



EUROPEAN HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING JOINT UNDERTAKING

Summary of the 1st meeting of the Infrastructure Advisory Group (INFRAG) of the European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) Joint Undertaking 27 November 2018

Executive Summary

The inaugural meeting of the EuroHPC Infrastructure Advisory Group (INFRAG) took place on 27 November 2018 in Brussels. Dr Gustav Kalbe, Interim Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking (JU) chaired the meeting.

The Chair introduced the mission of the advisory group and the current EuroHPC Joint Undertaking state-of-play. He further presented to the INFRAG the Rules of Procedure with the suggestion not to have the Chair and Vice-chair elections today but delay the procedure until the second meeting. Meanwhile, the Interim Executive Director will continue chairing the group. Interested members should send their candidatures before the next INFRAG meeting. Members provided comments to the Rules of Procedure and agreed to adopt the document with these comments integrated in the document.

The Chair presented a first draft version of the Multiannual Strategic Agenda (MSA). The document has been compiled from input collected in the previous months by two preparatory Working Groups on User Requirements and Hosting & Procurement respectively. The members of the advisory group were invited to provide overall comments and suggestions on the document. A detailed walkthrough section by section was carried and a list of comments and suggestions were collected. Based on them an updated version of the document will be compiled and be brought for discussion in the next meeting.

It was agreed that European Commission's CIRCABC platform will be used as a collaboration platform. MSA versions will be uploaded and distributed from this system.

It was emphasised that INFRAG members cannot be technical advisors of the EuroHPC Governing Board. INFRAG Chair and Vice Chair can attend GB meetings if needed in order to provide clarifications on the MSA and the recommendations. They will have no voting rights in a GB meeting and they may be required to leave the meeting if there is a conflict of interest. INFRAG will provide input on Call of Expression of Interest for HEs but will not be involved in the evaluation and selection of HEs. The group will provide input again for the system acquisition process.

The next meeting will take place in Brussels in January 2019. Provisional agenda will be sent at least 20 days before the next meeting. Meeting minutes to be finalized and distributed within 10 days.