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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The goal of the INPACE project is to strengthen Digital Partnerships (DPs) between the European Union (EU) and Singapore, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Trade and Technology Council (TTC) with India. By fostering a multi-stakeholder, multi-level framework, INPACE integrates policy, technology, and community engagement to address the evolving challenges and opportunities in digital cooperation. At the heart of this mission are integrative activities — integrative conferences, integrated regional workshops, online integrative meetings, and policy briefs — that serve as catalytic mechanisms to align diverse perspectives, consolidate expert contributions, and translate discussions into actionable outcomes for DPs and the TTC.

This report, D1.4 Report on Integrative Activities (initial) Public, provides an initial overview of INPACE's integrative activities, highlighting their strategic role in bridging technological advancements with policy dialogues. These activities are not merely operational tools but essential instruments for ensuring coherence across the project's five Clusters and 15 Thematic Working Groups (TWGs). They enable INPACE to connect experts, institutions, and broader communities, ensuring that technological innovations are aligned with policy priorities and regional needs. The report focuses on past and forthcoming integrative activities, all of which contribute to the project's overarching goal: to develop a sustainable INPACE Hub with a global community engaged in Indo-Pacific-European research, innovation, and policy collaboration in the digital domain.

Four types of integrative activities are planned during the project lifetime:

- **Integrative conferences:** Since its inception, the project has organised two major international conferences, which have served as catalytic platforms for fostering cross-regional collaboration and generating actionable outcomes. The International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies, held in Seoul in October 2024, brought together over 100 high-level stakeholders from government, industry, and academia. Following this, the EU-Japan Digital Week in Tokyo (March–April 2025) further expanded INPACE's impact, engaging more than 400 participants across six workshops. The next integrative conference is planned in Singapore in October 2025.
- High-visibility integrative conferences are complemented by **integrated regional workshops**, which provide country-specific exchanges and feed directly into policy briefs. In this regard, two integrated regional workshops were organised back-to-back with the integrative conferences in Seoul (October 2024) and Tokyo (March–April 2025). The next integrated regional workshop is scheduled in India in 2026.
- To sustain momentum between physical events, **online integrative meetings** are organised on a regular basis, enabling coordination across the five Clusters and 15 TWGs. Three online integrative meetings took place since the launch of the project on 23rd of April 2024, 10th of January 2025 and 9th of September 2025, in addition to four in-person meetings (kick-off meeting in Nice (February 2024), physical integrative meeting in Sophia Antipolis (September 2024), consortium meeting in Seoul (October 2024) and core group meeting in Zurich (March 2025)).
- Finally, two **policy briefs** consolidate cross-cluster insights into methodological guidance and lessons learned, offering targeted support for the monitoring, evaluation, and implementation of DPs and the TTC. They will be delivered at the end of the project, in the first half of 2027.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AI	Artificial Intelligence
CDAC	Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
CSA	Coordination and Support Action
DFFT	Data Free Flow With Trust
DoA	Description of Action
DP	Digital Partnership
DPP	Digital Product Passport
D4P	Digital for Planet
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
EUDEL	Delegation of the European Union
IITG	India Institute of Technology Guwahati
IoT	Internet of Things
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LEO	Low Earth Orbit
LLM	Large Language Models
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NUS	National University of Singapore
ROK	Republic of Korea
R&D	Research & Development
R&I	Research & Innovation
SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise
TTC	Trade and Technology Council
TRL	Technology Readiness Level
TWG	Thematic Working Group

2. INTRODUCTION

INPACE integrative activities refer to cross-cutting exchanges at the Hub level that span the various thematic areas of the initiative. These activities bring together participants from diverse backgrounds and specialisations, serving as the primary mechanism for fostering cohesion across the five Clusters of the Hub.

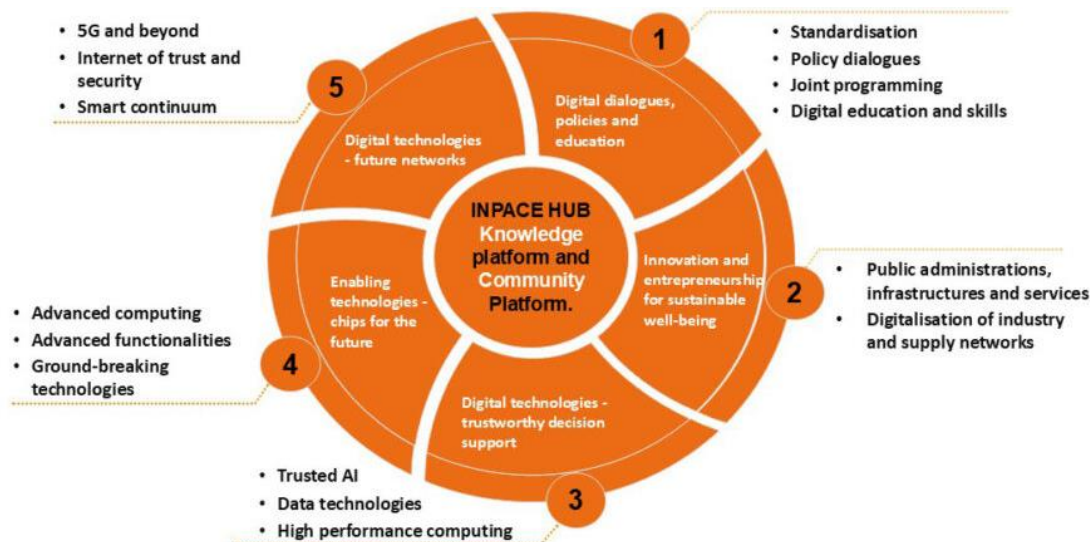


Figure 1: The structure of INPACE 5 Clusters and 15 TWGs

The purpose of these integrative activities is to ensure that INPACE partners, TWGs Leaders, and experts are informed about the initiatives and progress of other Clusters. By encouraging participation in cross-sectoral events and collaborative efforts, these activities aim to break down silos, bridge the gap between policy and technology, and strengthen the links between innovation, entrepreneurship, and thematic clusters.

INPACE organises four types of integrative activities:

- **Integrative conferences** are held annually in Indo-Pacific partner countries (ROK, India, Japan, and Singapore). Each conference targets to gather around 100 participants—including consortium members, TWG experts, and invited stakeholders—and combines networking, TWG coordination, and cross-cutting exchanges.
- **Integrated regional workshops** are organised once a year in each partner country, often back-to-back with conferences or DP meetings. These workshops focus on national priorities while maintaining a cross-cluster perspective, providing useful exchanges for both INPACE TWGs and the local audience. INPACE plans four integrated regional workshops, with around 50 or more participants each.
- Complementing these physical events, **integrative online meetings** are held throughout the project to maintain cohesion between clusters and TWGs. Seven online meetings are planned in total, ensuring regular alignment and continuity between larger gatherings, and

involving all clusters in project-wide discussions. To ensure more efficient coordination, when possible, online meetings are substituted by the Core team offline meetings.

- INPACE will also produce **policy briefs** at the Hub level, drawing input from all clusters. Two briefs are foreseen: one providing methodological guidelines and indicators for implementing DPs, and another capturing good practices and lessons learnt. These reports will directly support both the project's integrative activities and the EU's wider policy objectives.

INPACE's integrative activities operate along two complementary dimensions. First, they enable discussions **across clusters and topics**, bringing together experts from different thematic areas to exchange knowledge, align approaches, and build synergies between policy, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. This cross-cutting dialogue prevents siloed work and ensures that progress in one area contributes to advances in others. Second, they foster discussions **across countries**, creating opportunities for European and Indo-Pacific experts to share perspectives, compare national priorities, and co-develop solutions to common challenges. Each of these activities are described in greater detail in the present deliverable, highlighting their objectives, scope, and expected impact.

3. INPACE INTEGRATIVE CONFERENCES

3.1 RATIONALE FOR INTEGRATIVE CONFERENCES

INPACE’s integrative conferences are the project’s most visible and high-impact events, designed to convene policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and civil society representatives from Europe and the Indo-Pacific region. These conferences showcase progress in the implementation of the DPs and TTC while ensuring that technological innovations remain closely aligned with policy priorities. By fostering dialogue on key challenges such as AI governance, semiconductor supply chains, and 6G networks—areas central to both European and Indo-Pacific digital agendas—the conferences create a trusted platform for cross-regional cooperation.

