



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 30/2022

Endorsing the assessment of the Executive Director on the selection of the
Destination Earth project as initiative receiving access time to EuroHPC
supercomputers for being strategic for the Union

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, in particular to Article 17(8) thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (hereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(i) thereof,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 02/2022, of 14 June 2022, approving the definition of specific rules to grant access time for initiatives considered as strategic for the Union,

WHEREAS

- (1) Pursuant to Article 1 of Decision No 02/2022, of 14 June 2022, any initiative considered as strategic for the Union in the meaning of the Regulation shall be granted access time for the use of EuroHPC systems free of charge, where appropriate, and without a call for expression of interest.
- (2) According to Recital(51) of the Regulation, the Destination Earth project is recognized as strategic initiative for the Union. The Destination Earth project is an ambitious initiative of the European Union which aims to develop a high-precision digital replica of our planet. Its purpose is to create a digital twin of the Earth that will make it possible to interactively explore various natural processes and human activities.
- (3) On 8 July 2022, the Executive Director received the formal submission of the applicant for access time to the EuroHPC systems (LUMI, Leonardo and MareNostrum5 supercomputers).

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

- (4) The Executive Director assessed, in a first step, the relevance of the submitted request and submitted his conclusions to the Commission.
- (5) Following the positive opinion of the Commission on the eligibility of the request as being strategic nature of the initiative, the Executive Director assessed in a second step the request on the technical criteria. The Executive Director assessment is being provided to the Governing Board through CIRCABC data base.
- (6) On the basis of the Executive Director assessment and the conditions attached for the applicant special access to EuroHPC systems, the Executive Director submitted this assessment, via written procedure, for the Governing Board endorsement.
- (7) Following the Executive Director assessment, the Governing Board

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Following the assessment of the Executive Director on the selection of the Destination Earth project as initiative receiving access time to EuroHPC supercomputers for being strategic for the Union and the conditions included therein, the Governing Board endorses the assessment under the following bases:

- a) EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall commit 50% of the total resources for Strategic Initiative allowed by the Regulation, to the Destination Earth project, meaning 5% of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking compute time on the three requested systems: LUMI, Leonardo and MareNostrum5 supercomputers.
- b) The applicant shall be allowed to use the remaining 50% access time until any other Strategic Initiative is accepted to receiving access time to any of the three requested systems.
- c) This commitment will be valid until the end of 2024, but can be adjusted downward if the project fails to fill at least 5% on any of the three mentioned systems.
- d) The applicant should commit to ensure that the following wording is added to all Destination Earth project dissemination activities: *“We acknowledge the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for awarding this project access to the EuroHPC supercomputer XXXX, hosted by XXXX in XXXXX through a EuroHPC JU Special Access call.”*

Article 2

The Executive Director shall inform the applicant of the conditions for granting access, in the terms specified in its assessment and reproduced in Article 1 above.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 3 November 2022.

For the Governing Board

[e-signed]

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair