

EU-JAPAN Digital Foundations Network

Thursday 25th - Friday 26th June 2026
Square - Brussels Convention Centre
Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

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Day 1 - Thursday 25th June

9:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:30 Opening Remarks

1. Kyosuke NAGATA, President of University of Tsukuba
2. Yassine LAKHNECH, President of Université Grenoble Alpes
3. Takashi HAMADA, Deputy Chief of Mission and Ambassador, Mission of Japan to the European Union
4. Toshihide FUKUI, Deputy Director-General, MEXT S&T Policy Bureau

Plenary session

1. Thomas SKORDAS, Deputy Director-General, DG Connect: EU-JP relations and Digital Partnership
2. Werner STEINHGÖL, Head of Sector CNECT.C3, DG Connect: EU Chips Act 2
3. Norishige MORIMOTO, BoD, Vice President and CTO, IBM Japan
4. Laith ALTIMIME, President, SEMI Europe
5. Shiro YAMAOKA, CTO and General Manager, Hitachi Europe
6. Dan HIGASHI, Senior Vice President, Fujitsu Europe

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 Parallel sessions:

Chairs:

- Computation: Benoit LEPINE / Yasuteru SHIGETA / Francis BALESTRA
- AI: Pascal DESBARATS / Tetsuya SAKURAI
- Sustainability: Xavier ROTTENBERG / Shin-ichi ADACHI

Scientific presentations

Finalization of White paper

Discussion about priority S&T collaboration between EU and Japan

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Parallel sessions:

Chairs:

- Computation: Benoit LEPINE / Yasuteru SHIGETA / Francis BALESTRA
- Patrick BRESSLER, Director International Cooperation, Fraunhofer
- Mitsumasa KOYANAGI, GINTI Director, Tohoku University
- AI: Pascal DESBARATS / Tetsuya SAKURAI
- Sustainability: Xavier ROTTENBERG / Shin-ichi ADACHI

Discussion about priority S&T collaboration between EU and Japan

Identification of about 3 topics for EU-Japan collaboration

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Matching session

Part 1: EU-JP research topics identified by the network

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Part 2:

- Chips JU framework and calls: Angela RINALDI, Chips JU

Day 2 - Friday 26th June

8:30 Welcome Coffee

9:00 Funding opportunities

- JST: Kazuki MIURA, Deputy director of JST Paris Office
- JSPS: Natsuki SHODA, Deputy-Director of JSPS Strasbourg Office
- NEDO: Hidetaka NISHI, Director of NEDO Europe office
- ERC: Telma CARVALHO, Scientific Officer at ERC
- FWO: Gregory Absillis, Science Policy Officer International Affairs
- JASMINE: Cian Ó MURCHÚ, Tyndall National Institute

10:00 Network members meeting

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Open session

Press release: President NAGATA and President LAKHNECH

White paper presentation

- Computation: Benoit LEPINE / Yasuteru SHIGETA / Francis BALESTRA
- AI: Pascal DESBARATS / Tetsuya SAKURAI
- Sustainability: Xavier ROTTENBERG / Shin-ichi ADACHI

12:30 Lunch

13:00 **Closing Remarks 1:** President NAGATA

13:35 Information session about EU calls

- HORIZON Europe (CSA, RIA, ...): Francis BALESTRA
- Wavestone: Nancy DELTIMPLE

16:00 **Closing Remarks 2 - End of meeting**