Beyond their visibility, the conferences play a pivotal role in connecting technical work and policy impact. They amplify the outputs of the TWGs, ensuring that expert-driven insights are not only rigorous but also directly relevant to evolving priorities. This two-way alignment between technical and policy discussions is central to INPACE’s mission.

These conferences act as networking catalysts, significantly expanding the INPACE Hub—which already counts more than 420 members—and fostering durable collaborations beyond the project’s duration. By convening high-level stakeholders and building lasting relationships, these events ensure that the INPACE Hub remains a vibrant and relevant community for advancing digital cooperation.

3.2 PAST INTEGRATIVE CONFERENCES

By September 2025, INPACE has organised two major integrative conferences fostering EU–Indo-Pacific collaboration on digital technologies. The first, the **International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies** (Seoul, October 2024), gathered around 100 participants from business, academia, and government to discuss innovations like trusted AI, future chips, networks, and cybersecurity. It combined technical workshops with a high-level plenary connecting discussions to broader strategic priorities. The second, **EU–Japan Digital Week 2025** (Tokyo, March–April 2025), involved over 400 participants across six workshops, emphasizing digital sovereignty, interoperability, and innovation, and demonstrating strong interest in structured EU–Japan exchanges on strategic digital issues.

3.2.1 International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies (Seoul, October 21-22, 2024)

INPACE hosted its first integrative conference, the **International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies**, at Sejong University in Seoul, ROK, on 21–22 October 2024. Bringing together around 100 participants from academia, industry, government, and business, the event offered a platform for dynamic exchanges between Europe and the Indo-Pacific. Discussions focused on emerging digital innovations, including trusted AI, advanced semiconductor technologies, future networks, and cybersecurity, and their broader societal and economic implications. The first day was dedicated to Technical Thematic Sessions and Workshops organised in parallel, enabling in-depth exchanges among specialists. The second day featured a high-level plenary session, named “Digital Technologies and Policies in the Context of Indo-Pacific–European Cooperation”, which connected the technical discussions to broader strategic priorities under the DPs and TTC.



Figure 2: Pictures from the INPACE International Symposium 2024

3.2.1.1 Context of the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies

As part of its mission to support the DPs and the TTC and to contribute to the deepening of the collaboration between Europe and India, Japan, the ROK and Singapore in the domain of digital technologies and their application for the well-being of the citizens in Europe and in the Indo-Pacific region, INPACE organised a two-day symposium at the Daeyang AI Centre, Sejong University, in Seoul, ROK, on 21st-22nd of October, 2024, focused on Digital Technologies and Policies to strengthen Indo-Pacific-European DPs.

3.2.1.2 Objectives of the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies

The event addressed the intersections of technology and policy, fostering dialogues between experts from both regions to strengthen DPs with the ROK, Japan, Singapore, and the cooperation with India in the TTC context. The Symposium aimed to delve into the latest advancements in digital technologies and transformative applications within the Indo-Pacific region and Europe.

The event offered a platform to discuss groundbreaking technologies and their impacts, including:

- Trusted AI: Unleashing AI's potential while prioritising reliability and ethics
- Chips of the Future: Showcasing innovations in semiconductor technology
- Future Networks: Examining the progression of connectivity and communication
- Cybersecurity: Exploring strategies to protect our digital infrastructure

These sessions spotlighted cutting-edge developments and the policies shaping these fields. Additionally, the symposium was designed as a catalyst for collaboration, fostering mutual understanding and joint research initiatives between European and Indo-Pacific organisations.

3.2.1.3 Organisation of the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies

The Symposium was hosted by Sejong University, the INPACE associated partner from the ROK. G.A.C. Group, coordinator of INPACE, was responsible for the Symposium. The event was held physically, at the Daeyang AI Centre, Sejong University, Seoul, ROK, and was also live streamed and recorded, using the YouTube platform. The event gathered more than 100 participants, coming from Europe and the Indo-Pacific.

The Organising Committee of the Symposium was chaired by Prof. JaeSeung Song, Sejong University, ROK, and co-chaired by Prof. Sebastian Engell, ENRICH Global, and Dr. Svetlana Klessova, G.A.C. Group.

The first day started with two sessions organised simultaneously: the Closed-Door Policy Roundtable “The EU-ROK DP : from Policy to Practice” (upon invitation only) and the session “First results of the R&I panorama and roadmapping activity”. Then, 6 public technical sessions were held in parallel (3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon). These sessions allowed to dive in depth into priority topics for the European Union and the ROK: Cloud Edge IoT, Chips for the future, Trustworthiness in AI, 5G/6G, Trusted AI in industry, and Digital education and skills.

The first day ended with the Reports from the technical sessions as well as an Information session on EU funding opportunities, with a focus on Horizon Europe and Eureka, moderated by Dr. Svetlana Klessova (G.A.C. Group) and Adam Kapovits (Eurescom).

The second day of the Symposium offered participants a complete understanding of the digital technologies and policies in the context of Indo-Pacific-European cooperation, through various sessions that covered the following topics: policy; smart and sustainable regions and cities; human; centric AI for the citizens; chips for the future; cybersecurity, IoT and 5G.

All workshop materials, including the agenda, presentations, recordings, and the report, are available on the [INPACE Hub](#). A consolidated summary of the key recommendations from the conference workshops, as extracted from the report, is included in [Annex 1](#).

3.2.1.4 Promotion of the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies

The communication and promotion of the first International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies were actively supported by Digital for Planet (D4P). A comprehensive set of dissemination tools and channels was deployed to ensure wide visibility and engagement at both European and Indo-Pacific levels.

- **INPACE promotional materials:** A diverse range of materials was developed to strengthen communication and outreach. In total, three flyers, six posters, a standing flag, one horizontal and one vertical banner, and a custom backdrop were produced and prominently displayed during the Symposium.

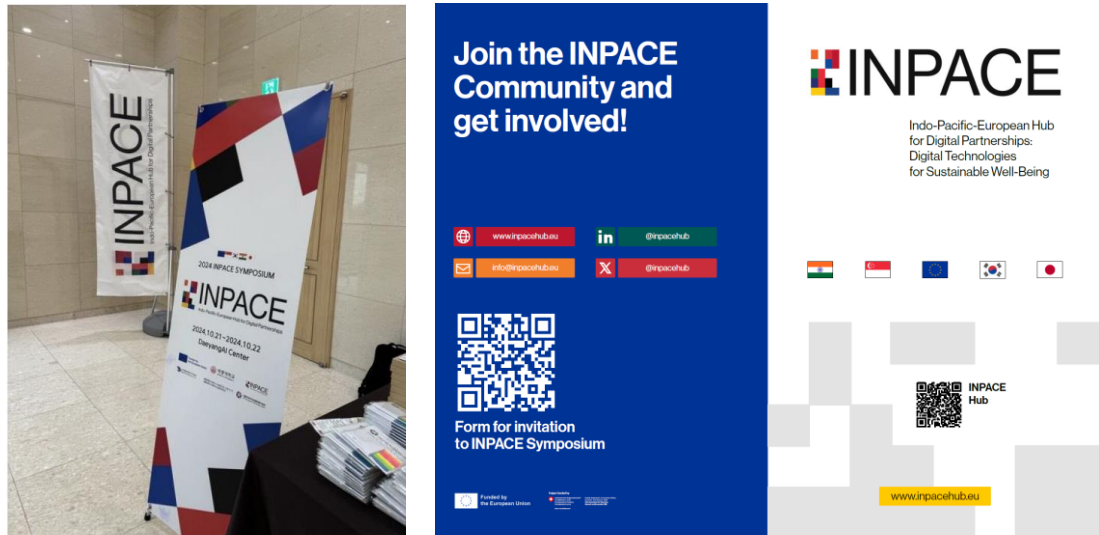


Figure 3: Examples of INPACE promotional materials

- **Press coverage:** A press release was issued and disseminated to targeted media outlets and journalists. As a result, the Symposium received significant attention, being featured in 32 media outlets in the Korean language in connection with the event.
- **Promotional video:** A dedicated video entitled “*INPACE International Symposium 2024*” was produced and published on the INPACE YouTube channel. This audiovisual resource provided a dynamic overview of the event and further extended its reach.



