

EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 67/2025

**Approving the non-selection of the tender for the acquisition, delivery,
installation and hardware and software maintenance of Meluxina-AI, AI-
optimised Supercomputer and the cancellation of the procurement
procedure**

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, in particular Article 12a thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the Regulation (hereinafter "Statutes") and in particular to Articles 1(i), 6(5) and 7(4)(g) 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 EuroHPC Joint Undertaking Financial Rules, approved by Governing Board Decision 3/2020, of 20 February 2020³ and, in particular to Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast), hereinafter the Financial Regulation, and in particular to Article 174 thereof,

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

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51

² OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1–5.

³ As readopted by Governing Board Decision No 17/2021, of 30 September 2021.

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 (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,

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision No 15/2025 of 11 April 2025, approving the launch of the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of the “MeluXina-AI” AI-optimised supercomputer,

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 Lux Provide S.A. as Hosting Entity to host the AI-optimised supercomputer MeluXina-AI.
- (3) By Decision No 15/2025 of 11 April 2025, the Governing Board launched the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of “MeluXina-AI” AI-optimised supercomputer (EUROHPC/2025/CD/0003).
- (4) The evaluation procedure followed the applicable public procurement rules for the competitive dialogue procedures in the term provided in the Financial Regulation. The competitive dialogue procurement was divided in three main stages: a) selection stage, b) dialogue stage and c) the tendering stage. The evaluation committee was appointed by the responsible authorising officer of EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. Three external experts selected by EuroHPC Joint Undertaking assisted the evaluation committee with a detailed technical analysis against the award criteria.
- (5) One vendor submitted an eligible and compliant tender in response to the call and has been evaluated by the evaluation committee (exclusion criteria, selection criteria, award criteria). The evaluation committee, taking into account external experts' individual evaluation report, concluded that the tender did not cover the mandatory minimum technical requirements as described in the technical specifications part of the call for tenders, and the tender is irregular, pursuant to Annex I, point 12.2(a) of the Financial Regulation. Moreover, the financial offer received exceeded by 45.14% the maximum amount set by the contracting authority's maximum budget as determined and documented prior to launching the procedure and as set out in the procurement documents, and which was approved by virtue of the GB Decisions No 71/2024 of 9 December 2024 and 15/2025 of 11 April 2025 as the maximum budget of the procedure, constituting the tender also unacceptable, pursuant to Annex I, point 12.3(a) of the

Financial Regulation. More details on the evaluation procedure are provided in the annexed evaluation report.

- (6) As no suitable tender was received, the evaluation committee deemed the tender to be irregular and unacceptable and suggested to reject it. The procurement procedure EUROHPC/2025/CD/0003 should therefore be cancelled.
- (7) The EuroHPC JU intends to relaunch the call for tenders for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of “MeluXina-AI” AI-optimised supercomputer.
- (8) The Executive Director has submitted the Evaluation Report to the Governing Board,
- (9) The Governing Board took note of the outcome of the evaluation, which included the Evaluation Report with annexes. Consequently, the Governing Board

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the non-selection of the tender and the subsequent cancellation of the procurement procedure EUROHPC/2025/CD/0003 for the acquisition, delivery, installation and hardware and software maintenance of MeluXina-AI, AI-optimised supercomputer, following the competitive dialogue procedure which resulted in a receipt of non-admissible tender.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall inform the tenderer of the results of the evaluation and of the cancellation of the procurement procedure, in accordance with Article 174 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 8 January 2026.

For the Governing Board

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The Chair