



ECSSO and EUNITY Project organised a workshop to foster the EU–Japan cooperation in the field of cyber security and privacy

25 January 2019 – The first ECSSO–EUNITY workshop, titled "Fostering EU-Japan dialogue in the field of cyber security and privacy" took place yesterday in Brussels, Belgium. The workshop was designed to provide a forum for exchanging good practices and investigating new business opportunities in the field of cyber security and privacy between the European Union and Japan.

The discussions between the leading cyber security industries and governmental institutions from the EU and Japan were held in the context of the recently negotiated and ratified EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EUJPEA), with the aim to identify common vision, similar needs and challenges between the two cyber security ecosystems, as well as business approaches to cyber security offerings and the needs of the vertical sectors.

In his opening remarks, **Jakub Boratyński**, *Head of Unit for Cyber Security and Digital Privacy at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT)*, said that in today's complex international environment, the importance and value of closer cooperation between the European Union and Japan on cyber security and innovation is growing. **Reiko Kondo**, *Director of the Office of the Director-General for Cyber Security at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan*, added that the need and the added value of the EU-Japan cooperation is well recognised and welcome in Japan. In addition to these two opening remarks, **Hervé Debar**, Professor at the Institut-Mines-Télécom (IMT) and coordinator of the H2020 EUNITY EU-Japan project, informed the audience of the EUNITY project activities and main results.

During the working sessions, the emphasis was given to the business solutions applied to the selected "vertical sectors", in order to discuss the existing capabilities and challenges faced by the industry. **Mutual recognition of standards, the exchange of best practices in cyber-ranges and exercises for C-level managers and support to business development for SMEs have been identified as the potential topics for the further cooperation.**

A European perspective on the cyber security market was presented by ECSSO member [LSEC](#), a Belgium-based information security cluster. The main challenges and sectoral insights in the healthcare, financial and energy industries were presented by the ECSSO members [GMV](#), [Intesa Sanpaolo](#) and [Schneider Electric](#). ECSSO member [Tecnalia](#) shared valuable insights on the cyber security challenges in the Internet of Things (IoT). ECSSO also presented the existing training and cyber ranges initiatives in Europe and the challenges of the cyber security certification and supply chain management.

The [NEC Corporation](#), Japanese communications and IT infrastructure provider, presented the main activities in eliminating the cyber security skills gap in Japan, undertaken by the Cyber Risks Intelligence Centre of Japan. Finally, the [Basque Cyber Security Centre](#) and the [Japan Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Centre \(JPCERT\)](#) shared their insights on global cooperation and the related information sharing challenges.



The event was also attended by the representatives of the internationally renowned companies from Japan and the European Union, including [Atos](#), [Siemens](#), [SAP Software Solutions](#), [Hitachi](#), [Fujitsu](#), [Softbank](#), [Panasonic](#), [TrendMicro](#) and [Broadband Security](#), as well as European SMEs, such as [Diateam](#), [Emaze](#) and [Cybelius](#). The event was also attended by the [VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland](#), [French National Centre for Scientific Research](#) and [NARA Institute of Science and Technology of Japan](#).

Drawing on the high interest and the successful debates of the first workshop, **the second workshop on the EU-Japan cooperation in the field of cyber security is foreseen to take place by the end of 2019.**

About European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO)

The European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) ASBL, established in June 2016, is the official partner to the European Commission in implementing the contractual Public-Private Partnership (cPPP) on cyber security. ECSO unites a great variety of European cyber security stakeholders, including large companies, SMEs and start-ups, research centres, universities, end-users, operators, clusters and associations, as well as the local, regional and national administrations across the European Union (EU) Member States, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and H2020 Programme associated countries. The main goal is to develop a competitive European cyber security ecosystem, to support the protection of the European Digital Single Market with trusted cyber security solutions and, ultimately, to contribute to the advancement of the European digital autonomy. More information is available at <https://ecs-org.eu/>

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About the EUNITY Project

The EUNITY two-years CSA project aims at developing and encouraging the dialogue between Europe and Japan on cyber security and privacy topics. By nature, cyber-attacks have no borders. Both Europe and Japan have digital agendas for the future and ensuring trust in information technology is key for the success of these agendas. The EUNITY project highlights cyber security challenges that are common to both Europe and Japan. It develops recommendations to address these cyber security challenges common to Europe and Japan, in order to foster innovation and collaboration on cyber security between the two regions. More information is available at <https://www.eunity-project.eu/>

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