Figure 4: Video about INPACE International Symposium 2024

- **Dedicated webpage:** A specific webpage was created on the INPACE website to present information about the International Symposium. The page included direct links to the event registration system hosted on the INPACE Hub, thereby facilitating participant engagement.



Figure 5: Webpage of the INPACE International Symposium 2024

- **Social media dissemination:** The Symposium was promoted through INPACE’s main social media channels, including LinkedIn, X, and Mastodon. These platforms were leveraged to ensure continuous visibility, interaction, and audience engagement in the lead-up to and during the event.

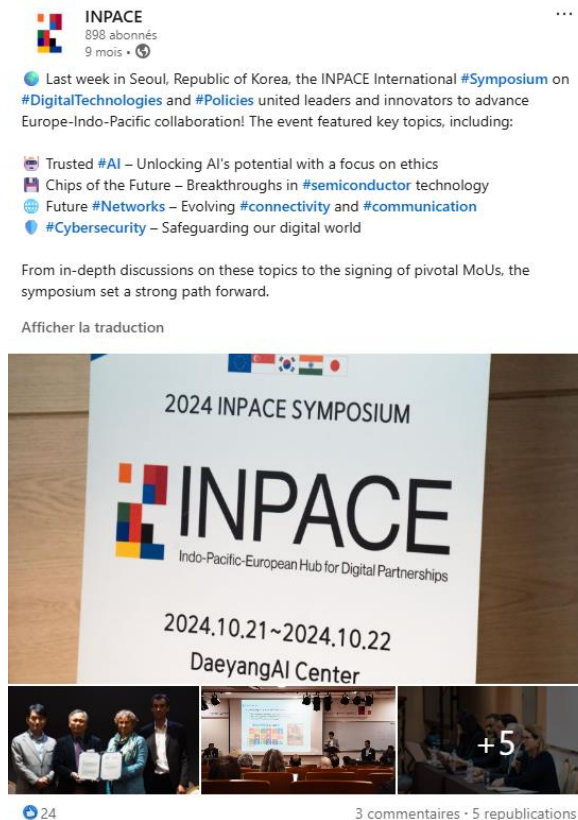


Figure 6: Example of LinkedIn post about the International Symposium 2024

3.2.1.5 Outcomes of the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies

The International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies successfully fostered collaboration and dialogue between European and Indo-Pacific stakeholders, focusing on digital sovereignty, interoperability, and emerging technologies. Key outcomes include concrete recommendations for EU–ROK and broader EU–Indo-Pacific cooperation across critical digital domains.

The **Policy and Governance** workshop emphasised aligning EU and Indo-Pacific regulatory frameworks, particularly on digital infrastructure, trustworthy AI, and resilient supply chains, to reduce barriers, foster mutual recognition of standards, and support sustainable innovation. In the **Cloud, Edge, and IoT** workshop, participants highlighted the need for common definitions of data and events, interoperability, and standardisation, ensuring AI and Large Language Models (LLMs) remain practical for SMEs.

The **Chips for the Future** sessions stressed international cooperation in semiconductors, focusing on More Moore, Beyond-CMOS, heterogeneous integration, sustainable electronics, and advanced packaging, with recommended actions including joint R&D initiatives, webinars, and student and researcher exchanges. In the **Artificial Intelligence** workshop, discussions underscored unified AI risk governance frameworks, human-centric approaches, and combining physics-based and machine-learning models, particularly for advisory systems in healthcare and industrial automation.

The **5G/6G Horizons** workshop explored opportunities for collaboration on non-terrestrial networks, including low Earth orbit (LEO) satellites, to expand connectivity beyond geographic borders. The **Digital Education and Skills** workshop reinforced AI and cybersecurity competencies as cross-cutting enablers for all DPs. The **Smart and Sustainable Regions and Cities** discussions encouraged citizen-centric, carbon-neutral solutions, standardised data exchange, and twinning initiatives between comparable cities or campuses. Cybersecurity emerged as a priority, with strong interest in joint initiatives, and the **Funding Opportunities** sessions highlighted the need for guidance to support Korean participation in Horizon Europe calls.

Overall, the symposium strengthened the EU–ROK DP by promoting actionable policies, pilot projects, and joint research initiatives. It demonstrated the potential for strategic collaboration to address technological, geopolitical, and societal challenges, reinforcing the INPACE Hub as a platform for inclusive and sustainable digital transformation.

3.2.2 EU-Japan Digital Week (Tokyo, March 31-April 7, 2025)

The second integrative conference, the **EU–Japan Digital Week 2025**, was held in Tokyo from 31 March to 7 April. Supported by the Delegation of the European Union (EUDEL) to Japan, the event successfully fostered collaboration and dialogue between European and Indo-Pacific stakeholders, with a focus on digital sovereignty, interoperability, and innovative technologies. Co-organised by INPACE, and other projects and organisations, including Hitachi, the International House of Japan, Meiji University, and the University of Tokyo, it brought together over 400 participants from industry, academia, and government across six workshops. This strong engagement highlighted the growing demand for structured exchanges between the EU and Japan on strategic digital priorities.

The EU–Japan Digital Week 2025 can be regarded as an integrative conference within the INPACE framework. Its programme extended beyond a bilateral EU–Japan focus by addressing a broad range of thematic areas central to INPACE, including artificial intelligence (AI), 6G, data spaces, smart connectivity, and advanced computing. The event attracted a substantial number of experts and participants not only from Europe and Japan but also from other Indo-Pacific countries such as India, Singapore, and the ROK, thereby fostering a truly multilateral exchange. Through this diversity of perspectives, the conference functioned as a platform for dialogue on Indo-Pacific-wide digital challenges and opportunities, while at the same time advancing the EU–Japan DP. By bringing together stakeholders across multiple thematic domains and countries, the EU-Japan Digital Week

embodied the integrative conference model, combining thematic breadth with a regional and international reach.



Figure 7: Pictures from the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

3.2.2.1 Context of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

As part of its mission to support the DPs and the TTC, INPACE organised the Digital Week in Tokyo, Japan, from March 31st to April 7th, 2025, composed of a series of workshops on Digital Technologies and Policies to strengthen Indo-European DPs.

3.2.2.2 Objectives of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

The EU-Japan Digital Week explored the dynamic intersections of technology and policy, fostering dialogue between experts from the EU and Indo-Pacific regions. The event aimed to strengthen DPs with Japan, the ROK, Singapore, and enhance cooperation with India within the framework of the TTC.

The week-long initiative focused on the latest advancements in digital technologies and their transformative applications across Europe and the Indo-Pacific. It brought together key stakeholders to discuss strategic priorities such as 6G, Data Spaces, Smart Connectivity, and advanced computing.

A central feature of the program was a high-level policy workshop, organised in close collaboration with the EUDEL to Japan. This session ensured alignment with the strategic objectives of the EU-Japan DP and reflected shared regional priorities.

Throughout the week, a series of targeted workshops offered in-depth discussions on emerging technologies and their broader implications:

- **Smart Connectivity and Computing**, led by Dr. Giacomo Inches, Martel Innovate
- **6G Horizons: Synergies for a Connected Future**, led by Adam Kapovits, Eurescom
- **Closed-Door Policy Workshop: "The EU-Japan Digital Partnership – Going Forward"**, led by Dr. Eva Pejsova, VUB

- **Trusted Data Exchanges: From Standards to Pilots in a Changing World**, led by Dr. Franck Le Gall, EGM
- **Data Spaces: How to Create Business from Data in a Legal Framework**, led by Dr. Antonis Ramfos, ATC
- **Critical Applications of AI in Industry, Healthcare, and Other Sectors**, led by Prof. Sebastian Engell, EG

These sessions highlighted cutting-edge developments and the policy landscapes shaping them. More than just knowledge-sharing forums, the workshops served as catalysts for deeper collaboration, promoting mutual understanding and paving the way for joint research initiatives between European and Indo-Pacific organisations.

3.2.2.3 Organisation of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

The EU-Japan Digital Week workshops were held in person across multiple venues in Tokyo, gathering more than 400 participants from Europe and the Indo-Pacific region. The event was coordinated by G.A.C. Group, INPACE coordinator.

The Organising Committee was chaired by Dr. Svetlana Klessova, G.A.C. Group, alongside with the abovementioned workshop leads and organisers. Event logistics and communications were managed by D4P.

