject to budget availability.

Article 2

The Executive Director is mandated to take the necessary measures to implement the decision of the Governing Board and should invite the selected Hosting Entities to the process of signing the Hosting Agreements.

Article 3

This Decision enters into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg on 9 December 2024.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

Annex 1. Ranking list of proposals retained as Hosting Entities of EuroHPC supercomputers to acquire an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional) and to establish an AI Factory.

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Rank	Application acronym	Final score	Evaluation status	Requested EuroHPC JU contribution in EUR	AI Factory costs in EUR	Experimental Supercomputing Platform costs in EUR	AI-optimised Platform costs in EUR
1	Pharos	30	Final	15,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	N/A	