EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING

DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING No 54/2025

Adopting the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2026

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[1], (hereinafter, "the Regulation"),

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(o), 7(5)(b), 9(4)(b) and (c) and 18 of thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1732 of 17 June 2024 amending Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 as regards a EuroHPC initiative for start-ups in order to boost European leadership in trustworthy artificial intelligence[2],

Having regard to Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking No 3/2020, approving the Financial Rules of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking[3],

Having regard to Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking No 66/2024 of 28 November 2024 adopting the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2025 and its subsequent amendments in which calls introduced in 2025 have budgets allocated in 2026,

WHEREAS

[1] OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

[2] OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

[3] Readopted by Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking 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.

(1) The Statutes of the EuroHPC JU confer on the Governing Board the powers to adopt the annual work programme and its annual budget including the staff establishment plan. Pursuant to Article 3 of the Financial Rules of the EuroHPC JU, for each financial year, the budget of the EuroHPC JU shall forecast and authorise all revenue and expenditure considered necessary for the EuroHPC JU. It shall consist of: (a) the revenue of the EuroHPC JU, comprising: (i) its members' financial contributions to the administrative costs; (ii) its members' financial contributions to the operational costs; (iii) revenue assigned to specific items of expenditure; (iv) any revenue generated by the EuroHPC JU; (b) the expenditure of the EuroHPC JU, including administrative expenditure,

(2) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking submitted the Work Programme to the Governing Board,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annual Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2026 annexed to this decision is adopted.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall make the Annual Work Programme and Budget 2026 publicly available on the website of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 5 December 2025

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

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INTRODUCTION

The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking (hereinafter "EuroHPC JU" or "JU"), will contribute to the ambition of value creation in the Union with the overall mission to develop, deploy, extend and maintain in the Union an integrated world class supercomputing, and quantum computing infrastructure and to develop and support a highly competitive and innovative High Performance Computing (HPC) ecosystem, extreme scale, energy-efficient, environmentally sustainable and highly resilient HPC and data technologies.

In July 2021, Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 (EuroHPC JU Regulation) was adopted, repealing Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1488, and provides the basis of the Work Programmes of the Joint Undertaking. In July 2024, Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1732 set a new objective which is allow the Joint Undertaking to perform activities in the domains of acquiring and operating AI-optimised supercomputers or partitions of supercomputers to enable machine learning and training of general purpose AI models and provide SMEs and start-ups with the full range of additional activities necessary to develop and support the AI ecosystem.

In 2026 a Commission proposal to amend the Council Regulation will be adopted and will set another objective which will allow the Joint Undertaking to support the establishment of the AI Gigafactories and to reinforce the current mandate of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking on quantum technologies.

The Annual Work Programme 2026 contains the actions to be implemented in 2026 and the actions such as the AI Factory procurements that were agreed in work programme 2025. Calls to be launched in 2026 will be prepared by the JU and presented for adoption by the Governing Board by separate Governing Board Decisions. New calls linked to the Commission proposals on AI Gigafactories and Quantum technologies will be added, once the new Regulation is adopted, later in 2026.

General Conditions and restrictions:

For all activities implemented by the EuroHPC JU that are funded from the Horizon Europe (HE) budget, the Governing Board may decide to limit in the calls for proposals the eligibility of participants according to Horizon Europe Article 22(5).

For all activities implemented by the EuroHPC JU that are funded from the Digital Europe Programme (DEP) budget, the Governing Board may decide to limit in the calls for proposals or procurements the eligibility of participants according to Digital Europe Articles 12(6) and 18(4).

For all activities implemented by the EuroHPC JU that are funded from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) budget, the Governing Board may decide to limit in the calls for proposals or procurements the eligibility of participants according to Connecting Europe Facility Article 11(4). In line with the Defence Omnibus Regulation adopted at the end of 2025, CEF Funding will be allocated, in agreement with the Governing Board, to other pillars.

All actions with Union contribution below 100% are EU Synergy calls. Grants and procurements can be linked with another grant funded from any other EU funding programme including the Recovery and Resilience Fund, provided that there is no double funding and that such support does not cover the same cost. The grants under both calls will be managed as linked actions.

The Governing Board may decide to allocate a 'STEP Seal' to projects that are funded from Horizon Europe or the Digital Europe Programme. The STEP seal[4] is an EU quality label awarded to high-quality digital technologies and deep tech innovation projects contributing to the STEP objectives.

[4] For conditions see the STEP Regulation

Restrictions for the protection of European digital infrastructures, communication and information systems, and related supply chains*:*

The protection of European communication networks has been identified as an important security interest of the Union and its Member States[5]. In line with the Commission Recommendation on the cybersecurity of 5G networks of 2019[6] and the subsequent report on EU coordinated risk assessment of the cybersecurity of 5G networks of 2019[7], the EU Toolbox on 5G cybersecurity[8], the second report on Member States' progress in implementing the EU toolbox on 5G cybersecurity of 2023[9], and the related Communication on the implementation of the 5G cybersecurity toolbox of 2023[10], the Commission together with the Member States has worked to jointly identify and assess cyberthreats and security risks for 5G networks[11]. The toolbox also recommends adding country-specific information (e.g. threat assessment from national security services, etc.). This work is an essential component of the Security Union Strategy and supports the protection of electronic communications networks and other critical infrastructures.

Entities assessed as "high-risk suppliers", are currently set out in the second report on Member States' progress in implementing the EU toolbox on 5G cybersecurity of 2023[12] and the related Communication on the implementation of the 5G cybersecurity toolbox of 2023[13].

In accordance with art 136 (2) of the Financial Regulation (2024/2509), this Work Programme has identified actions that fall under the AI Factories pillar, the Infrastructure pillar or the Connected and Federated pillar that concern strategic assets and interests, for which it sets out specific award procedures aimed at ensuring the protection of the integrity of digital infrastructure, communication and information systems, and related supply chains.

This entails the need to avoid the participation of high-risk supplier entities and the use of non-secure equipment and other goods, works and/or services in the deployment of key digital infrastructures, communication and information systems, and related supply chains to prevent technology transfer and the persistence of dependencies in materials, semiconductor components (including processors), computing resources, software tools and virtualisation technologies, and to preserve the integrity of the concerned systems, including from a cybersecurity perspective.

In order to protect the concerned strategic assets and interests of the Union or its Member States, it is therefore appropriate that the two following additional eligibility criteria apply to the actions listed below and identified in the Work Programme as "subject to restrictions for the protection of European digital infrastructures, communication and information systems, and related supply chains":

1. Entities that are assessed as high-risk suppliers of mobile network communication equipment (and any entities they own or control) are not eligible to participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries,

[5] European Council conclusions of 1 and 2 October 2020 (EUCO 13/20), point 11; Council Conclusions on the significance of 5G to the European Economy and the need to mitigate security risks linked to 5G, 14517/19.

[6] Commission Recommendation (EU) 2019/534 of 26 March 2019 Cybersecurity of 5G networks, L 88/42.

[7] NIS Cooperation Group, Report on EU coordinated risk assessment of the cybersecurity of 5G networks, 9 October 2019.

[8] NIS Cooperation Group, EU Toolbox on 5G Cybersecurity, 29 January 2020.

[9] NIS Cooperation Group, Second report on Member States' progress in implementing the EU Toolbox on 5G Cybersecurity, June 2023.

[10] Communication from the Commission: Implementation of the 5g cybersecurity Toolbox, Brussels, 15.6.2023 C(2023) 4049 final.

[11] Within the NIS framework NIS 1 + 2 [Directive - 2022/2555 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)]

[12] NIS Cooperation Group, Second report on Member States' progress in implementing the EU Toolbox on 5G Cybersecurity, June 2023.

[13] Communication from the Commission: Implementation of the 5G cybersecurity Toolbox, Brussels, 15.6.2023 C(2023) 4049 final

affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any).

The assessment is based on the following criteria:

- likelihood of interference from a non-associated third country, for example due to:
  - the characteristics of the entity's ownership or governance (e.g. state-owned or controlled, government/party involvement);
  - the characteristics of the entity's business and other conduct (e.g. a strong link to a third country government);
  - the characteristics of the respective third country (e.g. legislation or government practices likely to affect the implementation of the action, including an offensive cyber/intelligence policy, pressure regarding place of manufacturing or access to information).
- (cyber-)security practices, including throughout the entire supply chain.
- risks identified in relevant assessments of Member States and third countries as well as other EU institutions, bodies and agencies, if relevant.

2. Equipment and other goods, works and/or services related to 5G/6G mobile network communication equipment, and other technologies linked to the evolution of European communication networks must:
   - not be subject to security requirements by third country that could affect the implementation of the action (e.g. technology restrictions, national security classification limiting the use of the equipment, etc.).
   - comply with (cyber-)security guidance issued by the Commission, in particular communications on the 5G toolbox.
   - apply (cyber-)security requirements throughout the life cycle, including the selection and award procedure and criteria for purchases, the use, and related services, including installation, upgrading or maintenance;
   - ensure (cyber-)security by adequately protecting the availability, authenticity, integrity, and confidentiality of stored or transmitted or processed data or the functions or services offered by, or accessible via, that equipment.

Exceptions may be requested from the Governing Board and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the criteria provided for in the 5G cybersecurity toolbox, the security risks and availability of alternatives in the context of the action.

The Governing Board shall agree on the list of concerned actions in this Work programme that fall under the AI Factories pillar, the infrastructure pillar or the Connected and Federated pillar and that shall be identified as "subject to restrictions for the protection of European digital infrastructures, communication and information systems, and related supply chains".

Indicators to report against:

The Joint Undertaking has now been autonomous since 2020. The following Indicators are now well known and have been reported in the Annual Activity Reports. By 2031, the JU will track, on an annual basis, the following indicators:

- Number of supercomputers procured
- Number of AI Factories supercomputers procured
- Bi- annual ranking of EuroHPC supercomputers in the TOP 500 and the Green TOP 500

- Number of Quantum Computers procured
- Number of projects evaluated by EuroHPC that have been given access to EuroHPC systems

OPERATIONS

The key objective of the EuroHPC JU is to further deploy and provide access in the Union to a world leading service and data infrastructure with high-end supercomputers which are indispensable to run the most demanding and strategic applications, such as climate change, personalised medicine etc.