To guide discussions and ensure consistency across sessions, the following recommendations were shared with workshop leads ahead of the EU-Japan Digital Week:

- Identify key challenges, needs, activities, and projects related to the session's theme
- Highlight relevant national initiatives, networks, research projects, and industry actors
- Emphasise how the speakers' expertise contributes to EU–Indo-Pacific digital cooperation
- Explore sub-priorities where regional alignment can be mutually beneficial
- Pinpoint areas where collaboration can lead to tangible outcomes and support DPs
- Propose concrete pilot projects and joint initiatives that could be facilitated under the INPACE framework

At the conclusion of each workshop, participants were invited to share their feedback. Notably, the workshops achieved an average participation rate of 66%, meaning that two out of every three registrants attended. This strong turnout underscores the relevance of the topics and the high level of interest from both European and Indo-Pacific stakeholders.

All workshop materials, including the agenda, presentations, and the report, are available on the [INPACE Hub](#). A consolidated summary of the key recommendations from the conference workshops, as extracted from the report, is included in [Annex 2](#).

3.2.2.4 Promotion of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

The promotion of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025 was led by D4P and targeted a diverse audience, including representatives from academia, research, industry, business, and policymaking, primarily from Japan and the European Union. A multi-channel outreach strategy was implemented to engage these stakeholders, leveraging established networks within INPACE, the EUDEL to Japan, and general dissemination channels.



Figure 8: Visuals of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025 in English and in Japanese

As specific workshops attracted tailored audiences, workshop organisers were encouraged to actively use their own networks to maximise engagement within their communities. Japanese hosts and counterparts, including Meiji University, University of Tokyo, Institute of Geoeconomics, Japan Business Council in Europe, and Hitachi, also supported regional promotion.

Cross-promotion with other Coordination and Support Actions CSAs and Indo-Pacific initiatives, such as Digital Partnerships in Action (DPA), InDiCo Global, INSTAR, and NexusForum.EU, helped extend visibility and attract local stakeholders. General dissemination channels included a dedicated event webpage, social media platforms (LinkedIn, X, Mastodon), the INPACE project newsletter, Euraxess newsletter, INPACE Hub community, and press/media outreach through a press release and news item.

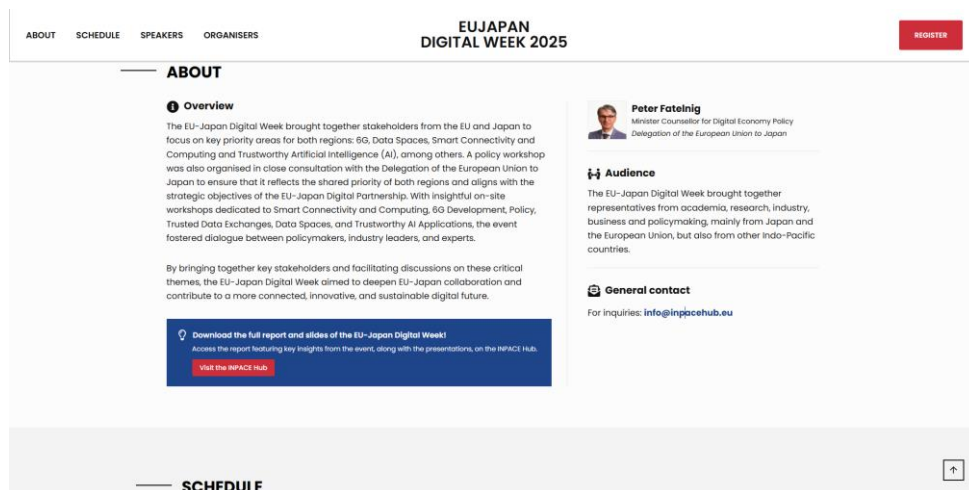
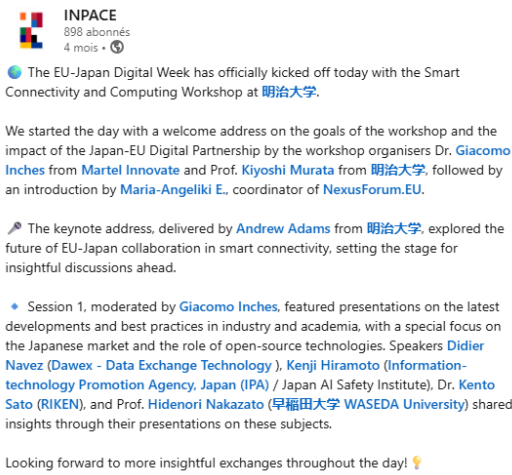


Figure 9: Webpage of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

A comprehensive **Communication Toolkit** was developed and shared with the EUDEL to Japan, the Embassy of Switzerland in Japan, workshop organisers, the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Competitiveness, and the European Business Council in Japan. The Toolkit provided key messages and materials tailored for social media, websites, newsletters, email outreach, press releases, and

visual assets. The EUDEL to Japan further communicated the event in Japanese via X, LinkedIn, and Facebook, using assets provided by INPACE.



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Figure 10: Example of LinkedIn post on the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

Through these coordinated efforts, the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025 achieved broad visibility, effectively engaging key stakeholders and ensuring active participation across European and Japanese communities.

3.2.2.5 Outcomes of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

The EU-Japan Digital Week 2025 successfully fostered collaboration and dialogue between European and Indo-Pacific stakeholders, focusing on digital sovereignty, interoperability, and innovative technologies.

Key outcomes included the identification of concrete recommendations for EU-Japan cooperation in critical digital domains. The **"Smart Connectivity and Computing"** workshop emphasised the need for harmonised regulations and interoperability frameworks to enable secure cross-border data sharing and seamless integration of IoT and cloud-edge technologies. The **"6G Horizons: Synergies for a Connected Future"** workshop highlighted the importance of aligning research priorities, funding mechanisms, and vertical sector specificities, such as All Photonic Networks and Non-Terrestrial Networks, to enhance collaboration in 6G development. The **Closed-Door Policy Workshop** underscored shared challenges in cybersecurity, supply chain resilience, and digital connectivity, advocating for aligned research priorities and innovation ecosystems.

In the **"Trusted Data Exchanges"** workshop, trust and interoperability were identified as foundational pillars for Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT), with Japan's consensus-based governance model offering valuable insights for global data governance. The **"Data Spaces"** workshop proposed a pilot project in the textile sector to enable cross-region product traceability and sustainability reporting, leveraging shared data infrastructures and Digital Product Passports (DPPs). Participants stressed the importance of funding to implement these initiatives.

The "**Critical Applications of AI**" workshop revealed strong alignment between EU and Japanese approaches to AI safety, standardisation, and data sharing, particularly in healthcare and industrial automation. Mutual learning on regulations and guidelines was recognised as essential for accelerating AI development and fostering trust in autonomous systems.

Overall, the Digital Week strengthened the EU-Japan DP by promoting actionable policies, pilot projects, and joint research initiatives. The event demonstrated the potential for strategic collaboration to address demographic, technological, and geopolitical challenges, setting a precedent for inclusive and sustainable digital transformation.

3.3 FORTHCOMING INTEGRATIVE CONFERENCES

In 2025 and 2026, INPACE is planning a series of high-level international events to advance EU–Indo-Pacific DPs. These include the EU–Indo-Pacific DP Symposium in Singapore (October 2025), the EU–Japan Digital Week in Tokyo (spring 2026), an EU–India International Event (2026), and the Final INPACE Event in 2027 (location and date TBC). Each event will bring together policy makers, researchers, industry experts, and innovators to foster dialogue, showcase technological and policy developments, and strengthen cooperation between the European Union and Indo-Pacific partners. Together, these gatherings provide a platform for coordinated European engagement, cross-regional collaboration, and concrete initiatives in areas such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors, digital skills, secure IoT, and digital industrial applications. The context, objectives, organisation, and outcomes of these events will be reported in detail in Deliverable D1.5 (Report on Integrative Activities, final), due in Month 42.

3.3.1 EU-Indo-Pacific Digital Partnership Symposium (Singapore, October 28-29, 2025)

The EU-Indo-Pacific DP Conference 2025 will take place in Singapore, hosted by the National University of Singapore (NUS), on October 28 and 29, 2025. The conference will bring together policy makers, researchers, innovators, and business leaders to discuss and advance the cooperation between the European Union and the Indo-Pacific countries in the field of the digital technologies and their application. It supports the implementation of the DPs between the European Union and Japan, ROK, Singapore, and the Trade and Technology with India.

