



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING No 14/2024**

**Approving the selection of the tenderers for the acquisition, delivery,  
installation and hardware and software maintenance of the upgrade of the  
EuroHPC supercomputer Discoverer+**

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>, in particular Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(i), 6(5) and 7(4)(g) thereof,

Having regard to EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules, approved by Governing Board Decision 3/2020, of 20 February 2020<sup>2</sup> and, in particular, to Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1046 of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (the "Financial Regulation") and to the Annex attached thereto,<sup>3</sup>

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 54/2023 of 22 December 2023 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2023 (Amendment No. 8),

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 28/2022 of 5 December 2022, selecting on the basis of the final ranked list and the proposal submitted by the Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking, two (2) applications as supercomputers to be upgraded,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall acquire, jointly with the contracting authority of the Participating State where the selected Hosting Entity is established, the upgrade of the

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

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

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222.

supercomputer and shall own it under the same conditions of ownership of the original EuroHPC supercomputer.

- (2) By Decision No 28/2022 of 5 December 2022, the Governing Board selected the EuroHPC petascale supercomputer Discoverer hosted by the Hosting Entity Petascale Supercomputer Bulgaria (hereinafter “PetaSC Bulgaria”) as to be upgraded.
- (3) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement rules for open procedures in the terms provided in the Financial Regulation. The call for tenders was divided in three (3) lots. The evaluation committee was appointed by the responsible authorising officer of EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. Three external experts selected by EuroHPC Joint Undertaking assisted the evaluation committee with a detailed technical analysis against the award criteria. Two vendors submitted an eligible tender, one in response to all three lots, one in response to lot 1 and 2 of the call. The tenders have been evaluated by the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee, taking into account external experts’ individual evaluation reports, concluded that one tender for lot 1 was superior to the other covering all the tender mandatory technical requirements as described in the technical specifications part of the call for tenders and presenting the best overall solution, the other tender was superior for lot 2. For lot 3 only one tender was received which passed all criteria. 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 tenderers for lot 1, lot 2 and lot 3 for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of the upgrade of the EuroHPC supercomputer Discoverer+), in accordance with the annual Work Programme of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2023, and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the respective upgrade.

*Article 2*

The Executive Director shall inform the tenderers 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 4 April 2024.

For the Governing Board

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The Chair