



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 16/2021

Approving the Joint Undertaking's Policy on the use of languages

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) 2018/1488 (hereinafter "Regulation")¹,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 7(1) and 7(3)(p)(q) therein,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Governing Board has the overall responsibility for the strategic orientation and the operations of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and, therefore, is competent to adopt the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking language regime in order to ensure its proper functioning.
- (2) Any content and documents created by and in the context of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking's activities are drafted in English.
- (3) English is also the globally acknowledged working language in the High Performance Computing industry and research fora.
- (4) This policy constitutes a reasonable balance between respect of the EU's multilingualism policy and the practical considerations explained in paragraphs (2) and (3) above.

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

(5) Following a written procedure launched 7 October 2021 in accordance with article 11 of the Governing Board Rules of Procedure²,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board approves the Policy on the use of languages attached as Annex I.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 21 October 2021.

For the Governing Board

[signed]

Thomas Skordas
The Interim Chair

Annex: European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking Policy on the use of languages

² Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking No 17/2021 approving the re-adoption of Governing Board Decisions adopted under the framework of Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 and its updated Rules of Procedure in the view of Regulation (EU) 2021/1173.



POLICY ON THE USE OF LANGUAGES

The purpose of this policy is to provide stakeholders and the general public with relevant information on the use of languages at the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking³.

This policy is a reasonable balance between respect for speakers of the EU's many languages pursuant to the applicable legislation, obligations placed on institutions and their bodies, and practical considerations, such as the need of a common language for working purposes, the globally acknowledged language in High Performance Computing industry and research fora, and the cost of translations.

Any content and documents created by and in the context of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking's activities are drafted in English, as this is the globally acknowledged working language in the field of High Performance Computing.

In light of this, the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking's documents and other communications including but not limited to documents and content published on the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking's web site, on social media (YouTube, LinkedIn and Twitter), and communications during events are in English.

Moreover, EuroHPC Joint Undertaking staff requires an excellent command of written and spoken English as this is essential both for the purposes of working and in dealing with stakeholders.

Considering the multilingualism in the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Governing Board and as English is the common language of the different Participating Members, meetings, voting procedures, and documents distributed internally within the Governing Board shall be in English.

³ In compliance with the Treaties of the European Union and its functioning, the Charter of fundamental rights of the European Union and the Council Regulation No 1 of 15 April 1958 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community, the European Institutions, their Agencies and Bodies shall:

- communicate with the EU citizens in their own languages,
- protect Europe's rich linguistic diversity, and
- promote language learning in Europe.

Notwithstanding the above, any citizens it is entitle to write to the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking in their official language of their choice and receive a reply in the same language within a reasonable time frame.

Application for access to a EuroHPC Joint Undertaking document can be made in any of the official EU languages⁴. However, documents requested shall be supplied in an existing version and format⁵.

⁴ Article 7 of ⁴ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (*OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43–48*), applicable to the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking by means of Article 30 of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 establishing the EuroHPC JU

⁵ Article 10.3 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.