**Eurolab4HPC – 3d Call for BPP Proposals**

**Funding for Business Prototyping Projects**

**in Computing Systems**

**Call deadline: 31 October 2019**

**Total budget in this call: 45 000 EUR**

Eurolab4HPC is a Coordination Action funded by the European Commission under H2020 with the bold commitment to build the foundation for a European Research Center of Excellence in High-Performance Computing (HPC) Systems.

A funded Business Prototyping Project (BPP) typically lasts 3 months and needs to end by 30 April 2020. A proposal for a business prototyping project describes the value proposition, customers, partners and business models using the business model canvas. A BPP targets PhD students, early career researchers, senior researchers and industrial technical leaders. Once selected, they are mentored using the business model canvas. Hypotheses regarding components in the business model canvas are iteratively verified or adjusted with the goal of coming up with a business plan where business risks have been substantially reduced.

The Eurolab4HPC grant will amount to 15 000 EUR excl. VAT and will be paid upon receival of an invoice from the grantee’s institution. After being selected for a grant, the applicant organisation will sign a subcontracting agreement with Eurolab4HPC. This subcontract will clarify what tasks the organization will perform to be entitled to the 15 000 EUR BPP grant. A public summary of the activity will be published after the BPP.

The evaluation of the project proposals be done by at least three external independent experts selected by the steering committee under a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), and without conflict of interest with the proposers. The evaluation process will be composed of five steps: (i) eligibility check, (ii) review by external experts, (iii) consensus meeting chaired by the partner in charge of the call, (iv) decision to grant the best proposals by the steering committee, (v) feedback about the outcome of the evaluation process to all the proposers. All applicants will receive information about the outcome of their application by 1 September 2019.

**See the attached instructions and proposal template** for more details. The proposals have to be submitted via the Eurolab4HPC website no later than on **31 October 2019**. The funding period after proposal acceptance is expected to start at earliest on 15 November 2019.

Furher information:

Eurolab4HPC website: [www.eurolab4HPC.eu](http://www.eurolab4HPC.eu)

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Here you can find some examples of business prototyping projects already accepted for Eurolab4HPC funding:

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| **BPP title** | **Partner** |
| Software Distributed Shared Memory (DSM)  | Eta Scale AB |
| XtreemView | ITWM |
| Blind Docking Server | UCAM |
| SORT-ATM (Solutions On Real-Time for Air Traffic Management) | BSC |
| Blind Docking | UCAM |