Summary of the 10th meeting of the Governing Board of the European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) Joint Undertaking – 12 & 13 November 2019

Executive Summary

The Commission and all Participating States (PS) of the EuroHPC JU apart from CY, DK, LT, MK and TR were present. No Observer State was present. On the second day of the meeting CH gave delegation to NO, FI gave delegation to SE.

Dr. Herbert Zeisel chaired the meeting and welcomed North Macedonia as the 30th Participating State of the Joint Undertaking.

After the formal approval of the draft agenda and the draft minutes of the previous meeting, the Governing Board (GB) proceeded with exchanges on the different agenda points.

Main agenda items addressed were:

- Adoption of the EuroHPC JU Staff Implementing Rules.
- The EuroHPC JU draft work plan 2020 supported by presentations from the Research and Innovation Advisory Group, the European Processor Initiative and an HPC projects portfolio analysis.
 - The Interim Executive Director informed the GB about the structure of the draft Work Plan and Budget 2020, based on a model template, with the information on the future R&I calls, the communication activities, the Human Resources, the Budget and the Staff Establishment Plan.
 - Leonardo Flores (DG CNECT) provided information about the R&I priorities for 2020.
- The Interim Executive Director outlined the state of play of the pre-exascale and petascale supercomputer procurements. He explained that the process of signing the three hosting agreements for the pre-exascale supercomputers was nearly finished and that the tenders should be published soon after. Related to the petascale supercomputers he underlined that three hosting agreements were already signed and the remaining two were to be signed soon.
- The Interim Executive Director provided the status of the move into the EuroHPC office building and the progress of recruiting the EuroHPC staff.

The Interim Executive Director informed on the call for the EuroHPC Competence Centres and stated that the JU received 31 nominations for national Centres and all were included in the single proposal.

The EuroHPC Access Time Policy and future relations with the Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE) were discussed, supported by presentations

from the Infrastructure Advisory Group (INFRAG) and PRACE.

The Interim Executive Director confirmed the next GB meeting on 9/10 December (BECH building) in Luxembourg and proposed for the 2020 GB meetings to hold them in February, April and one before the summer (locations not yet confirmed).