



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING

No 30/2026

Approving the adoption of the model EuroHPC JU
AIGF Joint Procurement Agreement

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 last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 of 16 January 2026 (hereinafter “the JU Regulation”), in particular Article 12b thereof,

Having regard to the Statutes of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking annexed to the JU Regulation (hereinafter "Statutes"), in particular 7(4a), 6(5a) and 9(5)(c) thereof,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision No 22/2026 of 24 April 2026 amending the Joint Undertaking’s Work Programme and Budget for the year 2026 (Amendment No 3),

WHEREAS

- (1) The EuroHPC JU was established by Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of 13 July 2021² as last amended Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 of 16 January 2026³ (hereinafter referred to as the ‘ JU Regulation’), the latter creating a new pillar of activities for the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking, enabling it to perform activities for the

¹ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51.

² 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.

³ Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 of 16 January 2026 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking, OJ L, 2026/150, 19.1.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/150/oj>

implementation of Artificial Intelligence Giga Factories (hereinafter, “AIGFs”), while also accommodating for their specificities.

- (2) Council Regulation (EU) 2026/150 introduced a new objective for the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking to support the establishment of, and access to, AI gigafactories and their services, with a view to building a dynamic, innovative, sustainable and resilient AI ecosystem across the Union and ensuring scientific and industrial leadership.
- (3) In accordance with Article 12b(4) of the Council Regulation 2026/150, the AI Gigafactories shall be selected based on a joint procurement between the Joint Undertaking and one or more contracting authorities from the Participating States.
- (4) The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking intends to launch a call for tenders for the selection of Artificial Intelligence Gigafactory Consortia and the establishment of AI Gigafactories following the joint procurement procedure. The joint procurement shall be pursued within the meaning of Article 168(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (hereinafter referred to as the “Financial Regulation”), to select a number of AIGF Consortia whose proposals will be the highest ranked following the evaluation procedure that will set up, host and operate the AIGFs and from whom the Contracting Parties will acquire AI compute access time in accordance with the JU Regulation.
- (5) According to Article 12b(5) of the JU Regulation, the Union financial contribution shall cover up to 17% to the capital expenditure (CAPEX) investments in the overall computing infrastructure of the AIGF. Alternatively, the Union contribution may take the form of a pre-agreed guaranteed purchase of access time to the AIGF (off-take model), equivalent in value up to 17% of the CAPEX of the overall computing infrastructure of the AIGF. One or more National Contracting Authorities from the Participating States shall at least match the Union contribution. The remaining investment as well as the operational expenditure (OPEX) of the AIGF shall be covered by the AIGF Consortium.
- (6) For the activities referred to in Recital (4), the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking shall conclude a Joint Procurement Agreement with the Participating States contributing financially to AI Gigafactories, in accordance with Article 12b of Council Regulation 2026/150.
- (7) The Joint Procurement Agreement shall set out the provisions for the award of a Framework Contract by the Contracting parties on the basis of a joint procurement procedure launched to acquire AI compute access time and related services from the selected AIGF Consortia, which will set up, host and operate the AIGFs. The Joint Procurement Agreement shall lay down the practical arrangements governing the joint procurement procedure in accordance with Article 168(2) of the Financial Regulation as well as auxiliary matters agreed by the Parties.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board hereby approves a model Joint Procurement Agreement to select the AIGF consortia which will set up, host and operate the AIGFs and from whom the contracting parties will acquire AI compute access time annexed to this Decision (Annex 1).

Article 2

The Governing Board invites the Executive Director to take all necessary actions for the conclusion of the Joint Procurement Agreements with the Participating States who expressed their commitments to contribute to the AIGFs in accordance with Article 12b of the JU Regulation.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, on 1 June 2026.

For the Governing Board

Rafal Duczmal

The Chair

Annex 1: Model EuroHPC JU AIGF Joint Procurement Agreement