The EU–Indo-Pacific DP Conference will be structured over two days. The first day will begin with a co-creation workshop, followed by an opening session which will include opening remarks, two keynote presentations — one by the Ambassador of the EU to Singapore — and two technical presentations. Valentina Ivanova, Deputy-Director of CEA-List Institute, will present on the EU strategy for the advancement of artificial intelligence, highlighting the major infrastructures supported under this framework, while Lawrence Liew (to be confirmed), an AI strategist from Singapore, will provide insights from the regional perspective. The session will conclude with a panel discussion, integrating the keynote speakers and contributions from other panel members. The day will end with a reception to facilitate networking and informal exchanges among participants.

The second day will focus on the core thematic areas of the EU–Indo-Pacific DPs, including digital policies, technologies and applications of artificial intelligence, semiconductors, secure Internet of Things and related applications, digital identities, digital product passports, trust anchors in industry, and innovation hubs to foster the application of digital technologies. These sessions will provide a comprehensive platform for knowledge exchange, cross-regional collaboration, and discussion of concrete opportunities to advance EU–Indo-Pacific DPs. The detailed agenda is provided in [Annex 3](#).

3.3.2 EU-Japan Digital Week (Tokyo, March 2026)

Following the success of the EU–Japan Digital Week 2025, which gathered over 400 participants, the EUDEL to Japan invited the INPACE project to organise a new edition of the event in 2026. While the INPACE team welcomed this request, confirmation can only be provided after the Singapore Conference, once the financial feasibility has been assessed. Preliminary discussions suggest that the EU–Japan Digital Week 2026 will be held in March. A dedicated semiconductor event of one to two days is foreseen as a central component, addressing the full spectrum of Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) — from early-stage research, to applied development, and potentially industrial implementation — with the University of Tokyo under consideration as host.

Building on the strong momentum of the 2025 edition, the EU–Japan Digital Week 2026 will advance concrete digital cooperation and reinforce the value of a coordinated European presence in Japan’s digital ecosystem. Indicatively scheduled for March 2026, the event will bring together EU-funded projects targeting Japan under a common framework, ensuring coherent messaging, synergies, and collective impact. INPACE, as strategic coordinator, will work closely with the EUDEL and partner projects to shape the agenda, manage coordination, ensure cross-event coherence, and deliver reporting. The programme will also integrate contributions from other EU initiatives, with funding responsibilities shared between individual projects and the forthcoming FPI service contract, while INPACE funding will cover coordination activities and the semiconductor event. A public report on EU–Japan Digital Week 2026 will be prepared as the main deliverable.

4. INPACE INTEGRATED REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

4.1 RATIONALE FOR INTEGRATED REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

INPACE's integrated regional workshops are a central mechanism for translating its thematic, cluster-based work into country-specific action under the DPs and the TTC. By addressing bilateral and regional challenges, these workshops ensure that INPACE's outputs are contextually relevant and aligned with national priorities. They bring together governments, industries, and academic institutions, fostering collaboration and providing a platform to test pilot projects in real-world settings.

In line with the Description of Action (DoA), INPACE distinguishes between two types of major events: integrative conferences/symposia (multi-day, cross-country, involving all partners and TWGs) and integrative regional workshops (country-focused, one-day events bringing together national and European experts). As explained in the periodic report of the first reporting period, while this distinction provides clarity, in practice the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies 2024 and the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025 demonstrated the added value of a merged approach.

These two combined events highlight the flexibility and responsiveness of INPACE in adapting its activities to maximise impact. By merging the formats, the project ensured:

- **National depth:** addressing the specific bilateral DP priorities (EU–ROK and EU–Japan).
- **Regional breadth:** integrating participants and perspectives from multiple Indo-Pacific countries, thus aligning with the Indo-Pacific scope of INPACE.
- **Efficiency of resources:** optimising organisational and financial inputs by linking workshops and conferences.
- **Enhanced visibility and participation:** the Seoul Symposium gathered over 100 participants; the EU-Japan Digital Week over 400.

4.2 PAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

4.2.1 International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies (Seoul, October 21-22, 2024)

The first day of the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies in the ROK served as the regional integrated workshop within the INPACE framework. Its programme was designed to advance the EU–ROK DP while situating it in a broader Indo-Pacific context.

The day opened with a policy roundtable on the EU–ROK DP, held in a closed-door format. Building on the 2022 EU–ROK DP, this session explored cooperation in critical technology domains such as semiconductors, HPC, quantum technologies, 5G/6G, AI, and cybersecurity. Discussions assessed progress to date, identified challenges, and considered future pathways for bilateral collaboration. Importantly, the session also examined how the EU–ROK DP could align with other EU digital partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, thereby contributing to a more resilient and collective digital ecosystem across the region.

The regional dimension of the workshop was further reinforced through an information session on EU funding opportunities. This session presented the new opportunities opened by the ROK's

association with Horizon Europe. Presentations highlighted collaborative avenues in Horizon Europe's Pillar II, focused on global challenges and industrial competitiveness, as well as in the Eureka network and CELTIC-NEXT projects, where the ROK is already actively engaged. The discussion emphasised the potential for trilateral and multilateral collaboration among the EU, ROK, and other Indo-Pacific partners, further embedding the workshop within a regional framework.

By combining a policy dialogue on the strategic EU–ROK digital partnership with practical information-sharing on joint research and innovation opportunities, the first day of the Symposium went beyond a national focus. It functioned as a regional integrated workshop, strengthening EU–ROK cooperation while simultaneously fostering synergies across the Indo-Pacific.

4.2.2 EU-Japan Digital Week 2025 (Tokyo, March 31-April 7, 2025)

The EU–Japan Digital Week was organised as a comprehensive programme that incorporated the regional integrated workshop into a broader set of activities. Initially planned as two separate events—a one-day workshop and a two-day conference—the format was streamlined, with agreement from the Project Officer, into a single week-long initiative. This structure allowed for a stronger and more coherent focus on the EU–Japan DP, while also connecting it to wider Indo-Pacific dynamics.

The regional workshop dimension was particularly reflected in the closed-door policy session co-designed with the EUDEL to Japan, which enabled in-depth exchanges on EU–Japan cooperation in priority areas such as 6G, data spaces, artificial intelligence, smart connectivity, and digital governance. In addition, six thematic workshops provided an opportunity to deepen dialogue on shared strategic interests and identify pathways for practical collaboration between the EU and Japan.

With the participation of more than 400 stakeholders, including representatives from Europe and Japan as well as partners from the wider Indo-Pacific, the Digital Week underscored the importance of the EU–Japan DP as a cornerstone of the EU's digital engagement in the region. By combining policy dialogue with technical workshops, the event functioned effectively as a regional integrated workshop, strengthening bilateral cooperation while reinforcing its relevance within the regional context.

4.3 FORTHCOMING INTEGRATED REGIONAL WORKSHOP

INPACE plans to co-organise a regional integrated workshop in India with the GANANA project, focused HPC. The event is planned for the week of 24–26 February 2026 (exact dates to be confirmed). It remains to be confirmed whether other topics, such as AI or data spaces, will also be included.

Separately, the INPACE regional integrated workshop in India, which will serve as INPACE's main flagship activity in the country, is scheduled for October – early November 2026. This event will not cover HPC but will instead focus on other INPACE priorities. The location is under discussion, with Goa and Kerala as potential venues.

The outcomes and analysis of the EU-India International Event 2026 are not included in the present deliverable. Instead, they will be reported in Deliverable D1.5 – Report on Integrative Activities (final), which is due for submission at Month 42 of the project (i.e. June 2027).

5. INPACE INTEGRATIVE MEETINGS

5.1 RATIONALE FOR INTEGRATIVE MEETINGS

Integrative meetings, both online and in-person, have been central to the coordination and strategic planning of INPACE. The online integrative meetings are specifically organised to ensure cohesion between clusters throughout the lifetime of the project, enabling progress review, alignment of priorities, and reinforcement of collaboration between policy and technology clusters. These meetings, together with physical gatherings, have supported the planning of pilot projects, major events, and TWGs, facilitated engagement with experts and stakeholders, advanced the INPACE Hub, and strengthened dissemination and empowerment activities, ensuring effective implementation of EU–Indo-Pacific DPs.