This action builds on the previous infrastructure activities undertaken by the EuroHPC JU since its creation in 2018. The Operational section of this Work Programme will be organised using the Pillars of activity as set out in Regulation.

Furthermore, on 9 July 2024, the Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1732 of 17 June 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 as regards a EuroHPC initiative for start-ups to boost European leadership in trustworthy artificial intelligence came into force. This work programme will now include calls related to this new AI Pillar.

Pillars of Action

The 2026 Work Programme will follow the different pillars of actions as set out in the Regulation (2021/1173), amended by Regulation (2024/1732).

Since most actions are ongoing over more than one year, this work programme will summarise ongoing actions in each Pillar (if any) and then in a separate section introduce the Calls to be launched in 2026. Additionally, in 2026, EuroHPC JU will launch calls that were committed in 2025.

TABLE OF ACTIONS WITH BUDGET ALLOCATION

Calls to be launched or financed in 2026

Pillar	Actions	Programme	Type of action/ Funding rate	EU budget 2026	Total EU Contribution (EUR)	Total Budget (EUR)

AI Factories	Procurements and Operational costs: AI-optimised and upgraded EuroHPC supercomputers [14]	DEP	EU 50% PS 50%	291 Million	Total of 1,013 Million until 2027	T*otal of 2,025 Million*
	AI Factory Grants	Horizon Europe	EU 50% PS 50%	58 Million	Total of 214.6 Million between 2024 and 2026	T*otal of 429 Million*
	EuroHPC AI Factory Antennas	Horizon Europe	EU 50% PS 50%	20 Million	Total of 55 Million between 2025 and 2026	Total of 110 Million
	Procurement for Peer Review Platform	DEP	EU 100%	1.8 Million	1.8 Million	Total of 1.8 Million
	Cooperation of AI Factories	HE	EU 50% PS 50%	0	Total of 25 Million in 2025	Total of 50 Million
Infrastructure	Procurements of Midrange supercomputers (Levente and Caspir)	DEP	EU 35% PS 65% (CAPEX and OPEX)	35 Million	35 Million	Total of 100 Million
Technologies	Enhancing competitive European microprocessor technology for HPC	Horizon Europe	EU 50% PS 50%	0	48.6 Million from 2024	Total of 97.3 Million (committed in 2024)

[14] For information on procurements organised under the first AI Factory cut off, please see relevant section in this Work Programme

Applications	HPC Centres of Excellence and HPC Lighthouse Codes	Horizon Europe	EU 50% PS 50%	22 Million	Total of 60 Million between 2024 and 2026	Total of 120 Million
Quantum Computing	Quantum Prize	Horizon Europe	EU 100%	300,000	300,000	Total of 300,000
	Quantum Enhanced ML	Horizon Europe	EU 50% PS 50%	0	8 Million from 2025	Total of 16 Million
	HPC/QC Middleware technologies	Horizon Europe	EU 50% PS 50%	0	20 Million from 2024	Total of 40 Million
International	CSA Collaboration HPC with third countries (e.g.: Latin America)	Horizon Europe	100%	0	3 Million from 2025	Total of 3 Million
Competences and Skills	National Competence Centres	DEP	EU 50% PS 50%	20 Million	20 Million	Total of 40 Million
	CSA NCC Coordination	DEP	EU 100%	2 Million	2 Million	Total of 2 Million
	EuroHPC Summit 2027	DEP	EU 100%	700,000	700,000	Total of 700,000
	User Days 2026	DEP	100%	350,000	350,000	Total of 350,000

The 2026 Work Programme and Budget will require re-assessment by the Governing Board, both in terms of activities and of budget, upon the significant changes foreseen by the current proposals on amending Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 (proposal adopted by the Commission on 15 July 2025) and on a Defence Readiness Omnibus Regulation (proposal adopted by the Commission on 17 June 2025). Therefore this 2026 opening work programme and budget of the EuroHPC JU includes the projects and budgetary allocations which can be clearly identified at the present stage. Re-activation of budget credits linked to revised project priorities will be needed to complete the scope of all 2026 work programme, incorporating the changes brought up by the on-going regulatory proposals.

AI FACTORIES PILLAR

Ongoing activities and calls in 2026:

EuroHPC JU's AI Factories strategy will continue to be implemented in 2026. The deployment of the AI Factories and services, and AI Antennas, will continue in 2026. See table below:

AI Factory / System	Call	Procurement goal	Procurement Launch date (or exp)
L-AIF (LU) / MeluXina AI	AIF 1st cut-off	AI optimised system	14/04/2025
MIMER (SE)	AIF 1st cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	23/05/2025
LUMI-AI (FI)	AIF 1st cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	24/05/2025
BSC-AI (ES) / MN5 Upgrade	AIF 1st cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	01/06/2025
HammerHAI (DE)	AIF 1st cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	14/04/2025
IT4LIA (IT)	AIF 1st cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	06/10/2025
BRAIN++ (BG)	AIF 2nd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Oct-25*
AI:AT (AT)	AIF 2nd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Nov-25*
PIAST AIF (PL)	AIF 2nd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Nov-25*
SLAIF (SL)	AIF 2nd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Oct-25*
CZAIF (CZ)	AIF 3rd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Q2 2026*
1HealthAI (ES)	AIF 3rd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Q2 2026*
GAIA (PL)	AIF 3rd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Q2 2026*
ROAI (RO)	AIF 3rd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Q2 2026*
LitAI (LT)	AIF 3rd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Q2 2026*
NLAIF (NL)	AIF 3rd cut-off	AI optimised supercomputer	*Q2 2026*

For information on procurement procedures and budget, please check relevant GB decisions 70 /2024 and 07/2025; and 46/2025

INFRASTRUCTURE PILLAR

Ongoing activities

EuroHPC JU's Infrastructure strategy will continue to be implemented in 2026. The following systems will be procured in 2026:

- The Greek mid-range supercomputer Daedalus will be installed in 2026.
- The Lisa/Leonardo upgrade is being procured and will be inaugurated in 2026.
- Procurement of two additional quantum computers in the Netherlands and Luxembourg will begin in 2026.
- Procurements for the Levente and CASPiR Mid-Range systems will be launched in 2026
- The EuroHPC JU second exascale supercomputer, Alice Recoque, to be in France, will be operational in 2027.
- The Arrhenius mid-range supercomputer, based in Sweden, will be operational in 2026.
- EuroHPC JU will update its access procedures for users of EuroHPC systems in line with the amended access policy adopted in 2026 to include quantum computing.

Ongoing Procurements of exascale, quantum mid-range and industrial systems:

AI Factory / System	Call	Procurement goal	Expected Procurement Launch date	Expected Contract date
LEVENTE (HU)	Mid-range 2021	General purpose supercomputer with emphasis on AI applications	2026	Q2 2026
CASPIr (IE)	Mid-range 2021	General purpose supercomputer able to support traditional scientific and AI applications	2026	Q2 2026
Alice Recoque (FR)	Exascale 2022	Exascale level supercomputer able to support traditional scientific and AI applications	09/09/2024	Q4 2025
INNOVATE (IT)	Call for an Industrial System	Industrial level supercomputer	Nov-25	Q2 2026

For information on procurement procedure and budget, please check relevant GB decisions

Relaunch of Procurement for Peer Review Platform

Objective:

To date, EuroHPC JU has procured nine supercomputers hosted and operated by respective Hosting Entities:

- MeluXina, hosted by LuxProvide in Bissen, Luxembourg
- Vega, hosted by IZUM in Maribor, Slovenia
- Karolina, hosted by IT4Innovations in Ostrava, Czech Republic
- Discoverer, hosted by the consortium Petascale Supercomputer Bulgaria in Sofia, Bulgaria

- Deucalion, hosted by MACC in Minho, Portugal
- LUMI, hosted by CSC in Kajaani, Finland
- Leonardo, hosted by CINECA in Bologna, Italy and
- MareNostrum 5 (MN5), hosted by BSC in Barcelona, Spain
- Jupiter, hosted at JRZ in Germany

EuroHPC JU implements an international peer-review process for the distribution of the European Union's share of the access time to the above-mentioned supercomputers (hereinafter, "Peer-Review Process"). This is a process that ensures open, fair, and unbiased access to EuroHPC Supercomputers. This Peer-Review Process is also applicable to future EuroHPC supercomputers that will become operational in the coming years.

EuroHPC JU has relied until now on the peer-review platform that has been developed and maintained by the Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (hereinafter, 'PRACE'). Currently this platform hosts all data regarding EuroHPC's Access calls during the past two years. As this platform has been developed to support the specific peer-review process implemented by PRACE, EuroHPC JU wishes to procure and evolve its own private platform, tailor-made for the requirements, the specific processes, and peer-review workflows implemented for the Joint Undertaking.

In particular, this procurement will:

- Procure the license of an existing, operational peer-review platform software.
- Deploy an instance of the platform to be operationally supported by the contractor for the period of the procurement contract.
- Migrate data from the existing PRACE portal to the new instance, ensuring service continuation and undisrupted execution of the peer-review processes.
- Evolve the platform code to match its functionality with the requirements of the EuroHPC processes especially in regard to new requirements stemming from HPC applications domains like Generative AI, Machine Learning etc.
- Procure the necessary services for hosting and operational support of the service.
- Ensure support and maintenance services based on specific SLAs that will ensure quick resolution of operational issues, bug fixes and implementation of new features, following the evolution of the EuroHPC peer-review processes as defined in the current and future versions of the Access Policy.

Nature of the Procedure:

The subject of this call for tenders is "Development, Hosting and Support of the EuroHPC JU Access Calls peer-review platform".

- Legal basis:

This call for tenders is governed by the provisions of the EU Financial Regulation.

EuroHPC JU will award the contract resulting from this call for tenders through an open procedure pursuant to Article 164(1) (a) of the EU Financial Regulation. Period of execution of the tasks:

The contract will last a period of 36 months with the possibility of being renewed twice for an additional period of 12 months per renewable. The maximum contract duration including the renewables shall be no longer than 60 months.

- Price and Terms of Payment

The maximum price payable under this contract is set at EUR 1.8 Million.

