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EU-Japan Science Policy Forum 2026
"Research and Innovation at the Nexus of Diplomacy and Security"
Co-organised by Delegation of the European Union to Japan and
Japan Science and Technology Agency

In cooperation with
Cabinet Office of Japan and
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan
Saturday, 3 October 2026 | 11:30–15:30

Conference Room D (1F), Kyoto International Conference Center
Takaragaike, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto

The EU-Japan Science Policy Forum 2026 was held in Kyoto on 3 October 2026. It was co-organised by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and the Delegation of the European Union to Japan, in cooperation with the Cabinet Office of Japan and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan. Senior representatives from governments, research funding and research-performing organisations, universities, international organisations and industry gathered ahead of the annual meeting of the Science and Technology in Society (STS) Forum.

Under the theme "Research and Innovation at the Nexus of Diplomacy and Security," the Forum examined two closely connected policy challenges: "Advancing Strategic Science Diplomacy" and "Linking Science and Technology Policy with Security." The discussions took place at a time when rapid advances in artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, semiconductors, biotechnology, advanced materials and other critical and emerging technologies are reshaping economic competitiveness, societal resilience, international relations and national security.





Annex

Agenda

11:30-11:50 *Welcome remarks*

- **Giorgio Aliberti**, EU Ambassador-Designate to Japan
- **Hiroshi Komiyama**, Chairman, STS forum

Remarks and toast

- **Kazuhito Hashimoto**, President, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST); Former Chief Science and Technology Advisor to the Cabinet of Japan

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11:50-12:50 *Keynote policy briefs*

- **Yuichi Inoue**, Vice-Minister; Secretary General, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
- **Andreas Schwarz**, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva (Startups, Research and Innovation)
- **Motosada Matano**, Assistant Minister; Director-General, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- **Bernard Magenhann**, Director-General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- **Kazumi Nishikawa**, Director General, Trade Policy, Minister's Secretariat; Deputy Director General for Manufacturing Industries, Semiconductor, Economic Security, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

High-level comments

- **Christian Ehler**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Panel on the Future of Science and Technology (STOA), Member of the Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee
- **Kohei Miyazono**, Chief Science and Technology Advisor to the Cabinet of Japan; Chief Executive Member of the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
- **Lina Galvez**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Panel on the Future of Science and Technology (STOA), Member of the Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee
- **Teruo Fujii**, President, The University of Tokyo

12:50-13:55 Interactive session I: Advancing Strategic Science Diplomacy

Session moderator

Kana Asano, Director, Office for International Science and Technology Policy and Information Study, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)

Speakers

- **Taikan Oki**, Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- **Jan Marco Müller**, Team Leader Global Approach, Multilateral Dialogue and Science Diplomacy, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- **Hideshi Semba**, Vice President; Chief Research Security Officer, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
- **Lidia Borrell-Damián**, Secretary General, Science Europe

Discussants

- **Shigeo Koyasu**, Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; President, National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology (QST)
- **Maria Leptin**, President, European Research Council
- **Hitoshi Nakagama**, President, Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)
- **Pavel Kabat**, Secretary-General, International Human Frontier Science Programme Organisation

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13:55-14:05 Coffee break

14:05-15:15 Interactive session II: Linking Science and Technology Policy with Security

Session moderator

Angelo Volpi, Senior Associate Researcher, National Research Council of Italy

Speakers

- **Borut Rončević**, Minister of Education, Science and Youth, Slovenia
- **Norimasa Takeda**, Deputy Director-General, Science and Technology Policy Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- **Katarina Bjelke**, Director General, Swedish Research Council
- **Hideo Ohno**, Special Advisor on Science and Technology to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; President, National Institute of Information and Communications Technology

Discussants

- **Hideyuki Tokuda**, Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications
- **Mari Sundli Tveit**, Chief Executive, Research Council of Norway
- **Sadamichi Maekawa**, Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister of Defense
- **Ena Voûte**, NWO & TU Delft, Executive Board, the Netherlands
- **Kyoko Nozaki**, Executive Vice President, RIKEN

15:15-15:30 *Closing remarks*

- **Giorgio Aliberti**, EU Ambassador-Designate to Japan
- **Kohei Miyazono**, Chief Science and Technology Advisor to the Cabinet of Japan; Chief Executive Member of the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

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Masters of Ceremony

- **Tom Kuczynski**, Science and Technology Advisor, Delegation of the European Union to Japan
- **Eriko Kishida,** Director, Office of ASPIRE, Department of International Affairs (JST)