



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 26/2021
Approving the launch of the calls for expression of interest
for the selection of a
Hosting Entity for a high-end 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) 2018/1488¹, (hereinafter, “the Regulation”), in particular Articles 9, 10 and 11 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(d), 6(4), 7(4) (c) and (d), and Article 9(5)(d) of thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 22/2021 of 12 November 2021 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2021,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall entrust to a hosting entity the operation of a high-end supercomputer fully owned by the Joint Undertaking, in accordance with Article 11.
- (2) For the high-end supercomputers, the hosting entity may represent a Participating State that is a Member State or a hosting consortium. The hosting entity and the competent authorities of the Participating State or Participating States in a hosting consortium shall enter into an agreement to that effect.
- (3) Following a call for expression of interest, the hosting entity referred to in paragraph 2 above and the corresponding Participating State where the hosting entity is established or the corresponding hosting consortium shall be selected by the Governing Board through a fair and transparent process based, inter alia, on the criteria provided in Article 9.5 of the Regulation.

¹ *OJL 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51*

- (4) The third amendment of the annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2021, has been adopted by the Governing Board by its Decision No 22/2021 of 12 November 2021. This amendment includes the need of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to organise calls for expression of interest for the acquisition and operation of one exascale supercomputer to be procured in 2022
- (5) The Governing Board should approve the launch of the call for expression of interest for the selection of a Hosting Entity for a high-end Supercomputer, in accordance with the Annual Work Plan 2021.
- (6) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking should manage the call for expression of interest as provided for in the Annual Work Plan 2021;
- (7) During 23th Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board discussed the launch of the call for expression of interest and

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of a Hosting Entity for a high-end Supercomputer, in accordance with the Annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2021, and within the available budget in accordance with the Budget of the Joint Undertaking for 2021, and invites the Executive Director, to take all necessary action in that regard.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 12 November 2021

For the Governing Board

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair

Annexes:

- I. Call for Expression of Interest.
- II. Hosting Agreement