The first contract with a duration of three years will have a maximum price of EUR 1.2 Million to be paid as follows:

- EUR 600,000 for the first year of the contract. Payment covers software licence, system deployment, data migration, operational costs, support and evolution of the software for this year.
- EUR 300,000 for the second year of the contract, covering operational costs, support and evolution of the software for this year.
- EUR 300,000 for the third year of the contract, covering operational costs, support and evolution of the software for this year.
- In case EuroHPC wishes to renew the contract the price is payable as follows:
- EUR 300,000 for each year of contract renewal, up to two years, covering operational costs, support and evolution of the software

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE "DEVELOPMENT, HOSTING AND SUPPORT OF THE EUROHPC JU ACCESS CALLS PEER-REVIEW PLATFORM" (PROCUREMENT 2024)	
Expected EuroHPC JU contribution per project	The EuroHPC JU estimates that an EU contribution of EUR 1.8 Million would allow for this procurement
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the EU contributions to the topic is up to EUR 1.8 Million from the Digital Europe Programme
Type of Action	Procurement
Eligibility conditions	The eligibility conditions are those established in EU Financial Regulation and Regulation 2021/1173

CONNECTED AND FEDERATED SUPERCOMPUTERS PILLAR

Ongoing activities:

The procurement on Federating Supercomputers services has been completed and deployed. The Hyperconnectivity procurement and services will be fully deployed in 2026.

TECHNOLOGY PILLAR

Calls in 2026

Enhancing competitive European microprocessor technology for HPC

(This call was originally placed in Work Programme 2024.)

The support for a sustainable and competitive exascale HPC ecosystem in Europe requires further action on the technology supply to develop extreme scale, power-efficient and highly resilient HPC and data technologies, contributing to the European digital autonomy and independent access to critical technology. This action should ensure complementarity to the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) for developing a large-scale European initiative for High Performance Computing (HPC) ecosystem based on RISC-V.

Proposals should be based on worldwide state-of-the-art processor developments which are a credible alternative to existing non-EU solutions for processors (and accelerators). Proposals are expected to be industry driven and deliver by the end of the project competitive solutions/systems proven in operational environments.

The objective is to provide scalable and customisable high-performance multi-core and multi-cluster processors implementations delivering competitive power-performance-area metrics. Expected work should build and rely on existing EU achievements and initiatives like for example the European Processor Initiative. The proposed action should cover the design and testing of and development of a high-end processors and integration in pilot systems in view of their roll-out, uptake and use in world-class competitive supercomputers.

The proposed work should target KPIs that will outperform non-EU solutions. A key aspect is to ensure that all the IP necessary to produce the solutions remains in the EU, effectively creating an independent European source of critical technology.

Indicative Budget:

An indicative budget will be allocated from the Horizon Europe of EUR 48.6 Million

An EU contribution of EUR 48.6 Million (50% of total funding) will be matched by a PS contribution of EUR 48.6 Million (50% of total funding).

Specific conditions	
Expected EuroHPC JU contribution per project	The EuroHPC JU estimates that an EU contribution of 48.6 Million matched by a MS contribution of EUR 48.6 Million which was allocated in WP and Budget 2024

Indicative budget	The total indicative EU budget for the topic is EUR 48.6 Million. The total contribution will be EUR 97.3 Million.
Type of Action	Grant, Horizon Europe.
Eligibility conditions	In accordance with article 22.5 of the Horizon Europe Programme, and in order to achieve the expected outcomes, and safeguard the Union's strategic assets, interests, autonomy, and security, it is important to avoid a situation of technological dependency on a non-EU source, in a global context that requires the EU to take action to build on its strengths, and to carefully assess and address any strategic weaknesses, vulnerabilities and high-risk dependencies which put at risk the attainment of its ambitions. Therefore, participation is limited to legal entities established in Member States that are members of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking or Participating States Norway and Iceland. Proposals including entities established in countries outside the scope specified in the call/topic/action will be ineligible.

APPLICATIONS PILLAR

Ongoing Activities:

The Quantum Grand Challenge will be evaluated on 2026 and the Commission will launch the second phase of the Grand Challenge in partnership with the European Investment Bank (EIB).

The European Quantum Excellence Centres (QECs) in applications for science and industry, were launched in 2023, with the evaluations taking place in 2024, and will be operational between 2025 and 2028.

The EuroHPC Inducement Prize for Quantum Computing and Simulation Applications, which appears in Work Programme 2023 will be launched in 2026, once the EuroHPC Quantum Computers are operational.

The Call on HPC Centres of Excellence and HPC Lighthouse Codes (RIA) which was launched in 2025 and will be evaluated in 2026.

QUANTUM COMPUTING

EuroHPC Inducement Prize for Quantum Computing and Simulation Applications

In its Communication "2030 Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade" (COM(2021) 118 final), the Commission has set 2025 as the target date by which the EU should have its first computer with quantum acceleration, paving the way for being at the cutting edge of quantum capabilities by 2030. With these goals in mind, and with quantum computers becoming available in the EuroHPC supercomputing infrastructure for experimentation and testing, a dedicated effort is now needed to accelerate the discovery of the applications making the case for a quantum computing architecture, rather than a classical HPC or other classical parallel computing architecture, for certain use cases.

With this prize the EU intends to incentivise young researchers, inventors and entrepreneurs to develop an application demonstrating a path towards quantum advantage, addressing a concrete problem. The call will identify specific challenge(s) to be solved by a quantum computer, possibly ranked by difficulty.

Scope:

Participants will first develop and implement in a EuroHPC supercomputer the solution to the specific challenge to be solved. This will constitute the reference benchmark to assess the quantum advantage. Then the participants will develop the quantum application on a EuroHPC quantum computer and demonstrate the validity of the results.

The call will be implemented in two stages: In a first step, applicants will be selected on the basis of a reference implementation, the anticipated quantum advantage, potential impact and other criteria. Successful applicants will be awarded access to EuroHPC quantum computers to develop and verify the proposed implementation. The prize will subsequently be awarded in a second selection process and after independent validation of the reported results.

Participants should be citizens of any of the EuroHPC Participating States and perform their work in any of the Participating States. The prize will be granted to individuals, not to institutions or companies, and the results will be made available as open source / public domain.

Expected outcomes:

In principle, the solutions shall:

- Solve a concrete computing challenge.
- Provide a practical quantum application.
- Contribute to the benchmarking of quantum computers and simulators for practical applications.

Available budget

The prize budget is 300 000 EUR (indicative). The first three ranked solutions will share the prize, with amounts depending on the challenge addressed. A Call may be agreed by the Governing Board in 2023.

COMPETENCES AND SKILLS PILLAR

Ongoing activities:

In 2026, EuroHPC JU will evaluate the third National Competence for High Performance Computing call and the associated CSA which was launched in 2025.

In 2026, the renewed EuroHPC Masters call will begin a new phase in the development of a training programme at Master's level.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PILLAR

The EuroHPC JU Regulation gives a mandate to EuroHPC JU to implement cooperation and collaboration with third countries advancing work on HPC applications in domains of common interest. This includes facilitating access for researchers to EuroHPC JU resources and the co-development of HPC applications. EuroHPC JU will align its activities with the European Commission strategy on EU Digital Partnerships in order advance cooperation on digital issues with like-minded third countries.

Ongoing Activities

- In 2022 EuroHPC JU launched the call on collaboration on HPC with Japan.
- In 2023, EuroHPC JU launched a call for collaboration on HPC with India.
- In 2024, EuroHPC JU launched a call on collaboration on Quantum with Japan.
- In 2025, EuroHPC JU launched a call on the International Collaboration on AI Factories and HPC-AI.
- In 2025, EuroHPC JU launched a call to support the EuroHPC International Summer School
- In 2026, EuroHPC JU will launch a call on collaboration with Latin America. This call was postponed from 2025. The JU also signed a Contribution Agreement with the European Commission to provide scientific support to a named beneficiary project coordinated by Barcelona Supercomputing Centre on deployment of HPC cooperation with Latin America and Caribbean stakeholders.

ADMINISTRATION 2026

Communication and stakeholder engagement

In 2026, EuroHPC JU will continue disseminating the results of EU funded HPC activities implemented by the JU.

- **Online Dissemination of EuroHPC JU Activities and Opportunities**

In 2026, EuroHPC JU will continue upgrading its online presence thanks to an improved website. The website acts as a single gateway to information on EuroHPC JU activities, calls, opportunities and to request access EuroHPC supercomputers. It will also add features to support EuroHPC JU public and private members to provide funding information.

- **Organisation of workshops to support and promote operational EuroHPC JU activities**

EuroHPC JU will organise a number of workshops to engage with stakeholders in the HPC, AI and Quantum communities to promote operational activities. It will continue to promote the newly created AI Factories and AI Factory Antennas and attend conferences such as Web Summit to promote training and access to startups and other private sector users.

EuroHPC JU will host regular monthly online and in-person meetings of the EuroHPC Hosting Entities. Up to two in person meetings may take place and be hosted, with support from the JU, in a Hosting Entity.

EuroHPC JU will fund travel and an accommodation allowance (one or two nights per meeting per expert) for up to two in person RIAG and INFRAG meetings in 2025 in Luxembourg, Brussels and/or during the annual EuroHPC Summit or the annual User Days meeting.

EuroHPC JU will fund travel and an accommodation allowance (one or two nights per meeting per expert) for one in person meetings of the User Forum Coordination Group and one User Forum meeting in 2026 in Luxembourg, Brussels and/or during the annual EuroHPC Summit or the annual User Days meeting.

- **EuroHPC Summit 2026**

The EuroHPC Summit 2026 will take place in Cyprus on 10-12 March 2026, during the Cypriot EU Presidency. The organisation of this event started in 2025 and will base itself on the best practice and experience of past EuroHPC Summits. An estimated budget of EUR 700,000 has been allocated from DEP operational activities in the 2025 WP.

The event will gather key European HPC stakeholders, from providers to scientific and industrial users, to policy makers. As in previous years, a particular attention will be given to the students of the EUMaster4HPC, the newly deployed HPC, AI Factory/Antenna and Quantum infrastructure and to the R&I projects of the JU.

