



**EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING  
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT  
UNDERTAKING No 3/2026**

**Approving the launch of the call for tender for the acquisition of the  
CASPIr 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) 2018/1488<sup>1</sup>, (hereinafter, “the JU Regulation”), in particular Article 14 thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "JU Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(i), 6(5) and 7(4)(f) 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 intelligence<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 22/2021 of 12 November 2021 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Programme and Budget for the year 2021,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 27/2021 of 12 November 2021 approving the launch of Call for Expression of Interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for Mid-Range Supercomputers,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 18/2022 of 14 June 2022 on the selection of the Hosting Entities for the Mid-Range Supercomputers,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 23/2025 of 27 June 2025 amending the Governing Board Decision No 18/2022 (Amendment No 2),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 38/2025 of 5 August 2025 approving the updated application for the CASPIR Mid-Range Supercomputer,

WHEREAS

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, *OJ L 193 of 30.07.2018, p.1.*

<sup>2</sup> 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 intelligence, *OJ L 2024/1723, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.*

- (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 Participating States in the hosting consortium, the mid-range supercomputers and shall co-own them. The parties signed a Joint Procurement Agreement (reference number [Ares\(2025\)10597168](#)) in that regard.
- (2) By means of Governing Board Decision No 18/2022 of 14 June 2022 four (4) Hosting Entities for the Mid-range supercomputers were selected, amongst which the Irish Centre for High-End Computing (ICHEC) of the National University of Ireland, now renamed to University of Galway, was selected to host the CASPIr Mid-range Supercomputer.
- (3) The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and the Hosting Entity, University of Galway, signed the Hosting Agreement no 02/2022, dated 09/10/2025, for a Mid-Range Supercomputer.
- (4) The Governing Board shall approve the launch of the calls for tenders, in accordance with the annual work plan for the year 2021.
- (5) The EuroHPC JU, jointly with the selected Hosting Entity shall procure one (1) Mid-Range supercomputer (so-called CASPIr supercomputer) within the agreed available budget for its acquisition and shall co-own it.
- (6) Article 168 (2) of the Financial Regulation of the Union (Regulation [\(EU, Euratom\) 2024/2509 of 26 September 2024](#)) provides that 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 %, 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. Considering that the financial contribution of the Republic of Ireland to the acquisition of the CASPIr supercomputer will cover 65% of the total acquisition cost of that supercomputer, the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and the Hosting Entity agreed in the Joint Procurement Agreement that the procedural rules under Irish law shall apply to this procurement procedure.
- (7) The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and the Hosting Entity concluded a Joint Procurement Agreement on 2 December 2025 laying down the practical arrangements that will govern the joint procurement procedure for the acquisition of CASPIr Mid-range Supercomputer, in particular the evaluation of the requests for participation or of the tenders, the award of the contract, the law applicable to the contract and the competent court for hearing disputes.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Governing Board hereby approves the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition of one (1) Mid-range Supercomputer (CASPIr Mid-range Supercomputer), in accordance with the annual Work Plan of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2021, and within the agreed available budget.

*Article 2*

The Governing Board invites the competent authority, on the basis of the Joint Procurement Agreement concluded between the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and the respective Hosting Entity, to proceed with all necessary actions for the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition of the respective Mid-range Supercomputer (CASPIr Mid-range Supercomputer), in accordance with the legal framework and procedural provisions applicable to the joint procurement, and within the agreed available budget for its acquisition by the co-owners.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 30 January 2026

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal  
The Chair