



**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 2/2026**

**on the Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the Quantum Technologies
Advisory Group**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC Joint Undertaking (hereinafter 'EuroHPC JU'),
Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 of 16 January 2026 amending 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
'Regulation'), and the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Statutes annexed thereto (hereinafter
'Statutes'),

Having regards to Article 4(1) point c of the Statutes, establishing the Industrial and Scientific
Advisory Board which is composed the Research and Innovation Advisory Group (RIAG), the
Infrastructure Advisory Group (INFRAG) and the new Quantum Technology Group (QTAG).

Having regards to GB Decisions No (3/2018); (5/2018); and (16/2024); which defines the selection
procedures of the Research and Innovation Advisory Group (RIAG) and the Infrastructure
Advisory Group (INFRAG);

Having regard in particular to Articles 10, 12a and 14a of the Statutes defining the composition,
the functioning and tasks of the Quantum Technologies Advisory Group (hereinafter referred to
as 'QTAG') respectively;

WHEREAS:

(1) The QTAG shall:

- (a) draw up its contribution to the draft multiannual strategic programme in relation to
quantum technologies activities and related subjects referred to in Article 18 of these
Statutes and review it regularly in accordance with the evolution of scientific, industrial,
and policy demand;

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

This contribution to the draft multiannual strategic programme shall address:

- (1) the strategic research, innovation, deployment, and infrastructure priorities for the development and uptake of quantum technologies and their integration into the European digital ecosystem, to support the Union's resilience, strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty.
- (2) potential international cooperation activities in quantum technologies that add value and are of mutual interest while ensuring alignment with Union values and security interests.
- (3) training, education, and workforce development priorities for addressing key competences and the skills gap in quantum technologies, including awareness of security-sensitive applications.
- (4) the acquisition, deployment, and operation of quantum infrastructures, including the interconnection and federation with High Performance Computing infrastructures and other digital infrastructures such as quantum communications and quantum sensing.
- (5) measures for capability building, interoperability, standardisation, security in the field of quantum technologies with specific consideration of dual-use risks and protection of the strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security of the Union.

(b) organise public consultations open to all public and private stakeholders having an interest in the field of quantum technologies to inform them about, and collect feedback on, the draft multiannual strategic programme and the related draft activities of the quantum technologies part of the work programme for a given year.

- (2) The QTAG, shall consist of no more than twelve members, of which up to six shall be appointed by the Private Members, taking into account their commitments to the Joint Undertaking and up to six shall be appointed by the Governing Board, in accordance with Articles 10(7) and 7(3)(k) of the Statutes.
- (3) The QTAG may include up to six observers proposed by Participating States and appointed by the Governing Board.
- (3) Members and observers of the QTAG are appointed for a period of two years. They may be reappointed once.
- (4) The Governing Board should establish the specific criteria and selection process for the members it appoints for QTAG, which should be similar to the selection procedure of the EuroHPC JU other advisory committees.
- (5) The members of the QTAG should be selected on the broadest possible geographical basis from among nationals of Participating States representing European interests and without distinction as to racial or ethnic origin, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, age or disability, gender or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or

family situation. A sectorial, geographic and gender balance among the members of the QTAG should be ensured.

- (6) The members of QTAG should be recognised experts in the areas of expertise relevant to the tasks of the QTAG. The composition of the QTAG should reflect a balanced representation of the different areas of expertise required.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION

Article 1

Conflict of Interest

The rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests applicable to the members of the QTAG are defined in the Rules of Procedure of the QTAG.

Article 2

Eligibility and Exclusion Criteria

1. Candidate Members of the QTAG shall enjoy full rights as a citizen of a Participating State of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and shall have a high-level of expertise in the relevant fields of the QTAG tasks as defined in Article 14a of the Statutes.
2. Candidate Members of the QTAG shall cumulatively have:
 - a) A university degree.
 - b) At least five (5) years of relevant professional experience.
3. European Commission staff, including external staff working for the Commission, EuroHPC JU staff, officials of Member States, and of national, regional or local authorities shall not be eligible.
4. Members of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking or their substitutes shall not be eligible.
5. In addition to the above requirements, the following exclusion criteria shall apply:
 - a) The candidate has been convicted of an offence concerning his/her professional conduct by a judgment, which has the force of *res judicata*.
 - b) The candidate has been found guilty of grave professional misconduct.