The Summit will be an important moment to showcase the latest achievements and opportunities in the European supercomputing ecosystem, and to discuss and reflect on the current and future challenges in HPC, quantum computing and AI. The event will also provide a great opportunity for attendees to network and connect with European HPC, quantum and AI communities.

- **EuroHPC Summit 2027**

The EuroHPC Summit 2027 will be organised, during the Lithuanian EU Presidency. A budget of EUR 700,000 will be allocated from DEP operational activities, to be committed already in 2026.

    - **User Days 2026**

Following the successful User Days event organised in 2023, 2024 and 2025, User Days 2026 will be organised in September 2026 in Ireland and will be hosted by the Irish Presidency in order to disseminate results of projects that have had access to EuroHPC JU systems. A budget of EUR 350,000 will be allocated from DEP operational activities.

- **Other Conferences in 2026**

    - **SCA/HPAC Asia 2026**

EuroHPC JU will be present for the first time at this major non-European conference. It will take place in January 2026 in Osaka, Japan. It will be an opportunity for EuroHPC JU to showcase its international work in the field of HPC applications and AI/HPC. Budget will be allocated from the JU's administrative title.

    - **ISC High Performance 2026**

The EuroHPC JU will participate again in the event ISC 2026 as exhibitor. It will also support the ISC organisers to promote TOP 500 list communication activities. The event will take place in June 2026 in Hamburg, Germany. ISC is the largest forum in Europe for high performance computing, high performance data analytics and AI/machine learning and brings together vendors, public institutions, and startups. It is also one of the two moments in the year where the TOP 500 and Top Green 500 ranking lists to benchmark HPC systems are communicated to the HPC community.

The event is a great opportunity for the EuroHPC JU to showcase AI Factories and Antennas, Quantum and HPC supercomputers and R&I projects. ISC 2026 is also critical for the JU to consolidate its public image while increasing its network and its European user base. Budget will be allocated from the JU's administrative title.

    - **Supercomputing Conference (SC26)**

EuroHPC JU aims to promote its activities and achievements at SC26, the largest annual international HPC fora. SC26 will take place in the United States in November 2026. Should the EuroHPC JU participate as an exhibitor, budget will be allocated from the administrative title.

- **Web Summit 2026**

EuroHPC JU will participate in Web Summit in Lisbon in November 2026 to promote AI Factory services and access to European Start-Up and Scale-Ups communities who need AI compute power. Should the EuroHPC JU participate as an exhibitor, budget will be allocated from the administrative title.

Other Communication activities

EuroHPC JU will also ensure the following activities:

- Regular in-person meetings between key EuroHPC stakeholders (Governing Board, RIAG, INFRAG, User Forum Coordination Group (UFCG), User Forum, AI Factories and Antennas, the Hosting Entities, R&I partners) to ensure efficient and coordinated collaboration, develop synergies and reach potential new EuroHPC users.
- Inauguration of new supercomputers and Quantum Computers.
- Inauguration of 'AI Factories' and 'AI Antennas'.

- Interactive publications of EuroHPC JU reports and studies such as the Annual Activity Report, the User Days Report and Book of Proceedings to promote the impact of EuroHPC Activities
- Online webinars are delivered several times in the year to ensure regular communication with new users and audiences on EuroHPC JU services.

Legal and Internal Control

EuroHPC JU is dependent on excellent legal support in order to do its work. It will procure, where necessary, external legal counsel to support it in implementing its operational activities. Furthermore, Internal Control activities remain a priority.

Strategy and plans for the organisational management and internal control systems

The Internal Control Principles as adopted by the EuroHPC JU Governing Board remain applicable for the Joint Undertaking. The JU Internal Control Strategy was adopted in 2023 and is fully implemented. Specific controls and the related monitoring indicators are regularly revised and have been adapted in the last years where necessary to the JU's work environment. The continuous self-assessment by the staff and the management has been performed since 2023 and will continue in 2026, focussing on the new tasks, processes and related risks. The risk management system is in place and implemented according to the adopted guidelines. Risks are identified, continuously monitored and mitigation measures are applied where necessary. This approach will continue in 2026.

In the frame of organisational continuous development and profiting of the recent EuroHPC JU re-organisation, the quality management will continue to be improved by implementing results from internal control assessments and a staff survey performed in 2024. The objective of the quality management is to ensure efficiency in EuroHPC JU activities and a well-functioning internal control system, enabling adequate monitoring of objectives and achievements.

Financial procedures

The financial procedures and the workflows in place follow the financial rules, the general control framework applicable in the Commission and the various funding programmes' rules and guidance.

Monitoring arrangements, including through the Union representation in the Governing Board, as well as reporting arrangements, will ensure that the JU can meet the accountability requirements both to the European Commission, and to the Budgetary Authority.

With regard to ICT tools applied to support its financial procedures, since its autonomy in 2020, as from 1 January 2026, the JU has transitioned towards the new accounting and financial European Commission tool SUMMA, which has replaced ABAC.

In grant management, reporting and validation of costs for H2020 and Horizon Europe grants are done via the Commission IT tools (SyGMa and COMPASS). Experts reports and validation of costs are supported by the EC IT tools (EMI/EPS and COMPASS). For the management of business trips, the JU uses the corporate tool MIPS, functionally connected to ABAC.

Ex-ante and ex-post controls

In 2024 EuroHPC JU adopted and implemented the Control Strategy for EU-funded programmes 2024-2033, in order to set up an efficient and effective control system, applying a balanced and integrated composition of ex—ante and

ex-post controls, regularly revised to ensure an adequate coverage across activities and to endorse the declaration of assurance of the Executive Director in the Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR).

Ex-ante controls:

Ex-ante controls are essential to prevent errors and irregularities before the authorisation of operations, to mitigate the risks of non-achievement of the objective and safeguard the EU and Participating States budget. An ex-ante control can take the form of checking grant agreements, initiating, checking and verifying invoices and cost claims, carrying out desk reviews (performed by EuroHPC JU project, finance and legal officers); mid-term reviews carried out by external experts and ad-hoc technical reviews (when deemed necessary).

During 2026, the Administration and Finance Unit and the operational units will continue to work closely together in their day-to-day activities of initiation, verification and validation of invoices and cost claims, creation of commitments, recovery orders, validation of financial and technical reports and following up on other financial and administrative aspects of the projects. Ex-ante controls will follow a risk-based monitoring approach, which will contribute to further reducing the risk of failing projects and/or loss of funding in the final stage of the EuroHPC JU programme.

These activities will be conducted in a timely manner that will be monitored through the defined set of KPIs the time to pay, the budget implementation and work programme execution.

Ex-post controls

The Ex-post audit process represents a significant element of the financial lifecycle of the EuroHPC JU. Ex-post controls are defined as the controls executed to verify financial and operational aspects of finalised budgetary transactions in accordance with Article 22 of the JU Financial Rules. The main objectives of the ex-post audits performed on EuroHPC JU participants are:

- To ensure the legality and regularity of the validation of cost claims performed by the EuroHPC JU's management.
- To provide an adequate indication on the effectiveness of the related ex-ante controls.
- To provide the basis for corrective and recovery activities, if necessary

For EuroHPC JU grant projects, the audits take place in accordance with the corporate H2020, HE and DEP ex-post audit strategy. For EuroHPC JU projects funded under the H2020 and the HE programmes, ex-post audits are carried out since 2022 by the Common Audit Service of the European Commission, and as such will continue in 2026. For projects funded under the DEP programme, ex-post audits started only in 2025, and they are carried out centrally by the Commission's Executive Agency HADEA. As with former years, the related audit results, contribute to the Executive Director declaration of assurance in the 2026 CAAR.

The control objective of the JU is to ensure, that the error rate and the residual error rate, which represents the level of error in payments made before and after corrective measures, does not exceed 2% of the total expense incurred since the beginning of the programmes implemented by EuroHPC JU.

In 2026, as with former years, focus will be put on the following:

- In cooperation with CAS, launch of H2020 and Horizon Europe audits (based on analytical risk-assessment profile review of the beneficiaries.
- In cooperation with CAS, and in line with CAS Working Arrangements, ensure monitoring of timely completion of the audits.
- In cooperation with the CAS, implement the results of the ex-post audits on its beneficiaries.
- Provide adequate reporting through the budget discharge process.

As regards with the Horizon Europe (HE) programme, a new version of the Control Strategy for Horizon Europe was adopted in September 2023. The HE Control Strategy is characterised by a risk-based approach and details how the HE controls system will maintain a balance between economy, effectiveness and efficiency in the achievement of the HE programme goals.

Antifraud Strategy

The Governing Board of EuroHPC JU adopted the first Antifraud Strategy in 2023, covering the period 2023-2025. The JU antifraud strategy is aligned with the global Antifraud Strategy (AFS) of the Commission and the Common Anti-Fraud Strategy in the Research & Innovation Family (RAFS). In 2026, the new JU antifraud strategy will be adopted for the period 2026-2028, in line with guidance provided by the European Commission (DG R&I and OLAF). EuroHPC JU continuously carries out fraud risk assessment, selection and implementation of mitigation measures at all steps of the lifecycle of JU's projects.

As part of the HE Control Strategy, the Commission has establishing guidelines for risk based ex-ante controls in grant management, which include specific guidance and measures for preventing and detecting fraud and irregularities, applicable also for the EuroHPC JU. In addition, the JU applies the Commission HE ex-ante anti-fraud checks. The related IT tools, for instance, for detecting plagiarism and double funding in H2020 and HE projects continue to be used by the EuroHPC JU.

For the prevention and detection of potential conflicts of interest, the EuroHPC JU continues to apply the multiple existing processes concerning e.g. the Members of the EuroHPC JU's Governing Board, experts of evaluation procedures, panels for procurement and recruitments.

An overview of the EuroHPC JU Antifraud Strategy and related documents, including the guidance for whistle blowers, is provided on the EuroHPC JU website with direct links to OLAF. The section will be updated with new information pertaining to the HE Control Strategy, where necessary.

