

The EU-Japan Digital Partnership: EU-Japan Digital Cooperation for Effective Societal Implementation of Digital Technologies

- Japan and the European Union have developed long-standing and intense cooperation in the digital policy sphere for more than 20 years. At the EU-Japan Summit held in Tokyo on 12th May 2022, the EU and Japan agreed to launch the EU-Japan Digital Partnership to strengthen further their digital cooperation to support an inclusive, sustainable, human-centric digital transformation.
- The main objective of the Digital Partnership will for both sides to work towards concrete policy deliverables, building on existing cooperation mechanisms.
- Now is the time to engage to (i) present the opportunities and challenges of the Digital Partnership, (ii) to collect views from those stakeholders as to the concrete deliverables the Digital Partnership could bring for the benefit of citizens, businesses and other stakeholders from both sides in selected priority areas for cooperation between the EU and Japan, such as 5G/B5G, data transfers/DFFT and semiconductors.
- This Conference is a valuable opportunity for the public and private sectors to gather in one place for a dialogue after the launch of the Digital Partnership and identify areas where in the short to medium term concrete and tangible results for the benefit of the EU and Japan can be identified.

Date/Time:	17 October/2022 (Mon) 14:00-16:00 (JST) / 07:00-09:00 (CEST)
Organiser:	Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA) Japan Business Council in Europe (JBCE)
Co-Organiser:	DIGITALEUROPE
Venue:	Toranomon Hills, Tokyo (in-person meeting)
Capacity:	100 (on a first-come, first-served basis)
Register here:	https://forms.office.com/r/hzm7dHfF44

Programme:

14:00-14:15 Opening session:

“EU-Japan Digital Cooperation in the era of the Digital Partnership”

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| (Speakers) | JEITA, Senior Executive Vice President | Mr. Keiichi Kawakami |
| | European Commission, DG-CONNECT, Deputy Director-General | Mr. Thomas Skordas |
| | Digital Agency, Deputy Head of Group of Strategy and Organisation | Mr. Nobuyuki Hiratsuka |

14:15-14:45 Panel discussion 1: “The Digital Partnership – stepping up cooperation”

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| (Panelists) | European Commission, DG-CONNECT,
Advisor for International Aspects of Digital Transformation | Mr. Tonnie de Koster |
| | Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Commerce and Information Policy Bureau,
Office of International Affairs, Director | Ms. Maiko Meguro |
| | Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Global Strategy Bureau,
International Affairs Division, Director | Mr. Yutaka Kitagami |
| | JBCE, Digital Innovation Committee Chair | Mr. Marco Canton |
| | DIGITALEUROPE, Manager for International Affairs & Trade Policy | Mr. Joel Guschker |
| | Ericsson, Head of Ericsson Research Japan / European Business Council | Mr. Szabolcs Malomsoky |
| (Moderator) | Delegation of the EU to Japan First Counsellor | Mr. Stefan Kramer |

14:45-15:45 Panel discussion 2: “Expected outcomes in selected priority technological areas”

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| | METI, Commerce and Information Policy Bureau | Ms. Maiko Meguro |
| | MIC, Global Strategy Bureau | Mr. Yutaka Kitagami |
| | IMEC, Executive VP for corporate strategy | Mr. Jo De Boeck |
| | OMDIA, Senior Consulting Director | Mr. Akira Minamikawa |
| | SAP | (TBC) |
| | Fujitsu, Vice Head of Uvance Unit, SVP | Mr. Ichiro Aoyagi |
| | Nokia Bell Labs, Head of Standardization Japan | Mr. Andres Arjona |
| | NEC, 5G Strategy and Business Department, Director | Mr. Junya Shiraishi |
| (Moderator) | JBCE, Secretary General | Mr. Shozo Maeda |

15:45-16:00 Closing session (with signature ceremony)

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