The online integrative meetings serve as efficient, easy-to-organise to maintain engagement between physical events, synchronise the TWGs, and address ad-hoc requests from stakeholders such as the EC Policy Unit and EUDELS. These meetings are essential for ensuring that the momentum generated during conferences and workshops is sustained throughout the project's duration. These meetings also aim to prevent siloed work by aligning the TWGs across the 5 Clusters. This cross-cluster synchronisation is critical for maintaining the coherence of INPACE's work and ensuring that policy and technology evolve in tandem. Additionally, the online meetings provide a flexible platform for rapid responses to emerging priorities. This agility is a key strength of the online format, allowing INPACE to adapt to changing demands without disrupting the overall project timeline. In addition, if relevant and possible, the INPACE team organises in-person meetings to enhance coordination, given the project's complexity.

Below is the list of online integrative meetings, which will be detailed in the following sections:

- First online integrative meeting (April 23, 2024)
- Second online integrative meeting (January 10, 2025)
- Online extended core group meeting (September 9, 2025)
- In-person Kick-off meeting in Nice, France (February 12-13, 2024)
- First physical integrative meeting in Sophia Antipolis, France (September 3, 2024)
- Consortium meeting in Seoul, ROK (October 23, 2024)
- Core group meeting in Zurich, Switzerland (March 25, 2025)

5.2 ONLINE INTEGRATIVE MEETINGS

INPACE Integrative online meetings are organised to ensure cohesion between clusters during lifetime of the INPACE project. All clusters are involved in the integrative online meetings. 7 online integrative meetings are planned in total during the lifetime of the INPACE project.

5.2.1 First online integrative meeting (April 23, 2024)

During the meeting, updates were provided on progress in both policy and technology work streams, including ongoing mapping activities. The consortium discussed ways to enhance coordination

across clusters, strengthen exchanges between policy and technology areas, and consolidate reporting from events and activities. Plans for upcoming workshops and webinars were also reviewed to support continued collaboration and dialogue on DPs.

5.2.2 Second online integrative meeting (January 8, 2025)

The discussions highlighted progress in establishing dialogue between the EU and Indo-Pacific on key topics such as supply chains, , standardisation, AI, connectivity, and cybersecurity. Clusters reported on achievements in building trust, mobilising experts, and positioning INPACE within ongoing international initiatives, while also acknowledging challenges in aligning policy and technological perspectives, managing expectations, and ensuring sustainability beyond the project's lifetime. The meeting confirmed the importance of fostering stronger coordination between clusters, enhancing synergies with external projects, and maintaining flexibility to adapt to evolving priorities. Action points were agreed to reinforce internal coordination, advance the convergence of policy and technology dimensions, and ensure effective dissemination of outputs.

5.2.3 Online extended core group meeting (September 9, 2025)

The INPACE Extended Core Group met online on 9 September 2025 to review progress, finalise the rolling plan of TWGs activities by countries and cross-countries, and coordinate activities ahead of the Singapore Conference. In addition, updates from TWGs highlighted progress in expert recruitment, workshop organisation, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) alignment. Partners also discussed the upcoming initiatives which include co-creation workshops, a virtual fair linked to the Singapore Conference, and planning for the Integrated Regional Workshop in India and the 2nd EU-Japan Digital Week, both in 2026. Finally, the INPACE Extended Core Group also discussed the ongoing and planned pilot projects.

5.3 PHYSICAL INTEGRATIVE MEETINGS

In addition to online integrative meetings, physical on-site meetings and other integrative activities — including regular project teleconferences, the Kick-off meeting, core group meetings, and consortium meetings in Seoul, ROK — bring partners together to reinforce cohesion between clusters, review progress, align priorities, and coordinate pilot projects, events, and cluster activities.

5.3.1 Kick-off meeting in Nice, France (February 12-13, 2024)

The INPACE kick-off meeting marked the first gathering of all project partners, establishing a shared understanding of objectives, work packages, and collaborative priorities. Partners presented their expertise and anticipated contributions, covering technological and policy clusters, , and emerging technologies. The meeting facilitated initial alignment on project governance, management procedures, deliverables, and reporting requirements, while introducing the INPACE Hub as a central tool for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and stakeholder engagement. Key discussions included pilot projects, integrative events, and stakeholder identification, setting the foundation for effective cooperation across EU and Indo-Pacific partners and supporting the implementation of DPs and the broader objectives of the project.



Figure 11: Kick-off meeting (Nice, February 12-13, 2024)

5.3.2 First physical integrative meeting in Sophia Antipolis, France (September 3, 2024)

The first physical integrative meeting was held in Sophia Antipolis, France on 3 September 2024, with an on-site extended integrative core meeting organised at GAC premises to synchronise the main directions. Partners reviewed progress and aligned on upcoming priorities, covering the preparation of ROK events, including agenda finalisation, pending issues, registration status, expected outcomes, and promotion activities. The Hub and Technical Working Groups (TWGs) were addressed with updates on expert involvement, pre-planning of TWG activities, pilot projects, the community platform, and the Hub’s roadmap, as well as cooperation with relevant RIAs, IAs, CSAs, and tender-funded initiatives. Empowerment activities led by SPI were reviewed, including desk research, the panorama report, and ongoing exchanges. Policy-related work by VUB was presented, focusing on the status of deliverables, TTC engagement, and approaches for handling delegation requests. Finally, partners discussed future planning, notably preparations for the Osaka Expo, the Japan Data Space meeting, and upcoming physical events.



Figure 12: First physical integrative meeting (Sophia Antipolis, September 3, 2024)

5.3.3 Consortium meeting in Seoul, ROK (October 23, 2024)

The consortium meeting in Seoul, held after the Symposium, provided an opportunity to review progress and plan forthcoming activities. Partners agreed on the organisation of major events in 2025, including the EU–Indo-Pacific Digital Partnership Conference 2025 in Singapore and the EU–Japan Digital Week, which will highlight pilot projects and strengthen cooperation between policy and technology dimensions. Feedback from the Seoul Symposium was assessed, emphasising the need for stronger communication, greater involvement of local stakeholders, and more interaction between policy and technical working groups. Discussions also covered the facilitation of pilot projects, the further development and sustainability of the INPACE Hub, and the importance of cross-cluster collaboration. Clear action points were set to enhance coordination, dissemination, and planning, ensuring that INPACE continues to advance EU–Indo-Pacific DPs. The consortium also had the honour of discussing DPs priorities with Rainer Wessely, Counsellor for Digital and Research at the EUDEL to ROK.



Figure 13: Consortium meeting (Seoul, October 23, 2024)

5.3.4 Core group meeting in Zurich, Switzerland (March 25, 2025)

The core group meeting held at Martel’s premises in Zurich brought together work package leaders, cluster leaders, and country coordinators to review progress and plan upcoming activities. Participants discussed the adaptation and reorganisation of TWGs to better align with country priorities and project objectives, including the definition of KPIs, workplans, and contributions to joint standards. Planning for pilot projects, the Singapore symposium, and other upcoming events was addressed, with an emphasis on showcasing results and fostering collaboration across clusters. Updates on the INPACE Hub were presented, including its value proposition, sustainability, and engagement with experts. Empowerment activities, outreach to research and innovation actors, and dissemination initiatives were also reviewed. Action points were set to strengthen coordination, finalise workplans, and prepare upcoming events, ensuring that INPACE continues to support EU–Indo-Pacific DPs effectively.



Figure 14: Core Group Meeting (Zurich, March 25, 2025)

6. INPACE REPORTS/POLICY BRIEFS

Two policy briefs (2-4 pages each, supported by a short analysis) are planned and have been confirmed with the Policy Unit of the European Commission.

The first policy brief, “**Reflections on Future Impact Assessment of the DPs and the TTC**”, was originally planned to be delivered by the end of 2024. However, following a specific request from the EC Policy Unit, the delivery of this first policy brief has been postponed for the end of the project, in the first half of 2027.

