



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 40/2025
Approving the launch of a call for proposals on Quantum Grand
Challenge (HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2026-QGC-02)

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, as amended by 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, (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 Articles 1(h) and 7(5)(c) thereof,

Having regard to Decision of the Governing Board of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking No 39/2025 of 9 October 2025, amending the Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2025 (Work Programme and Budget Amendment No 5),

WHEREAS

- (1) The Joint Undertaking's Work Programme and Budget for the year 2025 was amended by means of Governing Board Decision no 39/2025 of 9 October 2025 (Amendment No 5), taking into account that Phase 2 of the Quantum Grand Challenge is not covered by this Call for Proposals and will not be implemented by the Joint Undertaking. Instead, it will be carried out jointly by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Commission. In Phase 2, selected projects from Phase 1 may receive long-term financial support through InvestEU and Horizon Europe-backed funding, aimed at ensuring the relevance, market

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

² OJ L, 19.6.2024, p. 1-5.

alignment, early validation, and commercialisation of their solutions. Implementing Phase 2 will require a reallocation of €100 million from the EU budget (€72 million in 2026 and €28 million in 2027), resulting in a corresponding reduction in Horizon Europe funding for the Joint Undertaking in those years.

- (2) The Governing Board shall approve the launch of calls for proposals in accordance with the Annual Work Programme 2025.
- (3) The Executive Director of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking should manage the calls for proposals as provided for in the annual work plan, administer the grant agreements and related decisions.
- (4) The Governing Board discussed the following Decision at its 50th meeting and

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves the launch of a call for proposals on Quantum Grand Challenge (HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2026-QGC-02) in accordance with the amended Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2025, as approved by Governing Board Decision No 39/2025 of 9 October 2025 (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 proposal on Quantum Grand Challenge (HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2026-QGC-02), in accordance with the Work Programme and Budget of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking for the year 2025, as approved by Governing Board Decision No 39/2025 of 9 October 2025 (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 9 October 2025.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair