



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

**No 43/2024**

**Approving the selection of consortium of private partners and the**  
**Hosting Entities for the procurement of Industrial High Performance**  
**Computers**

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>, (hereinafter, "the JU Regulation"), in particular Articles 9, 10, and 13 thereof,

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

Having regard to the 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 intelligence<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 50/2023 of 7 December 2023 approving the launch of the call for expression of interest for the selection of consortia of private partners and the Hosting Entities for the procurement of Industrial High Performance Computers (Call Ref. EUROHPC-2023-CEI-IND-01),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 48/2023 of 7 December 2023 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 7),

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

## WHEREAS

- (1) By means of Decision of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board No 50/2023 of 7 December 2023, the Governing Board approved the launch of the call for expression of interest for the selection of consortia of private partners and the Hosting Entities for Industrial-grade EuroHPC supercomputers, pursuant to Work Programme and Budget for the year 2023 (Amendment No 7),
- (2) The call was published by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking on 8 February 2024 with deadline on 30 April 2024,
- (3) In response to the call one application was submitted within the deadline. The application was checked against the admissibility and eligibility criteria and it was concluded that the application satisfied the admissibility and eligibility criteria,
- (4) The application was evaluated by independent experts, followed by the hearings organised in Luxembourg, who concluded that the application reached the required threshold,
- (5) The Governing Board was informed about the proposal to select a consortium of private partner and the Hosting Entity for a EuroHPC Industrial-grade supercomputer during the 40<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting,
- (6) The Governing Board should approve the selection of the private partners and the Hosting Entities for EuroHPC Industrial-grade supercomputers with indication of maximum Union contribution to Industrial-grade supercomputers to be acquired by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking,
- (7) The Executive Director should implement the decision of the Governing Board,

## HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The Governing Board approves the selection of the private partners and the Hosting Entity for a EuroHPC Industrial-grade supercomputer, with indication of the maximum Union funding to be allocated to the Industrial-grade supercomputer (Annex 1).

### *Article 2*

The Executive Director is mandated to take the necessary measures to implement the decision of the Governing Board and should invite the selected Hosting Entity to start negotiations in view of signing the Hosting Agreement.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 26 November 2024.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

*Annex 1: Proposals retained as Hosting Entity for Industrial-grade supercomputer with indication of the maximum Union funding to be allocated*

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Rank	Application acronym	Final score	Evaluation status	Requested EuroHPC contribution (EUR)	Acquisition costs (a)	Site Preparation covered only by the consortium (b)	Operating costs covered only by the consortium (c)	TCO (a + b + c)
1	INNOVATE (Italy)	75	Final	4,065,385	11,615,385	450,000	4,640,000	16,705,385