Audits

European Court of Auditors (ECA)

As regards European Court of Auditors (ECA) audits, in 2026 the EuroHPC JU will continue to:

- Liaise with the independent auditor to audit EuroHPC JU accounts for 2025 as required by the Financial Rules of the EuroHPC JU.
- Follow up and implement any recommendation made in the previous ECA reports on the EuroHPC JU annual accounts.
- Provide the necessary information and support for ECA audit in 2025 and 2026 accounts;
- Assist and support ECA in their new horizontal audit for the JUs for 2026 (topic is still to be announced);
- Support the ECA team in their field or remote missions for EuroHPC JU projects selected (on a sample basis) for an ex-post financial review, including follow-up with EuroHPC JU beneficiaries and with the CAS.

Internal audit service (IAS) of the Commission

Internal audits are carried out by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) of the European Commission in liaison with Internal Control and Audit Manager. For all internal audit related issues, the EuroHPC JU relies on the assurance provided by the Internal Audit Service of the Commission and will no longer conduct internal audits.

The focus in 2026 will be to:

- Ensure that the agreed action plans regarding the past audits are properly and timely implemented by the Joint Undertaking and provide assistance to the IAS in the follow up procedure.
  Provide input and assistance to the IAS in establishing the Strategic Internal Audit Plan for next years and carrying out new audits.

Corporate IT and Office activities

EuroHPC JU will continue to benefit from the shared IT services, provided on the basis of the Framework Contract signed between the Joint Undertakings and the framework contractor. The JU will also cooperate with the network of JUs in sharing expertise between IT JU professionals in the context of the back-office arrangement, mainly in the following areas: Inter-JU IT governance, Management of ICT tools, services and contracts EC applications, tools and services, EC FWCs Other tools and services (TBC), and Security and compliance management.

Aligned with the maturity of the organisation, an assessment of corporate IT needs will be performed, together with a revised IT strategy, during 2026.

Following the entry into force of the Cybersecurity Regulation, laying down measures for a high common level of cybersecurity at the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union, which entered into force on 7 January 2024, the JU will take measures in collaboration with other JUs, to comply with the requirements imposed by the regulation.

The JU will also work towards optimising the office space to make sure it caters for the needs of a fully staffed JU.

Finance, audit and budgetary discharge

The 2026 budget structure remains unchanged, compared to the existing structure previously approved in 2025 by the Governing Board.

BUDGET 2026

1. Revenue

The 2026 budget presented below includes revenues allocated under Horizon 2020 and the Multi-Annual Programmes 2021-2027 which are Digital Europe Programme, Horizon Europe and Connected Europe Facility.

The revenue commitment appropriations include new 2026 budget credits for a total amount of EUR 602 Million including EUR 149 Million of Participating States contributions. In addition, it is proposed to reactivate budget credits from past years in 2026 for a total amount of EUR 11 Million. The total revenue budget of the JU, as per its opening 2026 budget, is EUR 613 Million.

In this budget 2026, the UK contribution to the JU for the Horizon Europe activities is included (EUR 46Million).

Table 1 Revenue Commitment Appropriations

REVENUE (EUR)	Executed Budget 2024 (C1+ C2 credits)	Current Budget 2025 (C1 + C2 credits)	2026		
			C1 Credits	C2 Credits	Proposed Budget (C1 + C2 credits)
1. Fees and Charges					
2. EU Contribution with EFTA included	623,398,655	706,913,308	453,073,753	10,861,925	463,935,678
of which Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Administrative (Title 1 and Title 2)	3,447,160	10,074,967	8,158,075	4,911,925	13,070,000
of which old Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Administrative (Title 1 and Title 2)	2,279,982	-			-
of which Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Operations (Title 3)	617,652,201	696,652,510	444,915,678	5,850,000	450,765,678
of which old Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Operations (Title 3)	19,312	185,831		100,000	100,000
3. Third Country Contribution	-	-			-
4. Other Contributions	270,850,000	375,309,162	148,704,300	-	148,704,300
4.1 Participating States	270,850,000	375,309,162	148,704,300	-	148,704,300
Contribution to the procurement MN5, Leonardo & Lumi	-	-			-
PT contribution to procurement of petascale	-	-			-
Contribution to the call of the high-end (exascale) supercomputers	270,850,000	-			-
Contribution to the call of the quantum/upgrade computers - RFF Funds		18,309,162			-
Contribution to the call of the quantum computers					-
Contribution to the call of the AI-optimised or upgraded supercomputer		357,000,000	148,704,300		148,704,300
4.2 Private Members		-			-
4.3 Miscellaneous Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
of which Administrative (Title 1 and Title 2)	-	-			-
of which Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Operations (Title 3)	-	-			-
of which Contribution Agreements (Title 4) R0	PM	PM	R0	R0	R0
of which old Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Operations (Title 3)	-	-			-
Total REVENUE	894,248,655	1,082,222,470	601,778,053	10,861,925	612,639,978

Table 2 Revenue Payment Appropriations

REVENUE (EUR)	Executed Budget 2024 (C1+C2 credits)	Current Budget 2025 (C1 + C2 credits)	2026		
			C1 Credits	C2 Credits	Proposed Budget (C1 + C2 credits)
1. Fees and Charges					
2. EU Contribution with EFTA included	566,961,110	372,303,675	801,358,347	164,316,166	965,674,513
of which Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Administrative (Title 1 and Title 2)	8,092,878	10,087,549	8,158,075	4,911,925	13,070,000
of which old Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Administrative (Title 1 and Title 2)	2,035,108	-			-
of which Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Operations (Title 3)	456,344,323	323,666,819	763,200,272	143,864,339	907,064,611
of which old Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Operations (Title 3)	100,488,802	38,549,307	30,000,000	15,539,902	45,539,902
3. Third Country Contribution	-	-			-
of which EEA/EFTA		-			-
supplementing Title 1 & 2		-			-
supplementing Title 3		-			-
of which Non-EEA		-			-
4. Other Contributions	152,385,387	95,901,737	46,663,847	52,071,962	98,735,809
4.1 Participating States	152,140,159	95,901,737	46,663,847	52,071,962	98,735,809
Contribution to the procurement MN5, Leonardo & Lumi	79,176,821	5,660,438	23,682,305		23,682,305
PT contribution to procurement of petascale	1,791,701	-			-
Contribution to the call of the high-end (exascale) supercomputers	37,130,136	37,130,136	22,090,442	31,434,932	53,525,374
Contribution to the call of the quantum/upgrade computers - RFF Funds		27,779,162		15,498,031	15,498,031
Contribution to the call of the quantum computers	34,041,500	25,332,000	891,100	5,139,000	6,030,100
Contribution to the call of the AI-optimised or upgraded supercomputer		-	-	-	-
4.2 Private Members	-	-			
4.3 Miscellaneous Revenues	245,228	-	-	-	-
of which Administrative (Title 1 and Title 2)	235,000	-			-
of which Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Operations (Title 3)		-			-
of which Contribution Agreements (Title 4) R0	PM	PM	R0	R0	R0
of which old Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Operations (Title 3)	10,228	-			-
Total REVENUE	719,346,498	468,205,411	848,022,194	216,388,128	1,064,410,322

2. Expenditure

The overall administrative budget for 2026 remains well below the maximum ceiling foreseen under the EuroHPC JU Regulation of EUR 92 Million for the entire 2021-2027 Multi-Annual Financial Framework.

Table 3 Expenditure Commitment Appropriations

EXPENDITURES (EUR)	Executed Budget 2024 (C1+ C2 credits)	Current Budget 2025 (C1 + C2 credits)	2026		
			C1 Credits	C2 Credits	Proposed Budget (C1 + C2 credits)
Title 1. Staff Expenditure	**6,069,752**	**7,321,644**	**5,822,653**	**3,247,347**	**9,070,000**
11 Salaries & Allowances	**5,253,704**	**6,518,207**	**5,158,418**	**2,731,582**	**7,890,000**
1100 - Temporary Agents	3,692,857	4,028,207	2,536,780	1,963,220	4,500,000
1110 - Contractual Agents	1,419,432	2,050,000	2,401,070	598,930	3,000,000
1120 - Interim, Trainees & SNEs	141,415	440,000	220,568	169,432	390,000
12 Expenditure relating to recruitment	**20,574**	**11,500**	**7,066**	**2,934**	10,000
13 Missions and travel expenses	**362,000**	**350,000**	**211,990**	**88,010**	**300,000**
14 Socio-medical and training	**237,273**	**261,637**	**282,654**	**357,346**	**640,000**
1400 - CAS & EU School transports	87,440	100,633	98,930	251,070	350,000
1410 - Trainings	89,075	99,740	105,994	44,006	150,000
1420 - Social measures for Staff	60,758	61,265	77,730	62,270	140,000
1500 - HR administrative services	**196,200**	**180,300**	**162,525**	**67,475**	**230,000**
Title 2. Building, Equipment and Operating Costs	**3,435,127**	**2,653,323**	**2,335,422**	**1,664,578**	**4,000,000**
20 Buildings and associated costs	**70,000**	**121,250**	**211,990**	**88,010**	**300,000**
21 Information Technology	**526,351**	**598,611**	**459,311**	**490,689**	**950,000**
22 Movable property	**32,192**	**14,720**	**141,327**	**58,673**	**200,000**
23 Current administrative expenditure	**155,540**	**164,660**	**127,194**	**102,806**	**230,000**
24 External consultancy & auditing	**382,906**	**97,544**	**141,327**	**58,673**	**200,000**
25 Internal Meetings	**74,825**	**70,000**	**49,464**	**30,536**	**80,000**
26 Legal services	**424,782**	**209,542**	**105,995**	**44,005**	**150,000**
27 Comm, Information & Events	**232,096**	**256,933**	**275,587**	**114,413**	**390,000**
28 Experts and associated costs	**1,536,434**	**1,120,064**	**823,227**	**676,773**	**1,500,000**
Total ADMIN (Tilte 1 and 2)	**9,504,879**	**9,974,967**	**8,158,075**	**4,911,925**	**13,070,000**

