

EU-Japan Digital Partnership

EU JAPAN DIGITAL WEEK 2025



Workshop

“Smart Connectivity and Computing”

Monday 31st March 2025

09:00 – 17:30 (local time)

Meiji University

Global Front Building, Surugadai Campus

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Overview

Organiser: Dr. Giacomo Inches, Martel Innovate, Switzerland, in collaboration with [NexusForum.EU](https://nexusforum.eu) project.

Co-organiser: Prof. Kiyoshi Murata, Meiji University

Location: Global Front Building, Surugadai Campus, Meiji University

Objectives: The Smart Connectivity and Computing Workshop aims to bridge the gap between the European Union and Japan in the fields of cloud-edge computing and smart connectivity. This one-day, in-person event will bring together industry leaders, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders from EU and Japan to discuss the current landscape, share best practices, and explore collaboration opportunities in open-source technologies, industry verticals, and cross-cutting topics.

Target audience: Cloud Edge IoT experts and stakeholders, c.a. 150-200 attendees expected.

Draft Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:30 – 09:45	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome address by Meiji University representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Andrew Adams • Introduction by NexusForum.EU coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maria-Angeliki Evliati, Senior Project Manager, RISE
09:45 – 10:15	Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic: "The Future of EU-Japan Collaboration in Smart Connectivity"
10:15 – 11:45	Session 1: Innovations in Japan's Cloud-Edge Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Giacomo Inches, Senior Innovation Consultant, Martel Innovate. • Presentations on latest developments and best practices in industries and academia, with a particular emphasis on the Japanese market, emphasizing the role of open-source technologies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Didier Navez, Senior VP Strategy & Alliances at Dawex ○ Prof. Hidenori Nakazato, Professor at Waseda University ○ Dr. Kento Sato, Team Leader, High Performance Big Data Research Team, RIKEN Centre for Computational Science/HANAMI Project.
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:30	Session 2: Advancing Cloud-Edge Computing Through Cross-Cutting Innovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Monique Calisti, CEO, Martel Innovate • Objective: Expert panel discussion on cross-cutting research topics and innovations that transcend specific industries, with an emphasis on open-source initiatives and collaborative efforts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yuki Nobekawa, COO of Japan Data Exchange ○ Koki Mitani, Senior Research Engineer of NTT ○ Prof. Noboru Koshizuka, professor University of Tokyo ○ Dónal O'Regan, Strategic Policy and EU Project Manager, Fujitsu
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:30	Session 3: Shaping the Future – NexusForum.EU Roadmap Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chiara Zincone, EU Digital Policy Analyst, OpenNebula Systems ○ Dr. Thomas Ohlson Timoudas, Researcher at RISE • Objective: The Research & Innovation Roadmap, developed by NexusForum.EU for the European Commission, serves as a key guide for Europe's Cognitive Computing Continuum, offering strategic direction to support the EU Cloud-Edge industry with essential R&D investments while promoting technological sovereignty. It aligns with major European initiatives such as the European Cloud Alliance and IPCEI-CIS, focusing on critical areas like AI, cybersecurity, sustainability, and interoperability. Additionally, the roadmap

	<p>fosters EU-Japan collaboration, opening doors for joint research and Cloud-Edge IoT projects, driving innovation and digital progress in both regions.</p> <p>This session will present the Roadmap, highlight its key objectives, and gather feedback and input while engaging interested participants for future Working Groups and pilot projects centered on EU-Japan cooperation.</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	<p>Session 4: The EU-Japan Nexus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Sachiko Muto, Senior Researcher, RISE • Objective: To highlight the existing policies, initiatives, and funding mechanisms that support and foster collaborations between the EU and Japan in the field of cloud-edge computing and smart connectivity via panel discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Monique Calisti, CEO, Martel Innovate ○ Dr. Raluca Csernatonu, Professor, Centre for Security, Diplomacy, and Strategy, Brussels School of Governance, Vrije Universiteit Brussel ○ Prof. Florence Tama, Team Leader, Computational Structural Biology Research Team, Nagoya University/ HANAMI Project ○ Ulrich Ahle, CEO GAIA-X, (remote participation)
17:15 – 17:30	Closing remarks
From 17:30	Informal Networking and Evening reception

Expected Outcomes

Identify and leverage new or existing collaboration opportunities in Cloud Edge IoT between EU Industries, researchers, policymakers and Japanese partners, laying the foundation for concrete pilot projects or research initiatives. Validate the roadmap developed by NexusForum.EU for the European Commission to incorporate feedback from Japanese stakeholders.

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