

Japan Signs Horizon Europe Agreement: An Invitation for Global Collaborations

We are pleased to announce that on July 30, 2026, the Government of Japan signed the agreement for Japan's association to Horizon Europe: the European Union's ambitious research and innovation framework programme. This landmark agreement signifies a profound enhancement of scientific and technological cooperation between Japan, Europe, and other associated countries.

Japanese research institutions, universities, companies are eligible to participate in Horizon Europe calls for proposals from January 1, 2026. We are confident that this association presents unique partnership opportunities to collectively address global challenges in critical areas such as environment, health, digital technologies, and energy. Through Horizon Europe, we endeavor to foster mutual research excellence, generate new knowledge, and accelerate the societal impact of our joint efforts.

We encourage research institutions and stakeholders in the Czech Republic to actively explore collaboration opportunities with Japan. Should your institution be interested in collaborating with Japanese researchers or entities, or if you are considering joint projects or events, please do not hesitate to reach out to the following dedicated contacts:

1. National Contact Point (NCP) Japan for Horizon Europe

For specific inquiries regarding participation in Horizon Europe or identifying potential Japanese partners.

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2. Japanese Diplomatic Missions Abroad (Embassies and Consulates General)

For broader inquiries concerning science and technology cooperation with Japan, please consult your nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate General.

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We sincerely look forward to productive partnerships under the Horizon Europe.