



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
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No 21/2025

Approving the selection of the tender for the acquisition of the
Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer

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 Article 14 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(i), 6(5) and 7(4)(g) thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1732 of 17 June 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 as regards a EuroHPC initiative for start-ups in order to boost European leadership in trustworthy artificial intelligence²,

Having regard to EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules approved by the Governing Board Decision No 03/2020 of 20 February 2020³ and in particular to Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 33/2022 of 25 November 2022 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Plan and Budget for the year 2022 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 4),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 14/2023 of 15 June 2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range supercomputers,

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

² OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

³ As readopted by Governing Board Decision No 17/2021 of 30 September 2021.

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 35/2024 of 9 July 2024 amending the Governing Board Decision No 14/2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range Supercomputers,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 48/2024 of 10 October 2024 approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition of the Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall acquire, jointly with the contracting authorities of the Participating State where the hosting entity is established or with the contracting authorities of the Participating States in the hosting consortium, the mid-range supercomputers and shall co-own them,
- (2) By means of the Governing Board Decision No 14/2023 of 15 June 2023, further amended by means of the Governing Board Decision No 35/2024 of 9 July 2024, Linköping University (LiU) was selected to host the Arrhenius Mid-Range supercomputer.
- (3) In accordance with Article 168(2) of the EU Financial Regulation, where the share pertaining to or managed by the contracting authority of a Member State in the total estimated value of the contract is equal to or above 50%, or in other duly justified cases, the Union institution may decide that the procedural rules applicable to the contracting authority of a Member State shall apply to the joint procurement, provided that those rules may be considered as equivalent to those of the Union institution. Since the financial contribution of Sweden to the acquisition of the Arrhenius Mid-Range supercomputer will cover 65% of the total acquisition cost of that supercomputer, the Hosting Entity, in consultation with the Joint Undertaking decided that the procurement law provisions of Sweden were applicable to the joint procurement.
- (4) On 6 June 2024, the EuroHPC JU and LiU concluded the Joint Procurement Agreement in this respect and agreed that the procedural rules under Swedish law shall apply to this procurement procedure in accordance with Article 168(2) of the EU Financial Regulation,
- (5) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement act in the jurisdiction of the Hosting Entity. The evaluation committee was appointed by the national contracting authority. The EuroHPC JU participated in the evaluation.
- (6) The negotiated procurement procedure was performed in several consecutive steps. Following the request to participate, ten applications were received, of which eight applicants met the requested qualification criteria and were invited to submit tenders. Four tenders were submitted. In accordance with the applicable public procurement law, the evaluation committee evaluated and assessed the tenders with respect to the fulfilment of mandatory conditions for participation in the procurement procedure. The

evaluation committee assessed that four tenderers met the mandatory requirements. Finally, two tenderers with the highest scoring were invited to the oral hearings and to submit final tenders. The evaluation committee concluded that in the final stage one of the tenderers was superior to the other. Consequently, the evaluation committee recommended to award the contract to the vendor that fulfilled all mandatory criteria, reached required thresholds, and was superior to the others. More details on the evaluation procedure, including the composition of the evaluation committee, are provided in the annexed evaluation report.

- (7) The Executive Director has submitted the Evaluation Report to the Governing Board,
- (8) The Governing Board took note of the outcome of the evaluation, which included the Evaluation Report with annexes. Consequently, the Governing Board

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the selection of the tender for the acquisition of the Arrhenius Mid-Range Supercomputer, in accordance with the annual Work Programme of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2022 and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the Mid-Range supercomputer.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall inform the tenderers of the results of the evaluation and shall communicate simultaneously the relevant criteria scoring and analysis.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 19 May 2025.

For the Governing Board

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