UG2.2: Become a User

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In order to get a “personal” username for the HPC systems in CINECA, you have to register to our UserDB portal (userdb.hpc.cineca.it).

Moreover, you need to be associated with a valid project, as “Collaborator” or as “Principal Investigator” (PI).

- **Collaborator**: ask the PI of the project to be associated with it (he/she can do it in the UserDB portal).
- **Principal Investigator**: you have to apply for a project or get HPC resources in some other ways

At present, these are the ways you can get HPC resources (projects) on our **HPC systems**:

- **ISCRA Projects**: Researchers with an Italian University or an Italian Research Agency affiliation;
- **PRACE Projects**: European researchers;
- **HPC Europe Transnational Access Programme**;
- **Agreements**: Italian research Institutions, ask to superc@cineca.it;
- **General users and Industrial applications**: send a request to superc@cineca.it.

Whatever the way, you will be given the **access credentials** (login name and password) on the CINECA computers you intend to use and an **account key** (account number) referring to your project. At the first login you will be requested to change the password. See **UG2.3 Access to the Systems** for our password policy.

Our **billing policy** is described in the “UG2.4 Accounting” page.