For the first policy brief, GAC, responsible for this task, has developed an initial proposal outlining possible methodological approaches to monitoring and evaluation. The proposal is not intended as a final decision but as a basis for dialogue, and it will be further discussed with the EC in order to identify the most useful and feasible option. The proposal considers three possible approaches:

1. The first is a **monitoring approach**, which would work with the governance structures and key operators of each DP and the TTC to identify and validate a set of relevant indicators. This would allow both country-specific particularities and cross-country convergence to be reflected. The expected output would be a practical guide containing the indicators, data collection methods, and interpretation guidelines. With additional resources, this could evolve into an interactive monitoring dashboard to provide continuous, consolidated oversight.
2. The second option is an “**in itinere**” **flash evaluation**, centred on one key evaluation question to be validated jointly with the EC. This would focus on implementation challenges or opportunities, identified either by the EC or based on INPACE experience and stakeholder feedback. The evaluation would use standard methods of structuring, data collection, and analysis, leading to a concise set of recommendations for immediate improvement in a targeted dimension of the partnerships.
3. A third, more strategic option is the **decision-support approach**, which would use impact pathways as a tool for forward-looking analysis. By defining clear and measurable conditions and indicators, this approach could help assess the integration of new priorities into existing partnerships or support the networking of DPs. Outputs could include recommendations for reorientation in light of evolving international digital strategies.

Taken together, these three approaches illustrate possible pathways for strengthening the monitoring and evaluation of the DPs and the TTC. The choice of the most suitable option—or a combination of them—will be made in close consultation with the EC to ensure that the final output meets concrete policy needs and maximises its added value. The second policy brief, “**INPACE Good Practices and Lessons Learned for Implementing DPs and TTC**”, will also be delivered at the end of the project.

7. CONCLUSION

The INPACE project has made significant strides in strengthening DPs and TTC between Europe and the Indo-Pacific through a series of high-impact integrative activities. By organising two major international conferences—the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies in Seoul (2024) and the EU-Japan Digital Week in Tokyo (2025)—the project successfully brought together over 500 policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and civil society representatives. These events facilitated cross-regional dialogue on critical digital challenges, including AI governance, semiconductor supply chains, 6G networks, and cybersecurity, while producing concrete recommendations for EU-Indo-Pacific cooperation.

The hybrid approach, combining integrative conferences with regional workshops, proved highly effective. It ensured both breadth and depth—broadening participation across multiple countries while addressing country-specific priorities, such as EU-ROK semiconductor collaboration and EU-Japan data governance initiatives.

These activities were designed to bridge the gap between technology and policy, ensuring that innovations align with regulatory frameworks and regional needs. The flexible, responsive approach—merging large-scale conferences with targeted workshops—optimised resources while maximising impact.

Integrative meetings, both online and in-person, have been central to the coordination and strategic planning of INPACE. These meetings have ensured cohesion across clusters, facilitated progress reviews, aligned priorities, and reinforced collaboration between policy and technology work streams. They have also supported the planning of pilot projects, major events, and TWGs, strengthened dissemination efforts, and enabled agile responses to emerging stakeholder requests, helping maintain momentum between physical gatherings and sustain the project's strategic objectives.

As INPACE moves forward, the focus will be on sustaining momentum through upcoming events in Singapore (2025), India (2026), 2nd EU-Japan Digital week (2026), and Final INPACE event (2027) further deepening EU-Indo-Pacific collaboration. The forthcoming policy briefs, though delayed, will provide strategic guidance for implementing DPs and TTC, ensuring that INPACE's contributions remain relevant, impactful, and sustainable. By maintaining this inclusive, adaptive, and results-driven approach, INPACE is well-positioned to shape the future of digital cooperation, supporting innovation, policy alignment, and societal benefits across both regions.

ANNEXES

Annex 1: Summary Report of the *International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies: Supporting the Indo-Pacific-European Digital Partnerships* (Seoul, October 21-22, 2024)

Following the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies in the Republic of Korea, a comprehensive report was prepared and submitted to the EC and the EUDEL to the ROK. The report provides detailed information on the background and objectives of the event, the organisational structure, and the key recommendations generated from each workshop. It also includes a summary and main takeaways for each session, offering a consolidated overview of outcomes. For transparency and wider dissemination, the full report has been made publicly available on the INPACE website. In this annex, we provide a summary of the key recommendations as well as the link to access the complete report.

Link to the Summary Report of the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies: Supporting the Indo-Pacific-European Digital Partnerships on the INPACE website: [INPACE Report-on-the-Integrative-Symposium ROK-2024.pdf](https://www.inpacehub.eu/INPACE-Report-on-the-Integrative-Symposium-ROK-2024.pdf)

TOPIC	Main recommendations
Policy	A main recommendation is to prioritise policy alignment between the EU and Indo-Pacific regions to facilitate digital partnerships. Aligning regulatory and governance frameworks, particularly around digital infrastructure, trustworthy AI, and resilient supply chains, can reduce barriers to collaboration, foster mutual recognition of standards, and support sustainable, cross-regional innovation in response to shared technological and geopolitical challenges.
Cloud Edge IoT	The discussion highlighted the need of common data and events definition along the continuum, which calls for interoperability and standardisation also among countries, leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Large Language Models (LLMs), but being attentive to facilitation of their applicability i.e. of standards, in particular for SMEs.
Chips for the future	The sessions emphasised the importance of international cooperation in the semiconductor sector to accelerate innovation, reduce costs by avoiding redundant research, and strengthen value chains. Key focus areas include More Moore, More than Moore, Beyond-CMOS technologies, new computing architectures, heterogeneous integration, sustainable electronics, and advanced packaging solutions. Recommended actions can be to the organise webinars and workshops, to foster joint R&D&I projects on shared priorities, or to facilitate students and researchers exchange initiatives
AI	A unified framework for AI risk governance enables faster cross-region adoption, emphasising collaboration on shared

	<p>application domains to ensure interoperability between European Data Spaces and Indo-Pacific data infrastructures. In addition, building trust in AI for industrial and healthcare requires rigorous development, extensive testing, and combining physics-based and machine-learning models, especially for advisory systems providing recommendations to human users. Finally, AI should complement human abilities through a human-centric approach, enhancing trust and aligning with ethics. The EU's AI Act¹ promotes global leadership in ethical AI, balancing innovation and citizen protection.</p>
5G/6G	<p>There is a very significant interest in non-terrestrial networks (NTN) in Korea exemplified by the substantial 6G R&D component focusing on low Earth orbit (LEO) satellites that is supposed to start in 2025 and the associated funding amounting to 260 million USD. As non-terrestrial satellite networks by nature are ideal to cover and provide access to services beyond the geographic boundaries of countries, this could be an area for collaboration to be further explored.</p>
Digital education and skills	<p>As a cross-cutting topic, digital skills are essential to achieve progress on most of the priority areas of the Digital Partnerships and TTC. Thus, a cooperation across the Thematic Working Groups is necessary to meet our objectives. The group recommends to focus mostly on Skills with relevance to AI and Cybersecurity.</p>
Smart and sustainable regions and cities	<p>The main recommendations from the symposium presentations focus on the requirements to develop citizen-centric and carbon-neutral smart cities. They emphasised the importance of implementing standardised and cross-sectorial data exchange architecture, considering the developing data space concepts. On the technology side, a gap is identified on privacy management and cooperation encouraged on that topic. Finally, twinning between similar organisations (e.g. campus) or comparable cities is foreseen as adequate to foster fruitful cooperation.</p>
Cybersecurity	<p>Cybersecurity is a particularly important aspect for the Republic of Korea for obvious geopolitical reasons. They are demonstrably interested and keen in international collaboration and standardisation in this field. This means that the EU should actively explore collaboration opportunities with the Republic of Korea regarding cybersecurity.</p>
Funding opportunities	<p>As part of the questions and answers following the presentations it became obvious that Korean entities would very much benefit from dedicated coaching to maximise the gain from the association to Horizon Europe programme, as this creates a completely new situation for ROK organisations who were used</p>

	to dedicated joint or aligned calls, where the level of competition was much smaller.
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Table 1: Summary of the key recommendations of the International Symposium on Digital Technologies and Policies: Supporting the Indo-Pacific-European Digital Partnerships

Annex 2: Summary report of the *EU-Japan Digital Week 2025* (Tokyo, March 31-April 7, 2025)

Following the EU–Japan Digital Week, a dedicated report was submitted to the EC and the EUDEL to Japan. This document outlines the context, objectives, and organisation of the event, and consolidates the key recommendations, session summaries, and principal takeaways from the six thematic workshops and the closed-door policy roundtable. The report provides a structured record of the discussions and outcomes, serving as a valuable input for the further development of EU–Japan digital cooperation. To ensure accessibility, the full report has been made available on the INPACE Hub. In this annex, we present a summary of the main recommendations and provide the link to the complete document.