EXPENDITURES (EUR)	Executed Budget 2024 (C1+ C2 credits)	Current Budget 2025 (C1 + C2 credits)	2026		
			C1 Credits	C2 Credits	Proposed Budget (C1 + C2 credits)
Total ADMIN (Tilte 1 and 2)	**9,504,879**	**9,974,967**	**8,158,075**	**4,911,925**	**13,070,000**
Title 3. Operational Expenditure					
30 Grants, HPC Operations, R&I Activities	**210,104,866**	**258,987,290**	**120,854,057**	**950,000**	**121,804,057**
Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Calls	**126,917**	**285,831**	**-**	**100,000**	**100,000**
EuroHPC-2019-1	126,917	285,831		100,000	100,000
Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Calls	**209,977,949**	**258,701,459**	**120,854,057**	**850,000**	**121,704,057**
c. Federation Pillar	-	-			-
d. Technologies Pillar	88,677,949	8,030,000			-
e. Applications Pillar	36,300,000	39,000,000	22,343,107		22,343,107
f. Competences & Skills Pillar	15,000,000	-	22,000,000		22,000,000
g. International Cooperation Pillar	10,000,000	5,500,000			-
h. AI pillar	60,000,000	206,171,459	76,510,950	850,000	77,360,950
31 HPC Infrastructure Activities	**88,151,714**	**813,260,214**	**472,765,921**	**5,000,000**	**477,765,921**
Regulation (EU) 2018/1488		**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Regulation (EU) 2021/1173	**88,151,714**	**813,260,214**	**472,765,921**	**5,000,000**	**477,765,921**
AI-optimised or upgraded EuroHPC supercomputers (TCO)		794,081,052	434,995,099	5,000,000	439,995,099
High-end (Exascale) supercomputers (TCO)	-	-			-
Mid-range supercompters (TCO)	-	-	34,920,822		34,920,822
Hyperconnectivity for HPC Resources call & Federation Call	-	-			-
Upgrading EuroHPC supercomputers (TCO)	-	18,309,162			-
Quantum computers		-			-
Access and allocation of EuroHPC computing resources and services	1,800,000	-	1,800,000		1,800,000
Industrial HPC supercomputer		-			-
EuroHPC Summits	700,000	700,000	700,000		700,000
User Forum Events	-	170,000	350,000		350,000
De-prioritised calls from previous years	85,651,714	-			-
Total OPERATIONAL (Title 3)	**298,256,580**	**1,072,247,503**	**593,619,978**	**5,950,000**	**599,569,978**
Total EXPENDITURE	**307,761,458**	**1,082,222,470**	**601,778,053**	**10,861,925**	**612,639,978**
Title 4: Contribution agreements with the European Commission					
4010 – Operational activities under contribution agreements	PM	PM	R0	R0	R0
4110 – Administrative support to operational agreements	PM	PM	R0	R0	R0
Total Title 4					

Table 4 Expenditure Payment Appropriations

EXPENDITURES (EUR)	Executed Budget 2024 (C1+ C2 credits)	Current Budget 2025 (C1 + C2 credits)	2026		
			C1 Credits	C2 Credits	Proposed Budget (C1 + C2 credits)
Title 1. Staff Expenditure	**6,319,540**	**7,259,015**	**5,822,653**	**3,247,347**	**9,070,000**
11 Salaries & Allowances	**5,284,839**	**6,417,718**	**5,158,418**	**2,731,582**	**7,890,000**
1100 - Temparary Agents	3,692,857	4,028,207	2,536,780	1,963,220	4,500,000
1110 - Contractual Agents	1,450,567	2,050,000	2,401,070	598,930	3,000,000
1120 - Interim, Trainees & SNEs	141,415	339,511	220,568	169,432	390,000
12 Expenditure relating to recruitment	**20,574**	**20,517**	7,066	2,934	10,000
13 Missions and travel expenses	**413,159**	**350,000**	**211,990**	88,010	300,000
14 Socio-medical and training	**237,273**	**272,616**	**282,654**	**357,346**	**640,000**
1400 - CAS & EU School transports	87,440	106,943	98,930	251,070	350,000
1410 - Trainings	89,075	115,069	105,994	44,006	150,000
1420 - Social measures for Staff	60,758	50,604	77,730	62,270	140,000
15 - HR administrative services	**363,694**	**198,164**	**162,525**	**67,475**	**230,000**
Title 2. Building, Equipment and Operating Costs	**3,940,446**	**2,828,533**	**2,335,422**	**1,664,578**	**4,000,000**
20 Buildings and associated costs	**81,055**	**147,623**	**211,990**	**88,010**	**300,000**
21 Information Technology	**549,252**	**601,375**	**459,311**	**490,689**	**950,000**
22 Movable property	**32,192**	**14,720**	**141,327**	**58,673**	**200,000**
23 Current administrative expenditure	**196,098**	**363,639**	**127,194**	**102,806**	**230,000**
24 External consultancy & auditing	**388,182**	**342,490**	**141,327**	**58,673**	**200,000**
25 Internal Meetings	**95,279**	**79,099**	**49,464**	**30,536**	**80,000**
26 Legal services	**619,117**	**47,622**	**105,995**	**44,005**	**150,000**
27 Comm, Information & Events	**226,096**	**276,242**	**275,587**	**114,413**	**390,000**
28 Experts and associated costs	**1,753,174**	**955,726**	**823,227**	**676,773**	**1,500,000**
Total ADMIN (Tilte 1 and 2)	**10,259,987**	**10,087,549**	**8,158,075**	**4,911,925**	**13,070,000**

EXPENDITURES (EUR)	Executed Budget 2024 (C1+ C2 credits)	Current Budget 2025 (C1 + C2 credits)	2026		
			C1 Credits	C2 Credits	Proposed Budget (C1 + C2 credits)
Total ADMIN (Tilte 1 and 2)	**10,259,987**	**10,087,549**	**8,158,075**	**4,911,925**	**13,070,000**
Title 3. Operational Expenditure					
30 Grants, HPC Operations, R&I Activities	**353,986,587**	**208,851,764**	**339,976,772**	**15,539,902**	**355,516,674**
Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Calls	**55,669,252**	**34,240,975**	**26,530,809**	**15,539,902**	**42,070,711**
EuroHPC-2019-1	5,941,249	2,550,438		299,999	299,999
EuroHPC-2019-2	3,993,504	-			-
EuroHPC-2019-3	515,000	- 10,400,151			-
EuroHPC-2020 -1	9,239,771	14,416,390		9,732,680	9,732,680
EuroHPC-2020 -2	9,033,956	5,300,053		3,498,797	3,498,797
EuroHPC-2020 -3	10,419,282	-		2,008,426	2,008,426
Opex Grants	**16,526,489**	**22,374,245**	26,530,809		26,530,809
Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Calls	**298,317,335**	**174,610,789**	**313,445,963**	**-**	**313,445,963**
c. Federation Pillar	4,000,000	1,001,553			-
d. Technology Pillar	171,028,014	32,544,892	62,326,609		62,326,609
e. Applications Pillar	58,500,673	11,806,512	48,553,885		48,553,885
f. Competences & Skills Pillar	48,788,648	6,860,274	31,790,103		31,790,103
g. International Cooperation Pillar	16,000,000	3,999,618	8,599,051		8,599,051
h. AI Pillar		118,397,940	162,176,315		162,176,315
31 HPC Infrastructure Activities	**355,099,924**	**249,266,098**	**499,887,347**	**195,936,301**	**695,823,648**
Regulation (EU) 2018/1488	**125,901,300**	**9,968,770**	**27,151,496**	**-**	**27,151,496**
LUMI - PreExscale	4,433,829	8,125,010	8,422,109		8,422,109
LEONARDO - PreExscale	17,487,903	1,843,760	1,843,760		1,843,760
MN5 - PreExscale Supercomputer	102,187,868	-	16,885,627		16,885,627
Deucalion & Meluxina - Petascale	1,791,701	-			-
Regulation (EU) 2021/1173	**229,198,624**	**239,297,328**	**472,735,851**	**195,936,301**	**668,672,152**
AI-optimised or upgraded EuroHPC supercomputers (TCO)		25,019,136	274,741,507	100,590,375	375,331,882
High-end (Exascale) supercomputers (TCO)	133,219,302	137,279,430	142,886,267	31,434,932	174,321,198
Mid-range supercompters (TCO)	-	3,922,601	39,562,303		39,562,303
Hyperconnectivity for HPC Resources call & Federation Call	10,775,084	2,000,000	-	33,999,940	33,999,940
Upgrading EuroHPC supercomputers (TCO)	4,153,875	19,173,837	8,402,559	9,146,531	17,549,089
Quantum computers	55,641,500	45,150,006	5,223,600	19,859,224	25,082,824
Access and allocation of EuroHPC computing resources and services	1,000,000	336,900	-	540,000	540,000
Industrial HPC supercomputer	3,400,000	-	1,219,615		1,219,615
EuroHPC Summits	700,000	716,523	700,000		700,000
EuroCC2		109,285			
Castiel 2		5,068,230			
User Forum Events		521,381	-	365,300	365,300
De-prioritised calls from previous years	20,308,863	-			-
Total OPERATIONAL (Title 3)	**709,086,511**	**458,117,862**	**839,864,119**	**211,476,203**	**1,051,340,322**
Total EXPENDITURE	**719,346,498**	**468,205,411**	**848,022,194**	**216,388,128**	**1,064,410,322**
Title 4: Contribution agreements with the European Commission	-	-	-	-	-
4010 – Operational activities under contribution agreements	PM	PM	R0	R0	R0
4110 – Administrative support to operational agreements	PM	PM	R0	R0	R0
Total Title 4					

Tables 5a and 5b Cash Flow Operational Budget – Title III – EuroHPC grants (Chapter 30)

