



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING
No 34/2026

**approving the call for tenders for the selection of Artificial Intelligence
Gigafactory Consortia and the establishment of AI Gigafactories and the
Framework Contract**

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, as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 of 16 January 2026 (hereinafter, "the JU Regulation"), and in particular Article 12b thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the JU Regulation (thereinafter "JU Statutes"), in particular to Articles 1(b), 1(i) 6(5a), 7(4a), and 7(4a)(g) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (hereinafter "the EU Financial Regulation"),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision no 46/2026 of 10 July 2026, amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2026 (Amendment No 6),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 30/2026 of 1 June 2026 approving the adoption of the model EuroHPC JU AIGF Joint Procurement Agreement,

WHEREAS

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3.

- (1) The EuroHPC JU was established by Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of 13 July 2021, as last amended Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 of 16 January 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the 'JU Regulation'), the latter creating a new pillar of activities for the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking, enabling it to perform activities for the implementation of Artificial Intelligence Giga Factories (hereinafter, "AIGFs"), while also accommodating for their specificities.
- (2) Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 introduced a new objective for the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to support the establishment of, and access to, AI gigafactories and their services, with a view to building a dynamic, innovative, sustainable and resilient AI ecosystem across the Union and ensuring scientific and industrial leadership.
- (3) In accordance with Article 12b(4) of the JU Regulation, the AI Gigafactories shall be selected based on a joint procurement between the Joint Undertaking and one or more contracting authorities from the Participating States.
- (4) The fourth and sixth amendments of the annual Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2026 have been adopted by the Governing Board by means of Decision No 33/2026 of 19 June 2026 and 46/2026 of 10 July 2026 respectively. The amendments address the need of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to organise and manage calls for tenders for the selection of Artificial Intelligence Gigafactory Consortia and the establishment of AI Gigafactories and regulate the eligibility criteria.
- (5) The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking intends to launch a call for tenders for the selection of Artificial Intelligence Gigafactory Consortia and the establishment of AI Gigafactories following the joint procurement procedure. The joint procurement shall be pursued within the meaning of Article 168(2) of the EU Financial Regulation, to select a number of AIGF Consortia whose proposals will be the highest ranked following the evaluation procedure that will set up, host and operate the AIGFs and from whom the Contracting Parties will acquire AI compute access time in accordance with the JU Regulation.
- (6) According to Article 12b(5) of the JU Regulation, the Union financial contribution may take the form of a pre-agreed guaranteed purchase of access time to the AIGF (off-take model), equivalent in value up to 17% of the CAPEX of the overall computing infrastructure of the AIGF. One or more National Contracting Authorities from the Participating States shall at least match the Union contribution. The remaining investment as well as the operational expenditure (OPEX) of the AIGF shall be covered by the AIGF Consortium.
- (7) Following the conclusion of the call for tenders referred to in Recital (5), the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall conclude framework contracts with the selected consortia. The Governing Board shall approve framework contracts established by the Joint Undertaking for the provision of essential and high-demand components of AI gigafactories,

(8) The Governing Board discussed the text of the call for proposals and the framework contract

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the text of the call for tenders for the selection of Artificial Intelligence Gigafactory Consortia and the establishment of AI Gigafactories annexed to this Decision (Annex 1).

Article 2

The Governing Board hereby approves the framework contract annexed to this Decision (Annex 2).

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 9 July 2026.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair