

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

No 17/2025

approving the ranked list of proposals selected for funding pursuant to the evaluation of the call for proposals on EU-Japan Partnership in Quantum Computing (HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2024-INCO-06)

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"),

Having regard to Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the JU Regulation (thereinafter "JU Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(i) and 7(7)(d) 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 intelligence²,

Having regard to Financial Rules of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking adopted by the Governing Board on 20 February 2020³, and in particular Article 45 thereof,

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3.

² OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

³ Readopted by means of the Governing Board Decision No 17/2021 approving the re-adoption of Governing Board Decisions adopted under the framework of Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 and its updated Rules of Procedure in the view of Regulation (EU) 2021/1173.

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 63/2024 of 18 November 2024 approving the launch of a call for proposals on EuroHPC International Cooperation – Scientific collaboration on HPC and Quantum Computing with third countries,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 62/2024 of 8 November 2024 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 6),

WHEREAS

- (1) By means of Decision of the Governing Board No 63/2024, the Governing Board approved the launch of the call for proposals on EU-Japan Partnership in Quantum Computing. The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking published the call with deadline of 27 February 2025.
- (2) In response to the call, three proposals were received within deadline. The proposals were checked for compliance with the admissibility requirements and eligibility conditions of the call. The compliance check concluded that two submitted proposals were admissible and eligible.
- (3) The proposal was evaluated by a panel of independent experts, in accordance with the call and the Horizon Europe (HE) rules for participation, in line with the EuroHPC amended Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024.
- (4) The Executive Director has submitted to the Governing Board for approval the proposal selected for funding. The two admissible and eligible proposals passed the relevant thresholds. In accordance with the call conditions, the Granting Authority can fund a maximum of one project.
- (5) For all selected project under this call, the Japanese partners will indicate if they will contribute with their own funding. In order to secure the proper implementation of the project, the proposal recommended for funding will have achieved the relevant threshold and will have secured additional funding from the Japanese partners.
- (6) The Governing Board shall approve the actions selected for funding on the basis of the call evaluation report and financial contribution of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and Japanese Partners as provided in the call for proposals.
- (7) The Governing Board took note and acknowledged the report of the Executive Director on the outcome of the call for proposal which includes the Call Evaluation

Report with its annexes as well as the evaluation summary report which will be attached to the individual notification letters.

(8) The Governing Board should approve the list of actions selected for funding on the basis of the ranking list produced by a panel of independent experts.

(9) The Executive Director shall implement the decisions of the Governing Board.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the ranking of proposals selected for funding, annexed to this Decision, following the call for proposals on EU-Japan Partnership in Quantum Computing.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall inform the applicants of the result of the evaluation and shall communicate simultaneously the relevant individual evaluation summary reports as attachments to the notification letters. The notification letter sent by the Executive Director to the action selected for funding shall invite the applicant to start the grant agreement preparation.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 7 May 2025.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal
The Chair

Annex 1: Ranked list of proposals retained for funding, following the call for proposals on EU-Japan Partnership in Quantum Computing.

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No	Proposal Acronym	Total Score	Number of Participants	Total Cost	Proposal Duration	Grant Requested by SME Participants	EU Grant Requested	Recommended budget	Funding received from the Japanese Partners	Selected for funding
1	HiPe-Reocci	12	13 (16)	3,999,995.00 €	36	380,062.50 €	3,999,995.00 €	3,999,995.00 €	NO	NO
2	Q-NEKO	10	11 (16)	4,271,436.25 €	36	260,983.00 €	3,999,999.00 €	3,999,999.00 €	YES	YES