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**;
- **ICEI**: scalable and interactive computing time, cloud and storage resources at European level;
- **DICE**: data management services and resources for European researchers and communities to support Open Science. CINECA resources can be ordered directly via the EOSC portal from here;
- **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 (a count number) referring to your project.

On our **Getting Started page** you will find all the instructions to receive username and password to login to our clusters.

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 on the "**UG2.4 Accounting**" page.