

Future Prospects for the Japan-EU Digital Partnership

15 October, 2025

IKEDA Mitsuru, Chief Director for International Strategy, Digital Agency

The Launch of Digital Agency (1 September, 2021)



The Launch of Japan-EU Digital Partnership (12 May, 2022)

- The 28th Japan-EU Summit in Tokyo on Thursday, May 12, 2022.



Source:
Prime Minister's Office Website

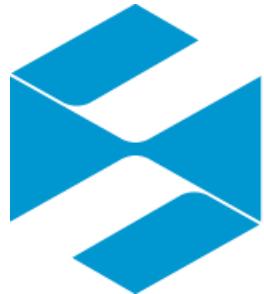
Industry Recommendations for further EU-Japan Digital Cooperation toward the forthcoming EU-Japan Summit (1 March, 2022)



Background of Japan-EU Digital Partnership

- ✓ On May 12 (Thu.) 2022, the 28th Japan-EU Summit was held in Tokyo, and the Japan-EU Digital Partnership was launched.
- ✓ The partnership will cover digital priorities shared by Japan and the EU, with **the Digital Agency, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)** playing the leading role from Japan, and **the European Commission (EC)'s Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect)** representing the EU.
- ✓ **A ministerial-level meeting based on this partnership (the Japan-EU Digital Partnership Council) will be held once a year**, with the Digital Agency and the EC's DG Connect as nodal agencies.

Digital Agency



METI

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry



**Ministry of Internal Affairs
and Communications, JAPAN**



European
Commission

First Meeting of the Japan-EU Digital Partnership Council (3 July, 2023)



Second Meeting of the Japan-EU Digital Partnership Council (30 April, 2024)



Third Meeting of the Japan-EU Digital Partnership Council (15 May, 2025)



Main points of the Joint Statement

Third Meeting of the Japan-EU Digital Partnership Council (15 May, 2025)

- 1. Boosting competitiveness, innovation and resilience in emerging technologies through advancing cooperation in research and innovation**
 - Semiconductors
 - 5G, Beyond 5G/6G
 - Quantum Technology
- 2. Leadership in shaping global digital governance and innovation for a human-centric and values-based approach**
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Digital Identities and Trust Services
 - Data Governance
 - Protection of Personal Data
 - Online Platforms
- 3. Enhancing economic security by promoting resilience in digital critical technologies**
 - Cybersecurity
 - Submarine Cables
 - Semiconductors
- 4. A collaborative path of joint leadership in digital technologies under the Japan-EU Digital Partnership**

— 26th Annual Meeting of the Japan-EU Business Round Table (12 February, 2025)



Catena-X and Ouranos Ecosystem Successfully Demonstrate Data Space Interoperability (March 2025)

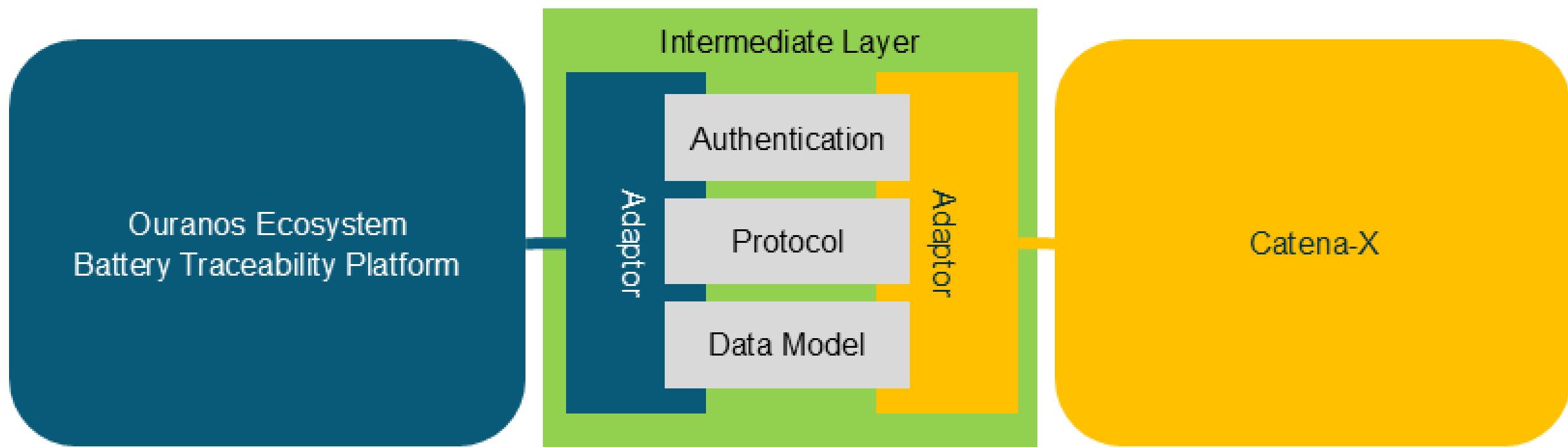


Figure: PoC Interoperability Mechanism

AI Governance – Hiroshima AI Process



G7 Hiroshima Summit 2023



Friends Group 1st in-person Meeting (2025.2.27-28)

6G MIRAI-HARMONY : Japan-EU Joint Research and Development

Selection of Projects

- Under the common theme, the call, evaluation and selection processes were carried out individually in the EU and Japan in 2024.
- As a result of the evaluations, the following proposals were selected for the joint R&D project.

	Project	Proposers
Japan	Harmony: Research and Development of 6G mobile system optimization through cross-layer/multi-domain AI integration	The University of Tokyo (Lead) , Kyocera Corporation, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Shimizu Corporation, NEC Networks & System Integration Corporation, and KDDI Research, Inc.
EU	6G-MIRAI: Research and Development of reliable and robust AI-native wireless communication systems	ERICSSON FRANCE (Lead) , FRAUNHOFER, Apple, CNIT, KU Leuven, IS-Wireless, Telefonica, Sequans, and the University of Pisa

About Projects

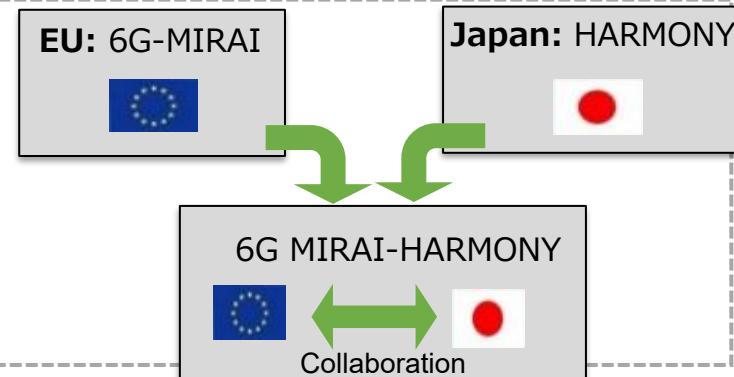
Theme : R&D project on AI-Native Network to realize User-Centric Communication

Term and budget : In April 2025~ (for up to three years)/Up to 100 million yen per year

Project name : 6G MIRAI-Harmony (The University of Tokyo and ERICSSON FRANCE)

(※) Japan : Beyond 5G R&D Fund

EU : The fund of Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)



デジタル庁
Digital Agency