

EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 19/2020
Approving the selection of the tender for the acquisition of the
MELUXINA petascale supercomputer

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 of 28 September 2018 establishing the European High Performance Computing (HPC) Joint Undertaking (hereinafter "Regulation")¹,

Having regard to the Statutes the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Article 7(4)(h) thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 6/2019 of 4 June 2019 on the selection of the Hosting Entities of the Petascale Supercomputers,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 9/2019 of 12 July 2019 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan for the year 2019,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 11/2019 of 3 October 2019 adopting the first amendment of the Joint Undertaking's Budget for 2019,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 14/2019 of 22 October 2019 adopting the Hosting Agreement to be signed with the Hosting Entities for the Petascale Supercomputers.

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall launch, jointly with the European Commission, the contracting authorities of the Participating State where the Hosting Entity is established and with the contracting authorities of Participating States in the hosting consortium, calls for tenders for the acquisition of Petascale Supercomputers and acquire, jointly with these contracting authorities, Petascale Supercomputers. The parties shall sign a Joint Procurement Agreement in that regard.
- (2) Five (5) Hosting Entities for the Petascale supercomputers have been selected by Governing Board Decision No 6/2019 of 4 June 2019, amongst which LuxProvide S.A.,

¹ OJ L 252, 08.10.2018, p. 1

a fully owned subsidiary of LuxConnect S.A., shall replace LuxConnect as Hosting Entity and undertake all relevant responsibilities and commitments regarding the acquisition of the Meluxina Petascale Computer.

- (3) Once the Joint Procurement Agreement and the Hosting agreement was concluded, the Joint Undertaking, jointly with the European Commission and competent authorities of the Participating States, supported by the selected hosting entity, and launched the procedures for the acquisition of the petascale supercomputers.
- (4) The Governing Board of the Joint Undertaking approved the launch of the calls for tenders, in accordance with the annual work plan 2019.
- (5) The EuroHPC JU, jointly with LuxProvide S.A will procure one (1) petascale supercomputer (so-called Meluxina supercomputer) within the agreed available budget for its acquisition and shall co-own it.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Since the financial contribution of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the acquisition of the Meluxina supercomputer will cover 65% of the total acquisition cost, the Hosting entity, in consultation with the Joint Undertaking decided that the procurement law provisions of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg will be applicable to the joint procurement. This will be reflected in the Joint Procurement Agreement which will provide the detailed practical arrangements for the evaluation of the requests for participation or of the tenders, the award of the contract, the law applicable to the contract and the competent court for hearing disputes.
- (8) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement act (PPA) in the jurisdiction of the Hosting Entity. The evaluation committee was appointed by the national contracting authority and included one representative of the EuroHPC JU.
- (9) One vendor submitted an eligible tender in response to the call and has been evaluated by the evaluation committee. The received tender was considered eligible with the specifications set out in the tender criteria. Furthermore, it achieved an aggregated sustained performance of 10.0 PFlops and in line with the budget. In accordance with the PPA, the committee has evaluated and assessed the tender with respect to the fulfilment of all conditions for participation in the procurement procedure. The evaluation by the evaluation committee concluded that the economic operator fulfilled all requirements. More details on the evaluation procedure, including the composition of the evaluation committee, 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) Petascale Supercomputer (Meluxina supercomputer), in accordance with the annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2019, and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the respective Petascale Supercomputer.

Article 2

The Interim Executive Director shall inform the applicant of the results of the evaluation and shall communicate the relevant evaluation report, as attachment to the notification letter.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 20 July 2020.

For the Governing Board

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair