Conclusions of eighth cPPP Partnership Board meeting
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- Update on HPC, new members and representatives. A total of 86 members was reported in 21 countries. The distribution is as follows:

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- Contacts with BDVA are increasing (workshops, technical interlocks, etc.) and future collaboration is foreseen, with interesting perspectives for cooperation towards EuroHPC

- 13:30 Progress on HPC activities
  - Progress on the overall HPC strategy, including EuroHPC
  - WP2018-2020 Calls (EC and ETP4HPC and CoEs)
  - SRA status (ETP4HPC)

  - EC updated on the HPC strategy (including EuroHPC) and Work Programme preparations (presentations distributed).

  - The scope of EuroHPC was addressed, i.e. joint procurement (use of European rules rather by Member States – MS - individually, use of PCP/PPI, etc.). The goal is to procure competitive machines, getting the best available machines, while at the same time supporting actions so that European R&D produces competitive results that are integrated in the best systems. We count on the excellent work of the European stakeholders to provide the R&I roadmap to contribute to this goal. Governance is one of the key issues, not only reflecting adequately the involvement of the EC and MS, but also how private stakeholders can contribute to the governance without conflicts of interest with the joint procurement policy. These issues are currently being discussed with MS.

  - The planned release of the next SRA is 10 November. The SRA presentation was followed by a discussion in which two points were addressed, i.e. the need to reflect more explicitly the EU priorities in the roadmap, and the input from the BDVA for future SRAs.

- 15:30 PPP progress and mid-term review
  - Presentation on PPP mid-term review and discussion
- KPI revision/leverage effect/measurement methodology
  
  - EC (unit CNECT D.1 in charge of the cPPP review in CONNECT) gave a presentation with highlights of the final report published by the panel of experts reviewing all cPPPs in H2020. The assessment and a set of recommendations contained in the report were presented and discussed at the meeting. The question was raised how these recommendations (resulting from an overall assessment of H2020 cPPPs) apply specifically to the HPC cPPP and what actions need to be taken. In order to clarify this point D.1 (with input from unit C.2 and ETP4HPC) will liaise with RTD and solicit a more specific feedback from the expert panel.

- 16:20 International cooperation (all)
  
  - There are increasing requests to the EC to attend international events outside the EU, which cannot all be satisfied.
  
  - A EU-Mexico and EU-Brazil collaboration topics is included in FET WP 2018-2020.
  
  - Future collaborations could be included in the WP 2020 - discussions on this WP will start at the EC level in one year from now. The critical point is demonstrating the added value for Europe in embarking in such collaborations.

- 16:30 Communication-PR events (all)
  
  - BOF at SC17 as for previous years
  - BDEC comes to an end, a report will be delivered. It is likely that Europeans take over the structuring of the worldwide efforts that were held in the BDEC series of workshops

- 16:50 Next meeting & AOB
  
  - Next meeting 29 May Tuesday afternoon in Ljubljana (during European HPC Week) or 30 Morning (most likely the 29 May Tuesday afternoon)
  
  - No AOB

- 17:00 End of meeting