Link to the Summary Report of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025 on the INPACE Hub: [Summary Report EU-Japan Digital Week.pdf](#). *(Please note that the report is available exclusively on the INPACE Hub (free registration required), in order to encourage participants in the event to join the Hub.)*

TOPIC	Main recommendations
<p>Smart Connectivity and Computing</p>	<p>Secure cross-region data sharing and seamless integration of IoT and cloud-edge technologies need harmonized regulations and interoperability frameworks. Development of interoperable and trusted data spaces is critical, as well as cultural shifts towards open-source technologies, and cross-border data governance. Maintenance of ethical considerations and strong alliances are essential for sustaining competitiveness and technological advancement.</p>
<p>6G Horizons : Synergies for a Connected Future</p>	<p>Services need to be made more accessible, bringing cost down to remove access barrier. Further to the above, vertical sector specificities need to be considered properly. It might be advisable to consider All Photonic Network and Non-Terrestrial Networks (including High Altitude Platforms) of Japanese 6G research in the future for collaboration purposes. Funding is very important to support such collaborations, but there is a need for better, improved alignment between funding processes and instruments, including time synchronicity.</p>
<p>The EU-Japan DP : Going Forward</p>	<p>The EU and Japan face shared challenges: ensuring security against cyber threats, mitigating disruptions in global supply chains, and expanding resilient networks in a volatile geopolitical climate. Align research priorities, foster innovation ecosystems, and build resilient supply chains, while balancing economic security, competitiveness, and ethical imperatives, as well as responsible governance. Promote seamless global digital integration and open, free, stable, accessible, interoperable, reliable and secure digital connectivity.</p>

<p>Trusted Data Exchanges : From Standards to Pilots in a changing world</p>	<p>Trust and interoperability are inseparable pillars of DFFT. By combining Japan’s regional data platforms, open standards, and trust anchors, the EU and Japan are poised to address demographic and sustainability challenges. Success hinges on translating these frameworks into actionable policies and pilots, ensuring equitable data flows that drive innovation while preserving sovereignty. This collaboration sets a precedent for global data governance, and will demonstrate how strategic partnerships can turn demographic and technological challenges into opportunities for inclusive growth.</p>
<p>Data Spaces – How to Make Business from Data in a Legal Fashion</p>	<p>Data sovereignty, FAIR data principles, trust and decentralised governance, and semantic interoperability are key for EU-Japan data space integration, ensuring secure, reusable data across regions. Manufacturers and supply chain actors from EU and Japan should continue efforts to find solutions for product traceability across the 2 regions. Based on the European Commission’s policy on the Digital Product Passport (DPP) and the Japanese Government’s intention to introduce a DPP-like framework, the need for a shared data infrastructure capable of supporting this goal had been considered essential by such actors. A commonly accepted potential pilot project on EU and Japan data spaces trusted interoperation was proposed in the textile domain. The importance of ensuring funding for the implementation of the results of the workshop was remarked by all participants.</p>
<p>Critical Applications of AI in Industry, Healthcare and Other Sectors</p>	<p>The perception of the challenges in the development of critical applications of AI as well as the solution approaches in Europe and Japan are very similar. Mutual learning regarding regulations and guidelines for the development of AI-based solutions and joint progress in standardization will enable faster and more streamlined development processes and help to create trust both in systems which support humans and in fully autonomous solutions. Sharing data sets with representative labelled data for training and testing of solutions internationally is regarded as a path forward. Important scientific challenges to overcome include making models smaller, the combination of fundamental knowledge and data-based models, and progressing to online learning or adaptation.</p>

Table 2: Summary of the key recommendations of the EU-Japan Digital Week 2025

Annex 3: Concept note of the *EU-Indo Pacific Digital Partnership Symposium* as of September 30, 2025 (*Singapore, October 28-29, 2025*)



EU-Indo-Pacific Digital Partnership Conference 2025

Organised by INPACE, National University of Singapore and the
Singapore Academy of Engineering (SAEng)

28-29 October 2025



Overview

The EU-Indo-Pacific Digital Partnership Conference 2025 will bring together policy makers, researchers, innovators, and business leaders to discuss and advance the cooperation between the European Union and the Indo-Pacific countries in the field of digital technologies and their application. It supports the implementation of the Digital Partnerships between the European Union and Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and the Trade and Technology Council with India.

The EU aims to strengthen the existing digital partnerships, exploit synergies between them, and establish new ones. The signing of the EU-Singapore Digital Trade Agreement (EUSDTA) on 7 May 2025 marks a milestone in the cooperation between the EU and the Indo-Pacific countries. It provides legal certainty by codifying high-level norms on data protection and source-code safeguards, while reducing compliance frictions for small and medium-sized enterprises. By aligning European regulatory strengths with Singapore's position as an agile digital innovator, the partnership demonstrates that high data-protection standards can coexist with open markets and innovation, putting forward a model for future digital trade frameworks and tech alliances.

Europe offers great opportunities for researchers and innovators from the Indo-Pacific. European Union's **Horizon Europe** Research and Innovation Funding program is one of the largest and broadest in the

world and it is open for collaboration with a large number of countries. The collaboration within Horizon Europe and the next Framework Program can happen via the association of non-EU countries to the Framework Program, as e.g. for the Republic of Korea, Canada, Great Britain and New Zealand and many others, but also in dedicated sub-programs and calls in certain domains. Moreover, organisations from low and middle income countries are entitled to apply for funding within the scope of calls for proposals. The program funds a broad range of activities, from research scholarships and staff exchange to large-scale collaborative innovation projects that involve industry, end-users, researchers, and others.

Time and location

28-29 October 2025

National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore

Draft Agenda

Note: This preliminary agenda is still under development. Updates are provided daily on the [INPACE website](#).

Day 1: 28 October 2025

14:30 – 14:45	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Loh, Associate Vice President (Strategic Partnership), National University of Singapore • Svetlana Klessova, Director, Research and Innovation Partnerships, G.A.C. Group, INPACE Project Coordinator
15:45 – 15:00	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benoit Sauveroché, First Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union to Singapore • Sebastian Engell, Professor, TU Dortmund, INPACE Project
15:00 – 15:30	Keynote Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Bertulis Artis, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Singapore
15:30 – 15:50	Building an AI-First Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawrence Liew, Director of AI Innovation, AI Singapore
16:10 – 17:25	Panel discussion: Connecting Digital Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Eva Pejsova, Japan Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS), Brussels School of Governance (BSoG), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benjamin Ang, Senior Fellow, Head of the Centre for National Security (CENS), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) ○ Raluca Csernatoni, Professor, Brussels School of Governance (BSoG), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB); Fellow, Carnegie Europe, Belgium ○ Karthik Nachiappan, Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore
17:25	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shuzhi Sam Ge, National University of Singapore

Day 2: 29 October 2025

Digital Partnership Conference Singapore 2025

Day 2 October 29, 2025

8.30 – 9.00				
9.00 – 10.45	Closed-Door Policy Workshop: AI Safety, Competitiveness, Regional Outreach	Taking 6G research collaboration between the EU and Singapore forward	Semiconductors: Advanced Functionalities	Human Centric and Sustainable Infrastructures for Resilience of Public Services
Coffee Break	Part 1: Safe and Trustworthy AI: Advancing Cooperation for Global Governance	Coffee Break		
11.15 – 12.45	Part 2: Regional Implications of the EUSDP	AI in Education	Semiconductors: Manufacturing, Supply Chains and International Cooperation	Secure Cloud-Edge-IoT Continuum and Protection of Infrastructures
Lunch				
13.30 – 15.30	Trusted Cross-Regional Data Transactions	Development of Safe AI Solutions	13:30 – 14:50 Semiconductors: New Materials and Emerging Memories 14:50-15:30 Advanced Packaging and Heterogeneous Integration	Innovation Hubs to Foster the Application of Digital Technologies
Coffee Break				
16.00 – 16.45	Information on EU Research and Innovation Funding			
16.45 – 17.15	Closing Ceremony Followed by Reception			

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