



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 39/2026
Approving the launch of a call for proposals for Next-Generation QKD
Systems (HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2026-NQKD-12)

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of 13 July 2021 on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/1488, as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 of 16 January 2026 on amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (hereinafter, "the JU Regulation"),

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (thereinafter "Statutes") and in particular Articles 1(i), 6(6), 7(5)(c), and 7(5a) thereof,

Having regard to Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking No 35/2026 of 19 June 2026, amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2026 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 5),

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2026 was amended by means of Governing Board Decision No 35/2026 of 19 June 2026 (Amendment No 5),
- (2) The Governing Board shall approve the launch of calls for proposals in accordance with the annual work programme,
- (3) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking should manage the calls for proposals as provided for in the annual work programme, administer the grant agreements and related decisions,
- (4) the Governing Board discussed the call text subject to this Decision at its 55th meeting and

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the launch of a call for proposals for Next-Generation QKD Systems (HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2026-NQKD-12) in accordance with the amended Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2026, as approved by Governing Board Decision No 35/2026 of 19 June 2026 (Amendment No 5).

The EU-funding rate for eligible costs in grants awarded by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for this topic will be up to 100 % of the eligible costs.

Article 2

The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking is hereby instructed to launch a call for proposals for Next-Generation QKD Systems (HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2026-NQKD-12) in accordance with the Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2026, as approved by Governing Board Decision No 35/2026 of 19 June 2026 (Amendment No 5).

The call shall be published at least:

- On the website of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking;
- On the single portal for participants (Funding and Tenders Opportunity Portal).

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 22 July 2026.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal
The Chair