Article 3

Selection Criteria

1. Candidate Members of the QTAG must demonstrate their strategic overview and comprehensive knowledge of the international landscape in quantum technologies and have proven competence and expertise in at least one of the domains of quantum technologies, i.e. quantum computing, quantum sensing and -metrology and quantum communication. Moreover, specific competences shall be demonstrated around:
 - a) hands-on experience in Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) and in-depth understanding and knowledge of state-of-the-art technologies,
 - b) Experience in applying or using quantum technologies in relevant scientific or industrial application areas, including industrial uptake of quantum technologies,
 - c) Provision of services supporting different community needs, specialised training, education, and workforce development priorities for addressing key competences and the skills gap in quantum technologies, including awareness of security-sensitive applications and capacity building measures to develop the human capital resources for increased adoption of advanced quantum computing in industry (including SMEs) and academia,
2. Knowledge in business administration and industry management in emerging or disruptive ICT technologies will be considered as an asset.
3. An excellent knowledge of the English language is required.

Article 4

Selection Process

1. For each 2 year- term, the Executive Director shall invite the private members of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and the members of the Governing Board to propose candidates for the QTAG on the basis of the criteria referred to in Articles 1 and 2, specifying the documents to be submitted in that regard, means of submission and the deadline within which candidatures shall be submitted to the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking.
3. The QTAG shall consist of no more than twelve members, whereof no more than six shall be appointed by the Private Members – the ETP4HPC, QUIC and BDVA Associations, and no more than six shall be appointed by the Governing Board. The Private Members have established, the specific criteria and selection process for the members they appoint, defining the number of members each association may appoint in the six members of the Private Members.
4. As for the 6 members that are to be appointed by the Governing Board, the Commission representative may propose maximum two (2) candidates, and each member of the Governing Board shall propose maximum one (1) candidate with sufficient motivation for this proposition.

5. After expiration of the deadline for submission, the Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall compile a list of the candidates received. He/she shall prepare and organise the work for the pre-selection of the members of the QTAG on the basis of the candidatures received. He/she will appoint and chair a pre-selection panel, composed of three (3) members of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking senior staff.
6. The pre-selection panel shall verify the eligibility of the candidates in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 1 and 2. A candidate who does not meet all the eligibility criteria, will be ineligible and be excluded from the next steps of the selection process.
7. The pre-selection panel shall carry out an objective assessment of each eligible candidate against the requirements for selection criteria set out in Articles 2 and 3.
8. On the basis of the preselection process the Executive Director shall establish a shortlist of 6 candidates who are considered best suited for appointment, as well as a reserve list of at most 9 candidates. These lists will include a conclusion concerning the merits and suitability to be appointed as a Member of the QTAG for each candidate, taking into account:
 - a) The need to reflect a balanced representation of recognised experts as defined in Article 2 and a balanced representation of the areas of expertise as defined in Article 3, including SMEs.
 - b) The need to have the necessary scientific and technical competencies and expertise required to carry out the QTAG tasks set out in Article 14a of the Statutes.
 - c) The need to ensure geographical and gender balance.
9. The first 6 of the 9 candidates on the reserve list shall become observers and the Executive Director shall present the relevant list to the Governing Board as provided in Article 10 of the Statutes annexed to the Regulation.
10. For the purposes of points (a) and (b) of paragraph 8, the members of QTAG and those included in the reserve list should reflect a balanced representation of recognised experts in the areas of expertise as defined in Article 3. Collectively, they should have the necessary scientific and technical competencies, expertise and experience needed to carry out the QTAG tasks set out in Article 14a of the Statutes.
11. The Executive Director will present the results of the selection process to the Governing Board, including a full record of the candidates not included in the lists mentioned above as well as the candidates deemed ineligible.
12. The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Secretariat will provide technical and logistic support and carry out the preparatory work for the selection process and inform the applicants of the outcome of the process.

Article 5

Appointment

1. On the basis of the results of the selection process above and presented by the Executive Director, the Governing Board shall appoint the Members of the QTAG, establish a reserve list and appoint up to 6 observers. In particular, the Governing Board shall approve the proposed lists of shortlisted candidates, the proposed reserve list together with the list of the relevant observers. The Governing Board may deviate and replace shortlisted candidates with candidates included in the reserve list, for duly substantiated reasons and in accordance with Article 4(8) and (9). The decision of the Governing Board shall be taken in accordance with Article 9(2) and (3) of its Rules of Procedure.
2. Members and observers shall be appointed for a 2-year period. Upon recommendation by the Executive Director, the Governing Board can decide to renew the appointment for a new 2-year term. Current members and observers of RIAG and INFRAG, who have only served a 2 year term on either of these two groups, can be nominated to QTAG for an additional 2 year term only.
3. The established reserve list shall be valid for the duration of the term of the appointed QTAG members. In case of a vacancy, after consultation with the Executive Director, the Governing Board will appoint a new member from the reserve list for the rest of the duration of the term of the QTAG.
4. If a member does not actively participate in the activities of the QTAG the Governing Board can decide to withdraw membership.

Article 6

Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force on the day of adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, on 26 February 2026.

For the Governing Board

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The Chair