

# Shaping Expectations for Japan-EU Digital Policy, Industry, and Innovation

Building a bridge between Japan and the EU

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# Recent status of Japan-EU trade

Total trade between EU and Japan in 2024

in goods **€130** billion

in services **€58** billion

Growth after the EU–Japan Economic Partnership Agreement in 2019

in goods increased by **14%**

in services increased by **27%**

The EU and Japan represent almost

**a quarter of the world's GDP**

In 2024 the EU was

Japan's **third-largest** trade partner,

responsible for **10%** of its trade

Source: Commission EU-Japan trade facts

# Pillars Supporting the EU-Japan Partnership

**Competitiveness  
Alliance**



**EU-Japan  
Digital  
Partnership**



**EU Japan  
Green Alliance**



**Mutual  
Adequacy Decision  
on Personal Data**



**Data Flow  
(non-personal data)  
Agreement**



**Security  
and Defence  
Partnership**



# Strengthening the Japan-EU Digital Partnership

**Trust-based collaboration for tangible impact in the Digital Partnership**

- ❖ A possible “administrative arrangement” with Japan’s AI Safety Institute
- ❖ The world’s largest trusted data-flow area
- ❖ Cooperation on;
  - General Purpose AI and AI agents
  - Next-generation Space-Based and Satellite networks

**Strengthening EU–Japan collaboration is not optional,  
it is a strategic necessity.**

**We can diversify critical supply chains and  
set global technology standards.**

# For this reason, we would like to encourage:

## Horizon Europe



Strongly welcome the EU–Japan plan to conclude Horizon Europe association talks by year-end — enabling joint research and faster collaboration.

## AI pilot project



Enhanced AI cooperation in public procurement and advanced manufacturing using GPAI & AI agents — Partnership launch via a pilot project under the Digital Partnership MOC.

## Mutual recognition



Explore mutual recognition of cybersecurity standards, certification and a common approach to ICT supply chain security and resilience.

## Competitiveness Alliance



The Competitiveness Alliance links key initiatives such as Horizon Europe, the Digital Partnership, and Mutual Recognition, and serves as an integrated driver to advance them.



# Thank you