



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

**No 13/2026**

**Approving the selection of the tender for the Acquisition, Delivery,  
Installation and Hardware and Software Maintenance of the IT4LIA  
AI-optimised supercomputer for the European High Performance  
Computing Joint Undertaking**

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, as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 of 16 January 2026 on amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (hereinafter, "the JU Regulation"), in particular Article 12a 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 EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules, approved by Governing Board Decision 3/2020, of 20 February 2020 and, in particular to Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 57/2024 of 7 October 2024 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 5),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 51/2024 of 10 September 2024 approving the launch of a call for expression of interest for the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory

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<sup>1</sup> As readopted by Governing Board Decision No 17/2021, of 30 September 2021.

(EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-02, further amended by the Governing Board Decision No 59/2024 of 14 October 2024 (Amendment No 1)),

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 71/2024 of 9 December 2024 approving the selection of Hosting Entities for the acquisition of an AI-optimised supercomputer or the upgrade of an existing EuroHPC supercomputer with AI capabilities, an advanced Experimental AI-optimised Supercomputing Platform (optional), and the establishment of an AI Factory,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 43/2025 of 26 September 2025, approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of IT4LIA AI-optimised Supercomputer,

#### WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall acquire AI-optimised supercomputers and shall own them,
- (2) By Decision No 71/2024 of 9 December 2024, the Governing Board selected the consortium coordinated by CINECA Consorzio Interuniversitario (“CINECA”) as Hosting Entity for the EuroHPC AI-Optimised Supercomputer (“IT4LIA”),
- (3) By Decision No 43/2025 of 26 September 2025, the Governing Board approved the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of IT4LIA AI-optimised Supercomputer,
- (4) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement rules for the open procedures in the terms provided in the Financial Regulation. The open procedure procurement is organised in one stage. The evaluation committee was appointed by the responsible authorising officer of EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. Three external experts selected by EuroHPC Joint Undertaking assisted the evaluation committee with a detailed technical analysis against the award criteria,
- (5) Five vendors submitted their applications and were deemed eligible and administratively compliant and have been evaluated by the Evaluation Committee (exclusion criteria, selection criteria, award criteria). The Evaluation Committee, taking into account external experts’ individual evaluation reports, concluded that 4 tenders were covering all the tender mandatory technical requirements as described in the technical specifications part of the call for tenders and one tender was superior to the other. One application was rejected due to unsuitable vendor. The Evaluation Committee recommended to the Executive Director to award the contract to the superior tender, presenting the best overall solution in for what concerns the technical value of the system, including the quality of hardware and software, the EU added value and the R&D collaboration with the Hosting Entity. More details on the evaluation procedure are provided in the annexed Evaluation Report.

(6) The Executive Director has submitted the Evaluation Report to the Governing Board,

(7) 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, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of the IT4LIA AI-optimised Supercomputer following the open procedure and in accordance with the Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2024, and within the agreed available budget for the acquisition of the respective AI-optimised Supercomputer.

*Article 2*

The Executive Director shall inform the tenderer 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 16 March 2026.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal  
The Chair