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Summary of the 9th meeting of the Governing Board of the European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) Joint Undertaking – 03 & 04 October 2019

Executive Summary

The Commission and all Participating States (PS) of the EuroHPC JU apart from CY, GR, LT and SI were present. GR gave its delegation to BG, LT gave its delegation to LV and SI gave its delegation to SK. No Observer State was present.

The Commission representative Khalil Rouhana chaired the meeting.

After the formal approval of the draft agenda and the draft minutes of the previous meeting, the Governing Board (GB) proceeded with exchanges on the different agenda points.

Main agenda items addressed were:

- Adoption of the amended EuroHPC Budget for 2019.
- The Interim Executive Director informed the GB about the outcome of the negotiations with the Hosting Entities. He presented the final model Hosting Agreement for the pre-exascale supercomputers. The GB then agreed to approve the Hosting Agreement by written procedure within five working days.
- The Interim Executive Director outlined the next steps for the procurement of the pre-exascale supercomputers. The GB agreed to launch a written procedure for approving the launch of the call for tender with three lots for the different supercomputers, subject to the approval of the Hosting Agreement.
- The Interim Executive Director explained that the model Hosting Agreement for the petascale Hosting Entities is similar to the one for the pre-exascale supercomputers, with the main difference being the provisions regarding the reimbursement of the operating costs. The GB then agreed to adopt the Hosting Agreement for the petascale Hosting Entities via written procedure.
- Lastly, the GB agreed to launch a written procedure for the approval of the launch of the calls for tender for the petascale supercomputers by three of the Hosting Entities namely, Luxembourg, Czech Republic and Bulgaria. It was clarified that these three Hosting Entities would carry out the procurement procedure on behalf of the co-owners, upon signature of the Hosting Agreement and the Joint Procurement Agreement.

Leonardo Flores (DG CNECT) provided information about the state of play of the discussions with PRACE. The main discussion point was the allocation of access time to the different types of users.

The Interim Executive Director gave the GB members an update on the EuroHPC Competence Centres and the related call for proposal.

The Interim Executive Director presented the process for the adoption of the EuroHPC Workplan 2020. He explained that it is the only document defining the activities to be implemented in 2020 and it needs to be adopted before end of 2019 together with the

budget to be able to implement the EuroHPC activities, in particular to publish the calls for proposals. The GB agreed to include the discussion on the Workplan on the agenda of the next GB meeting.

Dr. Herbert Zeisel, Deputy Director General at BMBF/DE, expressed his interest in becoming the Chair of the GB in compliance with the GB's Rules for Procedure. After having presented himself and his vision on chairing the GB, he was unanimously elected by the GB as its new Chair.

The Interim Executive Director provided the status of the move into the EuroHPC office building and the progress of recruiting the EuroHPC staff.

The Interim Executive Director provided an outline of the EuroHPC Staff Regulation to be adopted by the GB at a subsequent GB meeting.

The Interim Executive Director confirmed the next GB meetings on 12/13 November (ARIA building) and on 9/10 December (building not yet decided), both in Luxembourg