Table 5a – Cashflow overview Chapter 30 under DEP, HE and CEF

Item	Type of payment *	Funding Programme	C1 Credits (EUR)
c. Federation Pillar			-
d. Technology Pillar			62,326,609
101202459 - DARE SGA 1	PP	HE	38,857,622
101177590 - SEANERGYS		HE	4,777,334
101175702 - NET4EXA		HE	2,691,652
HPC/QC Middleware technologies		HE	16,000,000
e. Applications Pillar			48,553,885
101093038 - CHEESE-2P	PP/IP	HE	735,775
101093054 - ESIWACE3		HE	794,284
101093290 - BIOEXCEL-3		HE	653,380
101093457 - HIDALGO2		HE	468,380
101144014 - EoCoE-III		HE	299,939
101172493 - DEALII-X		HE	196,989
101172576 - MICROCARD-2		HE	249,965
HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2026-COE-LH-01		HE	32,485,996
HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2026-QGC-02-01		HE	3,200,000
Development of new benchmarks for HPC, Quantum Computing, and AI		HE	2,000,000
Quantum Enhanced ML		HE	6,400,000
Late interest payments PA available		HE	100,000
101182737 - MINERVA		DEP	969,177
f. Compentences & Skills Pillar			31,790,103
101101903 - EUROCC 2	PP/IP	DEP	3,095,930
101102047 - CASTIEL 2		DEP	299,961
101136267 - HPC SPECTRA		DEP	426,964
101136896 - HPCTRAIN		DEP	1,000,000
101163317 - FFPLUS		DEP	1,499,984
101196394 - EVITA		DEP	1,199,985
101191697 - EUROCC4SEE		DEP	1,650,616
DIGITAL-JU-EUROHPC-2025-NCC-01		DEP	16,000,000
DIGITAL-JU-EUROHPC-2025-NCC-01-02		DEP	1,600,000
101256784 - EUMaster4HPC-2		DEP	5,016,663
g. International Cooperation Pillar			8,599,051
101136269 - HANAMI	PP/IP	HE	500,000
101196247 - GANANA		HE	499,952
101241875 - Q-NEKO		HE	3,199,999
101260370 - EuroTPC		HE	1,199,100
HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2025-IHPCSS-03		HE	800,000
Collaboration HPC with third countries		HE	2,400,000
h. AI Pillar			162,176,315
101239559 - EXALAI		HE	512,000
101234399 - BSC AI FACTORY		HE	2,100,000
101234224 - IT4LIA		HE	1,500,000
101234208 - LAIF SERVICE CENTER		HE	1,804,779
101239031 - LUMI-IQ		HE	2,000,000
101234366 - L-AIF Luxembourg		HE	700,000
101234349 - MIMER		HE	979,238
101234027 - HAMMERHAI		HE	591,685
101234269 - Pharos		HE	1,500,000
NLAIF (NL)		HE	8,776,092
CZAI (CZ)		HE	7,997,220
1HealthAI (ES)		HE	9,600,000
LitAI (LT)		HE	11,999,980
RO AI (RO)		HE	3,200,000
GAIA (PL)		HE	5,000,000
1HealthAI (ES) - AI experimental		HE	1,600,000
101262576 - HEARTS		HE	3,999,800
101262604 - AIFA-LAT		HE	3,120,996
101263007 - Pharos-CY		HE	2,400,000
101263091 - AIF IRL-Antenna		HE	3,999,875
101263128 - VEZILKA		HE	2,490,176
101263138 - SKAIAT		HE	2,865,862
101263203 - BE-AIFA		HE	4,000,000
101263239 - UKAIFA		HE	4,000,000
101263244 - HunAIFA		HE	4,000,000
101263254 - AIFA-ICE		HE	3,999,064
101263280 - SAIFA		HE	1,544,803
101263950 - CALYPSO		HE	4,000,000
101265001 - FAIMA		HE	3,614,000
101260391 - AI2F		HE	11,982,585
101254461 - SLAIF		HE	4,672,000
101253078 - AI:AT		HE	2,500,000
AI factories activities		HE	19,126,161
Networking of AI Factories		HE	20,000,000
Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Total PA			313,445,963

* FP - Final Payments, IP - Interim Payments, PP - Pre-financing

Table 5b – Cashflow overview Chapter 30 (Grants) under Horizon2020

Item	Type of payment*	C1 Credits (EUR)	C2 Credits (EUR)	Total C1 + C2 Credits (EUR)
eProcessor			199,999	**199,999**
EuroHPC-2019-1		**0**	**199,999**	**199,999**
Late interest payments PA available			100,000	**100,000**
Total late interest		**0**	**100,000**	**100,000**
LUMI - OPEX	**IP/FP**	10,000,000		**10,000,000**
LEONARDO - OPEX		10,000,000		**10,000,000**
MN5 - OPEX		6,530,809		**6,530,809**
Opex Grants		**26,530,809**	**0**	**26,530,809**
Eupex_EuroHPC-2020-01a	**IP/FP**		5,465,472	**5,465,472**
The European Pilot_EuroHPC-2020-01a			3,667,208	**3,667,208**
HPCQS_EuroHPC-2020-01b			600,000	**600,000**
H2020-JTI-EuroHPC-2020-01		**0**	**9,732,680**	**9,732,680**
EPI EuroHPC-2020-02	**IP/FP**		3,498,797	**3,498,797**
H2020-JTI-EuroHPC-2020-02		**0**	**3,498,797**	**3,498,797**
EU Masters4HPC_EuroHPC-2020-03 -	**IP/FP**		2,008,426	**2,008,426**
H2020-JTI-EuroHPC-2020-03		**0**	**2,008,426**	**2,008,426**
Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Total PA (H2020)		**26,530,809**	**15,539,902**	**42,070,711**

* FP - Final Payments, IP - Interim Payments, PP - Pre-financing

Tables 5c and 5d Cash Flow Operational Budget – Title III – EuroHPC Infrastructure activities (Chapter 31)

Table 5c – Cashflow overview Chapter 31 under DEP, HE and CEF

Item	Type of payment *	Funding	Type of Procurement **	3120 -C1 Credits (EUR)		C2 Credits (EUR)	
				EU	PS ***	EU	PS
b. Infrastructure Pillar				170,680,302	22,090,442	905,300	40,581,462
High-end / Exascale supercomputers				120,795,825	22,090,442	0	31,434,932
Jupiter - CAPEX	PP/IP	DEP	EHPC	18,071,917			31,434,932
Jules Verne - CAPEX				102,723,908	22,090,442		
Midrange supercomputers				39,562,303	0	0	0
Deadalus Greece - CAPEX	PP/IP	DEP	JOINT	12,412,472			
Arrhenius Sweden -CAPEX				15,853,250			
CASPir Ireland - CAPEX				3,062,500			
LEVENTE Hungary -CAPEX				2,679,837			
CASPir Ireland - OPEX				3,410,130			
LEVENTE Hungary -OPEX				2,144,113			
Upgrading EuroHPC supercomputers				8,402,559	0	0	9,146,531
Upgrade Leonardo - CAPEX	PP/IP	DEP	EHPC	8,367,034			9,146,531
Upgrade Leonardo - OPEX							
Upgrade Discoverer+ - OPEX				35,525			
Industrial supercomputers				1,219,615	0	0	0
Industrial computer - CAPEX	PP/IP	DEP	EHPC	1,219,615			
Other Activities				700,000	0	905,300	0
ACCESS IT PLATFORM PROJECT	PP/IP	DEP	EHPC			540,000	
EUROHPC SUMMIT 2025				700,000			
EUROHPC USER DAY 2025						365,300	
h. AI Pillar				274,741,507	0	100,590,375	-
CAPEX				266,945,425	0	99,190,375	0
HammerHAI (DE)	PP/IP	DEP	EHPC	37,400,000			
BSC AIF (ES)				82,253,901			
L-AIF (LU)				19,200,000			
MIMER (SE)				7,142,400			
IT4LIA (IT)						69,600,000	
LUMI AI (FI)				93,072,000			
SLAIF (SL)				5,197,125		12,831,675	
PIAST AIF (PL)				15,000,000			
AI: (AT)				7,680,000			
BRAIN++ (BG)						16,758,699	
OPEX				7,796,082	0	700,000	0
BSC AIF	PP/IP	DEP	EHPC	3,081,132		700,000	
L-AIF (LU)				4,714,950			
c. Federation Pillar				0	0	33,999,940	-
Hyperconnectivity Procurement	PP/IP	CEF2	EHPC			30,000,000	
Federation Procurement						3,999,940	
Quantum computers				4,332,500	891,100	8,368,724	11,490,500
EUROHPC-2022-CEI-QC-01 - CAPEX/OPEX	PP/IP	DEP	EHPC				
EuroQCS Poland					575,000	1,995,800	
LUMI-Q Czech Republic				59,600		823,000	
EuroQCS France				316,100	316,100	1,320,400	3,301,000
Euro-Q-EXA Germany				97,200			1,838,000
EuroQCS Italy				2,447,500		150,000	4,546,500
EuroQCS Spain				1,412,100		1,375,800	1,805,000
101159808 - EUROQHPC-I						1,355,808	
EUROHPC-2022-CEI-QC-01 - CAPEX/OPEX							
Meluxina-Q - TCO						745,905	
EuroQCS Netherland - TCO						602,011	
Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 Total PA				449,754,309	22,981,542	143,864,339	52,071,962

* FP - Final Payments, IP - Interim Payments, PP - Pre-financing

** Joint Procurement: Participation States contributions are managed by NFA, not entered in EuroHPC budget

*** Participating States contributions entered in EuroHPC Budget

Table 5d – Cashflow overview Chapter 31 under Horizon2020

Item	Type of payment*	C1 Credits (EUR)	
		EU	PS
LUMI - PreExscale	IP	2,547,311	5,874,798
LEONARDO - PreExscale	IP	921,880	921,880
MN5 - PreExscale	IP		16,885,627
Regulation (EU) 2018/1488 Total PA		3,469,191	23,682,305

* FP - Final Payments, IP - Interim Payments, PP - Pre-financing

Table 6.1: Reactivation of the unused appropriation Budget in 2025 (Administrative) - Titles 1 and 2

Budget to be Reactivated (Administrative)	Commitment Appropriations (CA)	Payment Appropriations (PA)
Reactivation of Available Credits from the previous year	4,911,925	4,911,925
n-1 - Credits (C1 from FY2025)		
n-2 - Credits (C1 from FY2024)	466,435	466,434
n-3 - Credits (C1 from FY2023)	4,445,490	4,445,491

Table 6.1: Reactivation of the unused appropriation Budget in 2025 (Administrative) - Titles 1 and 2

Administrative Budget Structure (C2 Credits)	Commitment Appropriations to be reactivated	Payment Appropriations to be reactivated
E.1100	1,963,220	1,963,220
E.1110	598,930	598,930
E.1120	169,432	169,432
E.1200	2,934	2,934
E.1300	88,010	88,010
E.1400	251,070	251,070
E.1410	44,006	44,006
E.1420	62,270	62,270
E.1500	67,475	67,475
E.2000	88,010	88,010
E.2100	490,689	490,689
E.2200	58,673	58,673
E.2300	102,806	102,806
E.2400	58,673	58,673
E.2500	30,536	30,536
E.2600	44,005	44,005
E.2700	114,413	114,413
E.2800	676,773	676,773
Grand Total	4,911,925	4,911,925

