EUROHPC JU CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR REGULAR ACCESS MODE
Full Call Details

This document compiles important information for the Regular Access call application process. Its purpose is to offer a one-page summary that complements the EuroHPC JU Access Policy and the Terms of Reference of the call.

DESCRIPTION

The Regular Access mode is open to all fields of science, industry and the public sector, and invites applications which present compelling cases that will enable scientific innovation in the domains covered. The expected impact in the application's domain should justify the need for large allocations in terms of compute time, data storage and support resources. This access mode distributes resources from the EuroHPC peta-scale, pre-exascale and exascale systems.

CUT-OFFS AND TIMELINES

The Call for Proposals for EuroHPC JU Regular Access Mode is continuously open, with a maximum time- to-resources-access (start date) of around 4 months after the cut-off date. The allocations are granted for one 1 year (single-year access).

Cut-off dates for 2026:

30 March 2026 – 10:00 AM CEST time
04 September 2026 – 10:00 AM CEST time

Expected timeline for awarding Regular Access Mode 2026:

	Cut-off 30/03/2026	**Cut-off 04/09/2026**
Communication of allocation decision	July 2026	January 2027
Allocation period for awarded proposals	August 2026 – August 2027	January 2027 – January 2028
Submission of Final Reports: Within three (3) months after the completion of the project	November 2027	April 2028
Type of Access	Single-year access (12 months from onboarding)	

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Users from academia, industry and public sector can apply for access to EuroHPC JU resources provided that they satisfy the specific criteria listed below:

Academia and public research organizations

a) The academic, public research organization is established or located in a Member State or in a third country associated to Horizon 2020 for accessing the supercomputers acquired by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking established by Regulation (EU) 2018/1488.

b) The academic or public research organization is established or located in a Member State or in a third country associated to the Digital Europe Programme or to Horizon Europe for accessing the supercomputers acquired by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking after 2020.

c) The Principal Investigator has an employment contract in the organisation at the time of proposal submission and valid for at least 3 months after the end of the allocation period.

Commercial companies and public sector organizations

a) The company or the public organization is established or located in a Member State or in a third country associated to Horizon 2020 for accessing the supercomputers acquired by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking established by Regulation (EU) 2018/1488.

b) The company or the public organization is established or located in a Member State or in a third country associated to the Digital Europe Programme or to Horizon Europe for accessing the supercomputers acquired by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking after 2020.

c) The employment contract of the Principal Investigator is in force when the proposal is submitted and valid for at least 3 months after the end of the allocation period.

d) The access is devoted solely for open R&D purposes.

The applicant commits to not use the project results for military purposes.

The access eligibility is also specified in Section 2 – "Eligibility criteria" in the Regular Access call Terms of Reference document.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Applicants (Principal Investigators) can, in principle, can be awarded access time for only one Regular Access application at any given time. However, where an applicant has applied for access time for more than one project, awards of additional ranked projects from the same Principal Investigator can be granted provided that resources are still available in the given call.

All proposals consist of 2 parts: submitting an online form in the Peer-Review Platform and providing the Project Scope and Plan document.

Please ensure that the Project Scope and Plan document you use is the most recent version uploaded on the webpage. Any inconsistencies between the submitted document and the latest version may result in administrative rejection of the proposal.

CONTINUATION PROPOSALS

Applicants may submit a continuation proposal to extend research previously conducted on the EuroHPC JU systems. Continuation proposals are submitted via online form in the peer-Review Platform by selecting the "Continuation" option and providing the Project Scope and Plan document. In addition, applicants must upload either a **Progress** or a **Final Report** (depending on the status of the previous project). The templates for the Progress and Final Reports are available online in the call's Documents section.

ACCESS TRACKS

The Regular Access Mode offers three access tracks:

- **Scientific Access Track**

  Open to all fields of science, will call for applications with a case to enable progress of science in the domains covered. These applications are expected to justify the need for large allocations in terms of compute time, data storage and support resources because they are significantly contributing to the progress in their domain. The Scientific Track prioritises 75% of the total resources available at each cut-off period.

