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2nd Call for External Reviewers

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1. Introduction

The EuroHPC Virtual Training Academy (EVITA) project aims to establish a sustainable and high-quality training ecosystem in High-Performance Computing (HPC) across Europe. As part of its cascade funding mechanism, EVITA is launching a call for external reviewers to support the evaluation of proposals for modular training materials. The reviewers will play a key role in ensuring the quality, fairness, and transparency of the evaluation process.

2. Objective of the Call

The objective of this call is to establish a pool of qualified and independent experts who will evaluate proposals submitted to the EVITA cascade funding calls. Selected reviewers will contribute to the assessment of training material proposals with respect to their pedagogical quality, technical soundness, alignment with the EVITA Competence and Qualification Framework (CQF), and overall feasibility.

3. Role and Responsibilities

Reviewers will be responsible for assessing proposals based on predefined evaluation criteria. This includes providing structured scores and written justifications, as well as participating in consensus discussions where required. Each proposal will be evaluated by two independent reviewers, ensuring a balanced and objective assessment. Reviewers are expected to act independently, declare any conflicts of interest, and respect confidentiality obligations throughout the process. Artificial Intelligence (AI) or automated tools shall not be used to process significant portions of proposals nor to draft significant portions of the reviewer's substantive evaluation. The reviewer is responsible for the accuracy, originality, reasoning and conclusions of every evaluation submitted.

4. Eligibility and Expertise Requirements

The call is open to experts with demonstrated expertise in HPC and related fields. Applicants should have experience in training, teaching, or development of educational materials, and should be able to assess both pedagogical and technical aspects of proposed content. Experience in evaluation or peer review processes is considered an advantage, but is not mandatory.

Applicants must be established in countries that are members of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking or are associated with it. Eligibility will be verified during the evaluation process.

5. Remuneration

Reviewers will be remunerated a sum of €125 plus €25 per module, excluding VAT, per completed course evaluation. This corresponds to €150 excluding VAT per proposal for proposals containing one module. Likewise, for example, a proposal containing four modules will yield remuneration equal to €225 (= €125 + €25*4). Payments will be made upon submission of complete and substantiated evaluations. Reviewers may, voluntarily, choose to waive this remuneration; such a decision has no influence on their selection, assignment of proposals, or evaluation of their performance.

6. Application and Selection Process

Applications must be submitted through the EVITA online application system using the designated form:

https://evita-submission-portal.evitahpc.eu

The form collects information on the applicant's expertise, experience in training and evaluation, and areas of competence. All applications will undergo an administrative check followed by an evaluation against predefined criteria. Eligible applicants will be included in a proposed reviewer list, which will be subject to approval by the EVITA General Assembly. Only approved reviewers will be included in the official reviewer pool.

7. Reviewer Pool and Future Calls

The selected reviewers will form a pool that will be used across three cascade funding calls. Prior to each evaluation phase, reviewers will be contacted to confirm their availability. If necessary, additional calls for reviewers may be launched to ensure sufficient coverage of expertise.

8. Timeline of the Second Call

The second call for reviewers will follow the timeline below:

Activity	Dates
Call for External Reviewers publication	30 November 2026
Application period for Reviewers	30 November 2026 - 11 January 2027
EVITA evaluation of applications	12 January - 5 February 2027
Notification to Reviewers	8 February 2027
On-boarding of Reviewers	8 February - 8 March 2027
Reviewers evaluate Course Proposals	9 March - 16 April 2027

9. Contact

Further information and support are available through the EVITA website and e-mail info@evitahpc.eu.

10. Additional Documentation

Please check the Public Calls page in the EVITA website (https://www.evitahpc.eu/public-calls/) for more information. There you can find the following relevant documents:

- *External Reviewers Application Form - Offline Application Template*: An off-line version of the information you will be requested in the EVITA Submission Portal to apply as a reviewer.
- *Guidance for Applicants: Evaluation and Selection of External Reviewers*: This document provides more detail on the evaluation and selection procedure of external reviewers.
- *Guidance for Applicants: Step-by-Step Guide for the Submission Portal*: This document provides a guide for using the EVITA submission portal.