

DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2022-TRAINING-02

Q&A

1. **Q:** Is it one proposal for both training activities: EuroHPC Training Platform and International HPC Summer School? Or is it one proposal per training activity?
- A:** The consortium is expected to address both training activities mentioned in the call in one proposal. There is only one topic, DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2022-TRAINING-02-01, for this call.

2. **Q:** Could one Beneficiary in the Consortium have (linked) Third Parties?
- A:** The consortium may include affiliated and associated beneficiaries.

3. **Q:** *“consortium members are expected to contribute at least 15% of the total declared personnel resources to the project”* (page 12, Call Document)

Are these 15% per beneficiary (including linked third parties) or per project partner?

- A:** The condition applies to all consortium members. This includes linked third parties (affiliated entities) and associated partners. This results in a minimum of three and a maximum of six consortium members.

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5. **Q:** Is it expected from the Consortium to build something from scratch? Or is it Okay to build on what already exists?
- A:** This is subject to the evaluation by independent experts. The call does not require any of these approaches, and the evaluation panel will assess which proposal offers the best value with regard to the scope and objectives of the call and according to the evaluation criteria.
6. **Q:** Is there a guideline/limit on the percentage of other direct costs for such developments?
- A:** No specific limits apply to this cost category. The evaluation panel will assess whether the proposed distribution of resources is justified, reasonable, and necessary to achieve the objectives.

7. Q: *“The development of a fully operational EuroHPC Training portal online and accessible to at least five years”* (page 8, Call Document)

How can a two-year project operate the EuroHPC Training portal for at least five years? Is it expected to be accessible and continuously updated for five years with funding for two years?

A: The portal should be designed and developed to allow operation for a longer time. Although grants awarded within this call will not provide funding beyond the end of the grant agreement, the portal should be provided with appropriate IP rights, copyrights, permissive license etc. that operation can be continued by the JU or delegated by the JU to an entity.

8. Q: What is expected to be included in this standardisation effort to lead to a training and certification scheme? How is expected to be involved/ to contribute actively?

A: The activities funded by the awarded grant should start with the development of a skills and training framework, ultimately leading to a widely adopted certification standard for HPC skills. In order to avoid duplication of work, participants may take into account work by the HPC Certification Forum that develops a framework in a very similar spirit as intended by the action.