- **Industry Access Track**

  Prioritises 20% of the total resources available for this cut-off period for proposals with a Principal Investigator from industry.

- **Public Administration Access Track**

  Prioritises 5% of the total resources available for this cut-off period for proposals with a Principal Investigator from the public sector.

For further details see Section 1 in the Regular Access call Terms of Reference document.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND SCORING SYSTEM

Regular Access proposals are evaluated according to three criteria:

- **Excellence** – evaluates the scientific quality and merit of the project. This criterion carries more weight for proposals submitted to the Scientific Access Track.

- **Innovation and Impact** – assesses the innovative nature of the project, its potential impacts and contributions. This criterion is weighted more heavily for proposals submitted to the Industry and Public Administration Access Tracks.

- **Quality and Efficiency of the Implementation** – evaluates the feasibility and quality of the work plan, ensuring the project can be successfully delivered.

Scores are assigned for each criterion on a scale from 0 to 5, including decimal values. In order to pass the evaluation, each criterion must receive a minimum score of 3, and the sum of all three scores must be at least 10.

The EuroHPC JU Access Resource Committee, composed of leading international scientists and engineers, ranks the proposals and provides a recommendation to award EuroHPC JU resources based on scientific and technical excellence.

For further details see Section 3 in the Regular Access call Terms of Reference document.

THE PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

The Peer-Review process for proposals submitted to the Regular Access call follows the next workflow (ANNEX 1):

1. Administrative check

The Peer-Review Sector checks the proposals in two parts: the submitted online form and the Project Scope and Plan document. Proposals are **assessed for any administrative inconsistencies** and must pass this check to proceed to the next evaluation steps. The outcome of the administrative check will be communicated to applicants within one week of the cut-off date. Proposals that are administratively rejected will not proceed further; applicants are advised to resubmit them to a subsequent cut-off, taking into account any comments provided by the Peer-Review Sector.

2. Technical assessment

The Hosting Entities (HPC Centres) evaluate the technical feasibility of the proposals submitted to their systems. The proposals may be **technically accepted, conditionally accepted or rejected**. Even if the proposal is technically rejected, it will still proceed to the subsequent evaluation steps.

3. Rapporteur reporting

Proposals are distributed to the relevant Domain Panels according to their research topics. Each Domain Panel Chair assigns **two panel members (Rapporteurs)** to evaluate the proposals based on three criteria: Excellence, Innovation and Impact, and Quality and Efficiency of Implementation.

4. Domain Panel meeting

Every Domain Panel involved in a cut-off will discuss separately proposals in their domain and provide: a **consolidated score** per proposal according to the evaluation criteria and the Rapporteurs' reports and a **resource recommendation** per proposal.

5. Super Panel meeting

All proposals are discussed collectively, irrespective of domain. The outcomes of this meeting include: a **final score** per proposal according to the evaluation criteria, an **overall ranking list** of the proposals and a **resource recommendation** for each proposal.

6. Resource Allocation Panel (RAP) meeting

Taking into consideration the overall ranking and the resource recommendation, the EuroHPC **resources are formally allocated**. Proposals are awarded resources according to the recommendations and their positions in the ranking list provided by the Access Resource Committee during the Super Panel Meeting. Proposals may be moved to other suitable systems or may not be awarded in case the resources have been exhausted on the selected system.

7. EuroHPC JU Governing Board list adoption

The final resource allocation list is submitted to the **EuroHPC JU Governing Board for approval**.

8. Communication of results

The **Peer-Review Sector communicates the final results to all applicants**. Applicants receive an email with the final decision; the same outcome is also available in the Peer-Review Platform.

9. Award acceptance

Applicants who are awarded resources **must formally accept the award in the Peer-Review Platform**. This action triggers a notification to the Hosting Entities, who will then contact the applicants to arrange system access.

