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# Connecting Europe and Japan Through Horizon Europe

In this session, experts from Europe and Japan will share their knowledge, highlight new ideas, and look for ways to work together internationally. Presentations will cover smart agriculture, data-driven urban innovation, and UTA's project experience. Participants will see how research, technology, and partnerships can help create successful EU-Japan projects and open new chances with Horizon Europe.

09:00–10:30 CEST

16:00–17:30 JST

90 minutes

## AGENDA

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### Welcome & Introduction

**Dr Takuro Yonezawa** · Associate Professor, Nagoya University

Welcome to the session, followed by a brief overview of the webinar's objectives and what participants can expect.

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### The UTA Ecosystem: From Innovation to Deployment

**Dr Rodger Lea** · CTO, Urban Technology Alliance & CEO, STS

An introduction to the Urban Technology Alliance, its vision, mission and international network. The session will show how collaboration between cities, universities, research organisations and businesses can help turn urban innovations into real-world solutions.

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### AI-Ready Smart Agriculture with IEEE 2992-2025: From Interoperable Data to Digital Twins

**Prof. Hiroaki Nishi** · Professor, Keio University

In this presentation, you'll learn about the latest trends and ideas in smart agriculture, data sharing, and digital technology. We'll explore ways to drive innovation in this area.

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### Big Data Integration for Smart Cities

**Prof. Toshiyuki Amagasa** · Professor, University of Tsukuba

The presentation looks at how various kinds of urban data can be combined in order to help create smarter cities. It looks at the main difficulties involved in combining and managing data from a variety of sources, points out the recent advances made possible by Large Language Models (LLMs), and talks about the new opportunities for data-driven urban innovation.

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### From Opportunity to Application: EU Funding Calls & Practical Guidance

**Bertrand Copigneaux** · Operations Manager, Kentyou

An overview of upcoming EU funding opportunities relevant to EU-Japan cooperation. We will cover selected calls and offer practical guidance on identifying opportunities, finding the right partners and preparing a strong Horizon Europe application.

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### UTA's EU Project Experience: From Consortia to Pilots

**Dr Maryna Gorobei** · Smart City Project Manager, Urban Technology Alliance

We will explore EU projects in which UTA participates, including Cognifog, Urban-Flow and MICAD. The session will show how international teams turn ideas and partnerships into pilot projects and real-world results.

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### Q&A & Closing Remarks

An opportunity for participants to ask questions and discuss the topics covered during the webinar. The session will conclude with closing remarks and information on how to connect with UTA and explore future EU-Japan collaboration opportunities.

FORMAT

Online

LANGUAGE

English, Japanese

Real-time translation will be provided.

PLATFORM

Zoom

REGISTRATION

Eventbrite

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