Table 7: Reactivation of the unused appropriation Budget in 2025 (Operational) - Title 3

Budget to be Reactivated (Operational)	Commitment Appropriations (CA)	Payment Appropriations (PA)
Reactivation of Available Credits from the previous year	5,850,000	211,476,203
n-1 - Credits (C1 from FY2025)		20,637,031
n-2 - Credits (C1 from FY2024)	5,850,000	15,539,902
n-3 - Credits (C1 from FY2023)		175,299,271

Table 7.1: Reactivation of the unused appropriation Budget in 2025 (Operational) - Title 3

Operational Budget Structure (C2 Credits)	Commitment Appropriations to be reactivated	Payment Appropriations to be reactivated
E.3000		15,539,902
E.3010	850,000	
E.3020		
E.3030		
E.3100		
E.3110		
E.3120	5,000,000	161,936,361
E.3130		33,999,940
Grand Total	5,850,000	211,476,203

3. Budget structure and details

a) Title 1: Staff Expenditure

Chapter 11 – Salaries and Allowances

This chapter covers the expenditure for salaries, social security, pension contributions and other related allowances of staff. It covers the remuneration cost of establishment plan posts (temporary staff) and external personnel (contract staff, Seconded National Experts, interim agents and trainees), in accordance with the Staff Regulations.

Chapter 12 – Expenditure relating to recruitment

This chapter covers the expenditure regarding the recruitment process of new staff and the associated administrative costs.

Chapter 13 – Mission and travel expenses

This chapter covers travel agency fees and the reimbursements of costs of staff having to go on mission / travel for business. It covers travel expenses, daily subsistence allowances and ancillary or exceptional expenditure incurred by staff, whilst on mission, in the interest of the service. As part of its duties the JU staff will have to travel to various conferences, meetings and workshops related to the activities of the Joint Undertaking and to the actions funded.

Chapter 14 – Socio-medical expenditure and professional development

This chapter covers the JU contribution to the costs of the Comité des Activités Sociales, (e.g. the “crèche”, the “garderie/centre d'études”, the school bus), the medical service, the policy linked to financial assistance to disabled persons, the complementary health insurance, contribution of the home office (as per European Commission guidelines), and other related activities. It also covers the cost for professional development, training programmes and HR related events.

Chapter 15 – HR administrative services

This chapter covers costs of all SLAs and working arrangements with other EU bodies for HR matters, together with specialised external HR legal costs, when required.

b) Title 2: Building, Equipment and Operating Costs

Chapter 20 – Building and associated costs

This Chapter covers costs related to the infrastructure including e.g. office overheads and insurance, cleaning and maintenance, security and surveillance (where not covered by the SLA with DG HR) and others. The office premises are provided by the JU hosting country.

Chapter 21 – Information Technology

This Chapter covers costs related to the purchase of computer equipment, video conference equipment, the cost of software and also software package maintenance, user support, and others. It includes the procurement and maintenance of programme packages and software licenses necessary for the effective operation of the JU, the expenditure on services contracts for analysis, programming and technical assistance necessary for the JU, the cost of external services contracts to manage and maintain the data and systems, training and other support activities.

Chapter 22 – Movable property and associated costs

This Chapter covers the necessary resources to cover the costs of the organisation of the office e.g. office furniture needs.

Chapter 23 – Current administrative expenditure

This Chapter covers the costs of miscellaneous services related to the agreements signed with other Commission offices/services e.g. the CdT (translations) DG BUDG (ABAC, SUMMA & treasury), BOA for Accounting Services, S.G. (HAN), EFSA (EUAN SSO), and others.

It also covers of office supplies, stationery, badges, office material and other consumables necessary for the operation of the office. It also includes all correspondence, postage, delivery services costs and telecommunication costs (fixed, mobile telephony).

Chapter 24 – External administrative consultancy and auditing

This chapter covers the costs for external audit, external consultancies linked to administrative matters & outsourced support.

Chapter 25 – Internal meetings

This Chapter covers any expenditure linked to formal and internal events and meetings. It covers necessary catering costs and any additional costs regarding the organisation.

Chapter 26 – Legal services

This Chapter covers the costs for legal assistance, data protection and other legal obligations.

Chapter 27 – Communication, Information & Events

This Chapter covers the costs regarding Communication activities, events organization, dissemination and publication activities in connection with operational activities. It will also cover the costs of internal communication expenses.

Chapter 28 – Experts and associated costs

This Chapter covers the fees for the work done by experts, travel expenses and daily allowances if applicable. It also includes the reimbursement of expenses (travel and accommodation) for experts invited by the Euro HPC to meetings/events. (e.g. INFRAG/RIAG members and other experts).

c) Title 3: Operational Expenditure

The main purpose of the Joint Undertaking is the indirect implementation of EU budget in the field of High-Performance Computing. Detailed description of the operational activities undertaken in 2021 are presented in the Work Programme below.

Chapter 30 – Grants, R&I Activities

This appropriation related to all expenses linked to the EuroHPC JU R&I activities.

Table 5a above sets out contributions made to HPC R&I activities established under Regulation 2018/1488 and Regulation 2021/1173.

Chapter 31 – HPC Infrastructure Activities

This appropriation relates to the ongoing procurement in exascale, the mid-range systems, the quantum systems, upgrades, AI factories and the industrial supercomputers.

Supercomputer maintenance is also foreseen to be paid annually from 2022.

d) Title 4: Contribution agreements with the European Commission

The main purpose of this Title 4 is to allow the Joint Undertaking to implement contribution agreements with the European Commission in order to manage non-core tasks of the JU but activities which complement the JU's mandate. Budgetary credits will be external assigned revenue (R0s).

Chapter 40, item 4010 – Operational activities under contribution agreements

Chapter 41, item 4110 – Administrative support to operational agreements

HUMAN RESOURCES

In 2026, the JU should remain fully staffed with only standard turnover rates.

In 2024, the JU finalised its HR strategy, focusing on 7 pillars (talent selection, professional growth, collaboration, efficiency, leadership development, employee wellbeing and safe & respectful workplace. The HR Strategy included an action plan, which will continue to be implemented in 2026.

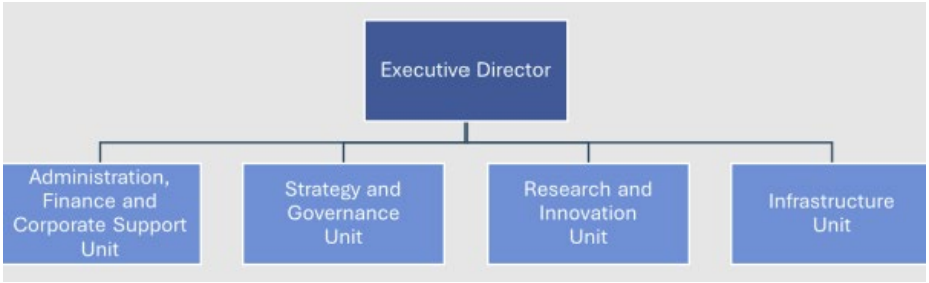
Following the Staff Engagement Survey carried out in 2024, follow-up actions are being carried out during 2025 and 2026. As customary within EU decentralised bodies, the EuroHPC JU will perform its next Staff Engagement Survey in 2026, so every two years.

Internal communication will be further strengthened in the area of Human Resources, in particular by means of continuous development of the intranet pages and dedicated info sessions.

The JU will continue to participate in the working groups in the context of the Shared Back-Office Arrangement (BOA) in various administrative and HR areas, as well as with other relevant working groups, agencies and institutions at the level of EUAN (EU Agencies network).

Official organigramme of the JU

The organigramme below presents the current organisational structure of the JU, up to the Head of Unit level**.**



Priorities for the 2026 recruitments

Apart from the very few remaining vacant posts being filled-in, reserve lists for the most standard job profiles of the EuroHPC JU will be foreseen, in order to be able to recruit faster when staff leaves the organisation, reducing the risk of long gaps and reinforcing business continuity.

Human resources planning for the period of 2021-2027

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Establishment plan posts Temporary Agents (TA)	4	22	27	27	27	27	27
Contract Agents (CA)	11	25	27	27	27	27	27
Seconded National Experts (SNE)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Staff	**16**	**47**	**54**	**54**	**54**	**54**	**54**

Breakdown of Temporary Staff by grade in 2024 and 2025

Temporary Agents (TA) by grade	**2025 TA posts**	**Filled-in posts as of 31/12/2025**	**2026 TA posts**
AD 16			
AD 15	1	1	1
AD 14			
AD 13			
AD 12	1	1	1
AD 11	1	1	1
AD 10	1	0	2
AD 9	4	5	5
AD 8	6	6	7
AD 7	7	6	7
AD 6	4	5	1
AD 5			
Total (ADs)	**25**	**25**	**25**
AST 5			1
AST 4	2	2	1
Total (ASTs)	**2**	**2**	**2**

Total TA	**27**	**24**	**27**

Breakdown of external staff by Function Group in 2025 and 2026

The JU remains within the planned maximum full-time equivalents (FTEs) in terms of contract agents, as foreseen in the Legislative Financial Statement (LFS) - 27, with the addition of up to 3 FTEs temporarily allocated to the EuroHPC JU linked to the increase of the budget delegated under Horizon Europe and also to support the EU-LAC Contribution Agreement.

Contract Agents (CA) Staff	**2025 approved FTEs**	**Filled-in posts as of 31/12/2025**	**2026 approved FTEs**
Function Group IV	22	17	20
Function Group III	4	7	7
Function Group II	1	0	0
Total CA staff	**27**	**24**	**27**

The 2026 approved function groups in terms of Contract Agents is aligned with the European Commission's indicative financial fiche for the Draft 2026 budget of the Joint Undertaking, except for one FG II who retired in 2025 and who has been replaced already in 2025 by a FG III due to a change in responsibilities.