

Workshop

## Advancing Collaboration in the Digital Sector



デジタル分野におけるコラボレーションの推進

July 2nd, 2025 | 14:30- 18:00 (JST)

Multipurpose Room Ground Floor, Portugal Pavilion

Free entrance



### Expo Osaka 2025

**Expo Osaka 2025**, Kansai, themed "Designing Future Society for Our Lives," focuses on Saving, Empowering, and Connecting Lives. As a "People's Living Lab," it invites global collaboration to co-create future solutions through shared knowledge and technology. The Expo runs from April 13 to October 13, 2025, at Yumeshima, Osaka.

Expo 2025 in Osaka, Kansai aims to drive sustainable growth in Japan following the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. A World Expo unites global innovations and ideas to solve shared human challenges. This Expo will focus on achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Japan's "Society 5.0" vision — a human-centered, tech-driven future society.



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### PORTUGAL'S PAVILION

Portugal's Pavilion at Expo 2025 Osaka, themed "Oceans: Blue Dialogue," will showcase the future of the seas, highlighting the country's deep maritime heritage and leadership in ocean sustainability.

The Pavilion, designed by Kengo Kuma using recycled sea materials, represents a €21 million investment and involves over 150 Portuguese entities. It aims to strengthen Portugal's global visibility, boost trade—especially with Japan—and attract more international engagement, including student exchanges.

The concept behind Portugal's Pavilion is "A World in One Country" which, in essence, means the representation of Portugal's multi-cultural spirit. Visitors can experience the traditional "Calçada Portuguesa", the typical Portuguese pavement, while encouraging innovative foreign companies to invest in Portugal and contributing to the success of Portuguese companies abroad.



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## INPACE PROJECT

The INPACE project, received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme and from the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). INPACE project aims to build a sustainable Indo-Pacific-European Hub for digital collaboration. As part of this effort, a workshop titled "**Advancing Collaboration in the Digital Sector**" will take place on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Portugal's Pavilion during Expo Osaka 2025.

The workshop will focus on three key areas: Next-Generation Connectivity (5G & 6G), Cybersecurity & Digital Trust, and Cloud-Edge-IoT for Smart Industries. Topics include 6G standardisation, 5G deployment, EU cybersecurity frameworks (Cybersecurity Act, DORA), public-private partnerships, and EU-Japan collaborative initiatives with funding opportunities.

### Agenda

14:30 - 15:00	<b>Welcome and Registration</b>
15:00 - 15:20	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Lee Woolgar (Senior Digital Policy Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Japan) Bernardo Amaral (Director - Expo, Events and Protocol Management at AICEP)
15:20 - 15:30	<b>INPACE Overview</b> Sara Medina (Member of the Board at SPI)
15:30 - 16:30	<b>Lightning Talks from Speakers</b>
16:30 - 17:30	<b>Panel Conversation with Speakers</b> Open Discussion and Q&A <i>Moderator: Alessandro Bassi</i>
17:30 - 17:45	<b>Horizon Europe Funding Opportunities: An Overview</b> Judit Erika Magyar (Country Representative Euraxess Japan)
17:45 - 18:15	<b>Visit to Portugal Pavilion</b> Opportunity for informal business networking
Open end	<b>Post-event cocktail</b>

Registrations by: June 26th

### REGISTRATION



**Lee Woolgar**  
Senior Digital Policy Officer Science, Innovation and Digital Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan



**Bernardo Amaral**  
Director - Expo, Events and Protocol Management at AICEP



**Sara Medina**  
Member of the Board at SPI



**Alessandro Bassi**  
Senior Programme Manager Eurescom

### Speakers



**Masahiro Bessho**  
Department Chair of INIAD (Faculty of Information Networking for Innovation and Design), Toyo University



**Rob Van Kranenburg**  
Senior Policy and Communication Expert Martel Innovate, Founder of the think-tank Internet of Things Council



**Christopher Price**  
Advanced Technology Director, Ericsson Japan



**Hideaki Takahashi**  
Standardization & Industry Engagements; Strategy & Technology, Nokia



**Judit Erika Magyar**  
Country Representative, EURAXESS Japan

The workshop will conclude with a cocktail networking event, offering participants the opportunity to engage in informal discussions while exploring Portugal's Pavilion, themed "Oceans: Blue Dialogue". This closing session will celebrate Portugal's innovation, culture, and commitment to ocean sustainability, providing a unique setting to strengthen international partnerships. Set within the multicultural theme "A World in One Country," Portugal's Pavilion offers a vibrant platform for promoting global cooperation and advancing EU-Japan digital partnerships.

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