



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
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No 43/2025

**Approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition,
delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of the
IT4LIA AI-optimised supercomputer for the European High
Performance Computing Joint Undertaking**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of 13 July 2021 on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/1488¹, (hereinafter, "the Regulation"), in particular Article 12a thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(i), 6(5) and 7(4) 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 the Governing Board Decision No 57/2024 of 7 October 2024 amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2024 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 5),

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

¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of 13 July 2021 on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/1488, OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

² 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 intelligence, OJ L 2024/1723, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

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

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

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking shall acquire AI-optimised supercomputers and shall own them,
- (2) By Decision No 71/2024 of 9 December 2024, the Governing Board selected the consortium coordinated by CINECA Consorzio Interuniversitario ("CINECA"), as Hosting Entity for the EuroHPC AI-Optimised Supercomputer ("IT4LIA"),
- (3) The European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking and the Hosting Entity, CINECA, signed the Hosting Agreement No 05/2024, dated 7 February 2025, for an AI optimised supercomputer,
- (4) The amendment of the Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2024, has been adopted by the Governing Board by its Decision No 57/2024 of 7 October 2024 (Amendment No 5),
- (5) The Governing Board shall approve the launch of the call for tenders, in accordance with the Annual Work Programme 2024,
- (6) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking should manage the call for tenders as provided for in Annual Work Programme 2024,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of the IT4LIA AI-optimised supercomputer for the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking following the open procurement procedure in accordance with the Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2024, and within the available budget in accordance with the Budget of the Joint Undertaking for 2024, on the basis of the procurement documents annexed to this Decision and invites the Executive Director to take all necessary actions in this regard.

Article 2

The Call for Tender shall be published at least:

- on the website of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking;
- in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU);
- Funding & Tender opportunities Portal.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 26 September 2025.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal
The Chair