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## EUROPEAN HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING JOINT UNDERTAKING

### **Summary of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board of the European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) Joint Undertaking – 11 & 12 July 2019**

#### Executive Summary

The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EuroHPC JU Governing Board (GB) took place on 11-12 July 2019 in Luxembourg.

The Commission and all Participating States (PS) of the JU apart from GR, EE, LV, SE were present. EE and SE gave delegation to FI to represent their interests, while GR gave delegation to BG. From the Observer States, Malta and the United Kingdom were present.

The Commission representative and Vice Chair of the EuroHPC JU, Thomas Skordas replaced the Chair Patrick Garda for this meeting who was on a sick leave.

After the formal approval of the draft agenda and the draft minutes of the meeting, the Governing Board (GB) proceeded with exchanges on the different agenda points. Main agenda items addressed were: the adoption of the EuroHPC Work Plan for 2019, the nomination by the Governing Board of the GB observer in the Consultative Committee on Appointments for the selection of the EuroHPC Executive Director; the adoption of the RIAG rules for handling conflicts of interest as defined in the RIAG Rules of Procedure; the procurement of precursors to exascale and petascale supercomputers.

Following the invitation by the Interim Executive Director the GB nominated an observer for the selection of the EuroHPC Executive Director since the person initially nominated was not available.

Regarding the Rules of Procedure for handling CoI for the Research and Innovation Advisory Group (RIAG) a new version was adopted on 27 of June 2019 by RIAG following the remarks made by the GB. All the GB representatives approved the modifications made by RIAG and endorsed the rules for handling conflicts of interest as defined in the RIAG Rules of Procedure.

The Interim Executive Director presented the Decision amending the EuroHPC Workplan 2019 adopted in December 2018 to include the detailed description of the R&I topics to be addressed in 2019. The Workplan was adopted with the changes made on the version presented to the GB in June, including the comments made since in writing and during the present GB meeting. In complement to the adoption of the amended Workplan the GB approved the publication of the calls for proposals.

The Decision on the amendment of the EuroHPC Budget 2019 was postponed until the next GB meeting as the GB representatives requested more time to study the document in more detail and since the actual Budget Decision is sufficient to publish the calls for proposals.

To clarify some aspect of the Workplan Ms Evangelia Markidou gave a presentation of the underlying concept of the Competence Centres, their objectives and how they will be implemented. This was followed by a presentation of the Fortissimo project made by Mr Juan Pelegrin, highlighting how it facilitates uptake of HPC by SMEs

The Interim Executive Director informed the GB about all the dissemination events that took place after the selection of Hosting Entities for petascale and pre-exascale supercomputers and provided information on the status of the negotiations with the pre-exascale and petascale

Hosting Entities. He also presented the next steps and the documents to be adopted at the next GB meeting to launch the calls for tender.

The Interim Executive Director provided information about the coordination meeting between EuroHPC and PRACE to prepare the strategic discussion on the future relation with PRACE-3.

Regarding the next GB meeting the Interim Executive Director informed the PS that the EuroHPC JU will explore the availability of a room for postponing the September GB meeting.