

EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING

No 32/2025

Amending the Governing Board Decisions No 13/2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entity for a second High-End supercomputer (Amendment No 3)

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, (hereinafter, "the JU Regulation"), in particular Articles 9, 10, and 11 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 6(4) and 7(4) (d) thereof,

Having regard to 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

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 13/2023 of 15 June 2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entity for a second High-End supercomputer,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 42/2024 of 8 August 2024 amending the Governing Board Decision No 13/2023 on the selection of the Hosting Entity for a second High-End supercomputer (Amendment No 2),

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¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 41/2022 of 5 December 2022 adopting the amended EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Work Programme and Budget for the year 2022 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 5),

WHEREAS

- (1) By means of the Governing Board Decision No 13/2023, the EuroHPC JU Governing Board approved the selection of the Jules Verne consortium as a Hosting Entity for a EuroHPC JU high-end supercomputer,
- (2) By means of the Governing Board Decision No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024 and the Governing Board Decision No 42/2024 of 8 August 2024, the Governing Board approved the reallocation of the budgets between the acquisition and operating costs, and provided for an option in the call for tenders for acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of "Alice Recoque" Exascale Supercomputer hosted by the Jules Verne consortium,
- (3) In accordance with Article 9(7) of the Regulation, the selected Hosting Entity may decide to invite, subject to the prior agreement of the Commission, additional Participating States, or a consortium of private partners, to join the hosting consortium. The financial or in-kind contribution or any other commitment of the joining Participating States, or Private Members, shall not affect the Union financial contribution and the corresponding ownership rights and percentage of access time allocated to the Union with regard to that EuroHPC supercomputer as defined in Articles 11, 12, 13, and 14.
- (4) The Hosting Entity informed the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking that Greece wishes to participate in the Jules Verne consortium, providing additional financial support in the amount of EUR 5,000,000.00. The financial support will contribute to the increased budget for the operating costs of the Alice Recoque supercomputer,
- (5) In line with Article 17(1) of the JU Regulation, the share of the Union's access time to a high-end EuroHPC supercomputer shall be directly proportional to the financial contribution of the Union to the total cost of ownership of the EuroHPC supercomputer,
- (6) To keep the percentage of the Union financial contribution and the share Union's access time unchanged, as agreed in the Governing Board Decision No 13/2023, amended by the Governing Board Decision No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024 (Amendment No 1) the Union's financial contribution to the operating costs of the EuroHPC supercomputer hosted by the Jules Verne consortium shall be increased,
- (7) The increase of operating costs shall only be effective subject to increase of the budget in the respective Work Programme and Budget.
- (8) During the 50th Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board discussed the following issue and the Governing Board

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Pursuant to Article 9(7) of Regulation and considering the additional financial contribution from the Participating State Greece to the Jules Verne Consortium as new member, the Governing Board hereby approves the increase of operating cost of the Alice Recoque project.

The maximum operating costs shall be EUR 199,127,718.00, including additional EUR 5,000,000.00 from the Participating State Greece and EUR 5,000,000.00 from the increased Union's contribution.

The Governing Board approves EUR 553,927,718.00 as the total cost of ownership for the High-End Supercomputer hosted by the Jules Verne consortium.

Article 2

The subsequent increase of the operating costs of the High-End Supercomputer hosted by the Jules Verne consortium will be reflected in the Work Programme and Budget.

Article 3

Other provisions of the Governing Board Decisions No 13/2023 of 15 June 2023, Governing Board Decision No 32/2024 of 19 June 2024, and Governing Board Decision No 42/2024 of 8 August 2024 remain unchanged.

Article 4

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 25 June 2025.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal
The Chair