

# Europe and the Indo-Pacific working together on Digital Connectivity

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The European Union digital connectivity efforts in the Indo-Pacific region are shaped by the [2030 Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade](#) (March 2021); [the Global Gateway strategy](#) (Dec 2021) and the [EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific](#) (Sept 2021).

## EU-Asia bilateral and multilateral relations



**EU Connectivity Partnerships** with [Japan](#) (2019) and [India](#) (2021) as well as the [EU-ASEAN Joint Ministerial Statement on Connectivity](#) (2020), serve as a framework for practical cooperation on all sectors of connectivity, including digital as well as energy, transportation, and people to people connections. Now supported by the recent Global Gateway strategy, they look to promote infrastructure investment in line with the EU and our partners' strategic interests and to advance shared rules to govern core matters such as trade, investment and sustainability.



**Digital Partnership Agreements** are in the making with [Japan](#), [Singapore](#) and [South Korea](#). They will further deepen digital ties, deepen regulatory cooperation and expand bilateral trade and investments, ensuring that workers and businesses benefit from opportunities in the growing global digital economy.



**Data Adequacy Decisions** with [Japan](#), [New Zealand](#), [South Korea](#) seek to ensure that personal data can flow from the EU to a third country without any further safeguard being necessary.



**Dialogues on Digital Economy** are held between the EU and [India](#), [Japan](#), [Korea](#), [China](#), [ASEAN](#) and [Taiwan](#) in order to deepen cooperation on regulatory, research and industrial issues.



**Cybersecurity cooperation:** the [EU-ASEAN statement on cybersecurity cooperation](#) (Aug 2019) underscores the commitment to promote an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful ICT environment, consistent with applicable international and domestic laws.



**[ASEM Pathfinder Group on Connectivity](#)** (APGC), a plan for Areas of Focus and Related Actions on Connectivity that adopted 'Future connectivity and digital economy' as one focus area.

## Main areas of cooperation

Secure and resilient telecommunications and Data networks

Infrastructure, from submarine cables to satellite networks

Public services, education, e-Identity and e-Government

Research, development and innovation

Regulatory cooperation

Business & the digital economy

## Existing EU programmes and initiatives in Asia

### **ADIX**

(ASEAN Digital Index), a policy tool to measure the progress and impacts of digitalization on society and the economy, providing a global indication of digital development. This builds on the methodology of the EU's own Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI).

**EU Cyber Direct** Cyber diplomacy and international digital engagements.

**AESCON** (Asia-Europe Sustainable Connectivity Scientific Conference) an EU-ASEM initiative, which in 2022 will focus on Digital Connectivity.

**Super Computing Asia 2021** an EU-ASEAN -Japan high- performance computing (HPC) event to discuss new challenges and trends in HPC and data infrastructure.

**Digital4Development** (D4D) Asia a strategic multi-stakeholder platform that fosters digital cooperation between Europe and its global partners.

**Enhancing Security Cooperation in and with Asia** with a focus on cybersecurity.

**EU-Japan-US joint cyber capacity-building** cybersecurity trainings in the Indo-Pacific region, organised by the EU jointly with Japan and the US.