COMPUTING TIME AND EXTENSIONS

Extension requests for awarded projects are possible for **up to 3 months** in the event that the resources weren't completely used and the project is not completed in the allotted time.

In such cases, the Principal Investigator should submit a formal request to EuroHPC JU Peer-Review Sector (PRS) **at least 1 month before the conclusion of the project**. After the acknowledgement of the request, the PRS will unlock a step in the online platform (https://access.eurohpc-ju.europa.eu). The JU will together with the HPC Centre assess the request and communicate the results as soon as possible after the extension request submission date.

The maximum resources that will be available during this extension period will be **up to 20% of the initial allocation**. The project team should keep in mind that the overall resources usage will be taken into consideration for deciding on the extension duration and available resources. Proposals with heavily underutilized resources will not be eligible for an extension except in dully justified cases.

More details regarding extension requests are detailed in the Access Policy.

OBLIGATIONS FOR AWARDED PROJECTS

1. Reporting

For all awarded projects, the Principal Investigator (PI) must submit a Final Report **within three (3) months of the completion** of an allocation, using the proper EuroHPC JU template, with the results obtained through the access to the EuroHPC JU systems, as well as qualitative feedback on the use of the resources.

This report needs to be submitted **via the Peer-Review Platform within the Final Report step** of the application. Failure to submit a Final Report may disqualify future proposal submissions to EuroHPC JU by any member of the research group.

The template for the **Final Report** is available for download: Regular Access - Final Report

The template for the **Progress Report** (for continuation submissions) is available for download: Regular Access - Progress Report

2. Dissemination

In case the proposal is awarded, EuroHPC JU would like to publish **the PIs and team members names and organizations**. Applicants commit to collaborate with EuroHPC JU, upon its request, in the preparation of dissemination material. This may involve sharing this information on our website, social media channels, or in other promotional materials related to the project.

3. Acknowledgement

Applicants **must acknowledge EuroHPC JU in all publications** that describe results obtained using EuroHPC JU resources. Acknowledgement should be made of the role of the Hosting Entity (HPC Centre), the EuroHPC JU and of any relevant partners in all publications which include the results above mentioned.

Users shall use the following wording in such acknowledgement in all such papers and other publications:

"We acknowledge EuroHPC JU for awarding the project ID EHPC-REG-XXXXXXX-XXX access to [resources on partition name hosted by site]"

Use as many instances of the pattern [resources on partition name hosted by site] as the number of systems awarded via EuroHPC JU. Please follow these examples:

- Vega at IZUM, Slovenia;
- Karolina at IT4Innovations, Czech Republic;
- MeluXina at LuxProvide, Luxembourg;
- Discoverer at SofiaTech, Bulgaria;
- LUMI at CSC, Finland;
- Leonardo at CINECA, Italy;
- MareNostrum5 at BSC, Spain;
- Deucalion at FCT, Portugal;
- Jupiter at JSC, Germany.

ANNEX 1

THE PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

A diagram of the Peer-Review process is displayed below:

REGULAR ACCESS CALL FOR PROPOSALS (2 cut-offs per year) → PROPOSAL SUBMISSION → ADMINISTRATIVE CHECK → ACCEPTED / REJECTED

ACCEPTED → TECHNICAL ASSESMENT / RAPPORTEURS REPORTING

RAPPORTEURS REPORTING → 2 Individual Reports

TECHNICAL ASSESMENT + RAPPORTEURS REPORTING → DOMAIN PANEL MEETING → Consolidated Report

DOMAIN PANEL MEETING → SUPER PANEL MEETING → RESOURCE ALLOCATION PANEL MEETING → EUROHPC JU GOVERNING BOARD RANKING LIST APPROVAL → COMMUNICATION TO APPLICANTS → AWARDED / NOT AWARDED

AWARDED → AWARD ACCEPTANCE