



EuroHPC
Joint Undertaking

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

No 67/2024

**Approving model Hosting Agreements to be concluded with selected
Hosting Entities following the call for expression of interest for the
selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised
supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer
with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised
Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of 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, as amended by 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, in particular Articles 9 and 10 thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (hereinafter "Statutes"), in particular 7(4)(d), 6(4) and 9(5)(d) thereof,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 57/2024 of 14 October 2024 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Amendment No 5),

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 51/2024 of 10 September 2024 approving the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

² OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory (EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-02),

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 59/2024 of 14 October 2024 amending the Decision approving the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory (EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-02) (Amendment No 1),

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 71/2024 of 9 December 2024 approving the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory,

WHEREAS

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1732 introduced a new objective for the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to develop and operate the AI factories in support of the further development of a highly competitive and innovative AI ecosystem in the Union.
- (2) The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall acquire AI-optimised supercomputers and shall own them. The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall entrust to a Hosting Entity the operation of such AI-optimised supercomputers.
- (3) The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking may launch a call for expressions of interest to upgrade the EuroHPC supercomputers that it owns or co-owns, to raise the performance level of the supercomputer close to exascale, to increase the AI capabilities of the supercomputer, or to increase the operational performance of the supercomputer in any other way, including by means of quantum accelerators.
- (4) For the activities referred to in Recitals (2) and (3), the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall conclude a Hosting Agreement with each selected Hosting Entity, in accordance with Article 10 of Council Regulation 2021/1173 with further amendments.
- (5) By means of Governing Board Decision No 51/2024 of 10 September 2024, as amended by Governing Board Decision No 59/2024 of 14 October 2024, the Governing Board approved the launch of a Call for Expression of Interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of AI-optimised supercomputers or the upgrade of existing EuroHPC supercomputers with AI capabilities, the development of advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platforms (optional), and the establishment of AI Factories, in accordance with the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Amendment No 5). As indicated in the Call, the Governing Board shall approve the model Hosting Agreement before the signature with the selected Hosting Entities.

(6) Following the conclusion of the evaluation for the first cut-off of the above-referred call, the EuroHPC JU Governing Board has selected Hosting Entities for hosting and operating EuroHPC AI-optimised supercomputers. The EuroHPC JU Governing Board has also selected a Hosting Entity for the AI upgrade of an EuroHPC supercomputer.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the model Hosting Agreement to be concluded with the selected Hosting Entities following the conclusion of a Call for Expression of Interest referred to in Recital (5).

Article 2

Following the conclusion of the respective cut-offs of the call referred to in Article 1, the Governing Board invites the Executive Director to take all necessary actions for the conclusion of a Hosting Agreement with each selected Hosting Entity within one month from the day the Hosting Entity was informed about the results of the evaluation.

Article 3

Any deviation from the model Hosting Agreement for new Hosting Entities requires prior approval by the Governing Board.

Article 4

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 20 December 2024.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

Annex 1: Model Hosting Agreement for the AI-optimised supercomputer

Annex 2: Model Hosting Agreement for the AI upgrade of a EuroHPC supercomputer