

## **EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING**

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

### No 73/2024

# Approving the selection of the tender for acquisition, development, hosting and support of the EuroHPC JU Access Calls Peer-Review Platform

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 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 intelligence<sup>1</sup>,

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(i) thereof,

Having regard to EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules approved by the Governing Board Decision No 03/2020 of 20 February 2020<sup>2</sup> and in particular to Article 43 thereof,

## **WHEREAS**

- (1) The call for tenders for acquisition, development, hosting and support of the EuroHPC JU Access Calls Peer-Review Platform was launched on 26 July 2024, with deadline for submitting tenders provided on 14 October 2024. In response to the call, three tenders were submitted within the deadline.
- (2) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement rules for open procedures in the terms provided in the EU Financial Regulation. The evaluation was performed by the Evaluation Committee appointed by the Responsible Authorising Officer of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking.
- (3) The tenders were checked for the administrative compliance and fulfilment of the exclusion, selection, and award criteria. The tenders were evaluated by the Evaluation Committee (award criteria) and persons involved in the evaluation (exclusion criteria

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As readopted by Governing Board Decision No 17/2021 of 30 September 2021.

and selection criteria). The Evaluation Committee concluded that one tender passed all selection criteria and the mandatory technical requirements as described in the technical specifications part of the call for tenders. The Evaluation Committee recommended to the Executive Director to award the contract to the tenderer that passed all selection criteria and mandatory requirements. More details on the evaluation procedure are provided in the annexed evaluation report,

- (4) The Executive Director has submitted the Evaluation Report to the Governing Board,
- (5) The Governing Board took note of the outcome of the evaluation, which included the Evaluation Report with annexes.

## HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the selection of the tenderer for the acquisition, development, hosting and support of the EuroHPC JU Access Calls Peer-Review Platform, in accordance with the annual Work Programme of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2024, and within the agreed available budget.

#### 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 16 January 2025.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair