



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**  
**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT**  
**UNDERTAKING No 25/2023**

**Approving the selection of the tender for the acquisition, delivery,  
installation and hardware and software maintenance of Jupiter 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) 2018/1488<sup>1</sup>, in particular Article 11 thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (hereinafter "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 the Governing Board Decision No 41/2022 of 5 December 2022 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022 (Amendment No. 5),

Having regard to the Financial Regulation<sup>3</sup> and to the Annex attached thereto.

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 44/2022 of 6 January 2023, approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of JUPITER Exascale Supercomputer,

WHEREAS

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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> 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*

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall procure the Exascale Supercomputers and shall own them and entrust to a Hosting Entity the operation of each individual Exascale Supercomputer it owns.
- (2) By Decision No 19/2022 of 14 June 2022, the Governing Board selected Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH (hereinafter “FZJ”) as Hosting Entity for Jupiter High-End supercomputer.
- (3) By Decision No 44/2022 of 6 January 2023, the Governing Board launched the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of JUPITER Exascale Supercomputer.
- (4) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement rules for competitive dialogue procedures in the term provided in the Financial Regulation. The competitive dialogue procurement is divided in three main stages: a) selection stage, b) dialogue stage and c) the tendering stage. 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.
- (5) Two vendors submitted an eligible tender in response to the call and have been evaluated by the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee, taking into account external experts’ individual evaluation reports, concluded that one tender 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 in for what concerns the technical value of the system, including the quality of hardware and software, the EU added value and the R&D collaboration with the Hosting Entity. 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) Exascale Supercomputer (Jupiter supercomputer), in accordance with the annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2022, and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the respective Exascale Supercomputer.

*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 21 August 2023.

For the Governing Board

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair