



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 11/2022

Approving the launch of the call for expression of interest for the hosting
and operation of European quantum computers integrated in HPC
supercomputers

(REF: EUROHPC-2022-CEI-QC-01)

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) 2018/1488¹, (hereinafter, “the Regulation”), in particular Articles 9, 10 and 12 thereof,

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(d) and 7(4)(c) and (d) thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 07/2022 of 23 March 2022 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall entrust to a hosting entity the operation of each individual quantum computer it owns in accordance with Article 12 of the Regulation.
- (2) For the quantum computers integrated in HPC supercomputers, the hosting entity may represent one Participating State that is a Member State or a hosting consortium of Participating States that have agreed to contribute to the acquisition, integration and operation of the quantum computer. The hosting entity and the competent authorities of the Participating State or Participating States in a hosting consortium shall enter into an agreement to this effect.
- (3) Following a call for expression of interest, the hosting entity referred to in paragraph 2 above and the corresponding Participating State where the hosting entity is established or the corresponding hosting consortium shall be selected by the Governing Board

¹ *OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51*

through a fair and transparent process based, inter alia, on the criteria provided in Article 9(5) of the Regulation.

- (4) By means of Decision No 07/2022 of 23 March 2022, the Governing Board has adopted the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022. This amendment includes the need of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to organise calls for expression of interest for the acquisition and operation of quantum computers to be procured in 2022, for which the relevant hosting entity shall be identified first.
- (5) The Governing Board should then approve the launch of the call for expression of interest for the selection of hosting entities for quantum computers, in accordance with the Annual Work Plan 2022.
- (6) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking should manage the call for expression of interest as provided for in the Annual Work Plan 2022.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of hosting entities for European quantum computers integrated in HPC supercomputers (REF: EUROHPC-2022-CEI-QC-01), in accordance with Decision No 07/2022 of 23 March 2022 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022, and invites the Executive Director to take all necessary action in that regard.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 30 March 2022

For the Governing Board

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair

Annex: Call for Expression of Interest for the hosting and operation of European quantum computers integrated in HPC supercomputers (REF: EUROHPC-2022-CEI-QC-01).