

2nd EUJAPAN DIGITAL WEEK 2026



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The EU-Japan Digital Week is organised as part of the EU-Japan Digital Partnership

Policy Workshop: “Securing the Digital Horizon: EU-Japan Cooperation on Emerging Disruptive Technologies and Critical Infrastructure” - *by invitation*

- **Date:** Tuesday, 24 March
- **Time:** 09:00-13:00 Japan Standard Time (JST)
- **Location:** Institute for Geoeconomics (IOG), International House of Japan
- **Organiser:** Dr. Eva Pejsova, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), INPACE, Belgium
- **Co-organiser:** Dr. Kazuto Suzuki, Institute of Geoeconomics (IOG), Japan
- **Summary:** Against the backdrop of rising geopolitical tensions and the accelerating digital transformation across Europe and the Indo-Pacific, the European Union (EU) and Japan are deepening their partnerships to shape an open, secure, and resilient digital future. This policy workshop will explore how both sides can strengthen cooperation in Emerging and Disruptive Technologies (EDTs), such as artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computing, and advanced semiconductor innovation, while safeguarding critical digital infrastructure, including undersea cables and satellite networks.

Gathering policy experts, industry leaders, and researchers, the workshop seeks to examine avenues for joint Research and Development (R&D) initiatives, investment, technology governance, and trusted connectivity frameworks. Participants will discuss practical collaboration mechanisms under the EU-Japan Digital Partnership and identify strategies for aligning standards, resilience measures, and innovation ecosystems in an evolving geopolitical and technological landscape, so as to jointly promote a rules-based, human-centric digital order in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

Agenda

09:00 – 09:10 Opening Remarks

- Kazuto Suzuki, Director, Institute of Geoeconomics (IOG), Japan
- Eva Pejsova, Japan Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS), Belgium

09:10 – 09:30 Keynote Remarks

- Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan
- Keitaro Ohno, Member, House of Representatives, Japan

09:30 – 11:00 Panel I – From Innovation to Deterrence: Dual-Use Technologies

Defence and Economic Security

- Moderator: Eva Pejsova, Japan Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS), Belgium
- Speakers:
 - Raluca Csernatoni, Professor, Brussels School of Governance; Fellow, Carnegie Europe, Belgium
 - Motonobu Fujita, Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University, Japan
 - Sebastian Maslow, Associate Professor, Institute of Social Science, The University of Tokyo, Japan
 - Hirohito Ogi, Senior Research Fellow, International Security Order Group, Institute of Geoeconomics (IOG), Japan
 - Olivier Bringer, Head of Unit for International Affairs and Policy Outreach, DG CNECT, European Commission, Belgium

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Panel II – Securing the High Ground: Space and Critical Infrastructure for Defence and Trusted Connectivity

- Moderator: Kazuto Suzuki, Director, Institute of Geoeconomics (IOG), Japan
- Speakers:
 - Nanae Baldauff, Senior Associate Fellow, NATO Defence College
 - Sugio Takahashi, Director, Strategic Planning Division, Ministry of Defense, Japan
 - Kota Umeda, Research Fellow, Emerging Technology Group, Institute of Geoeconomics (IOG), Japan
 - Nobuyuki Kojima, Regional Key Account Manager, Asia Pacific Strategic Market, Space Products, Airbus Defence and Space

13:00 – 14:00 Networking Lunch