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 (**only the PI** can do it in the UserDB portal. Alternatively the PI can ask us to modify it by writing to superc@cineca.it).
- **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;
- EuroHPC Projects: European researchers;
- **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 2FA authentication) on the CINECA computers you intend to use and an *account key* (account number) referring to your project.

Important: The access to our clusters is now done only through a 2FA authentication.
On our Getting Started page you will find all the instructions to receive username and configure the 2FA authentication method.

Our **billing policy** is described on the "UG2.4 Accounting" page.