

Japanese-German Cooperation in Space Science

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Japan and Germany have been working together in the aerospace sector for more than forty years. Today, the Joint Space Declaration, signed between the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany and the Cabinet Office of Japan in 2020, forms the political framework for cooperation between the two nations in the space sector.

At Space Agency level, the Strategic Partnership is reinforced by an Inter Agency Agreement signed in 2022 between Japanese Space Agency JAXA and German Aerospace Center DLR. The regular exchange on the topics of Earth Observation, Space Science & Exploration, Human Spaceflight & Space Research, Space Sustainability is part of the DLR-JAXA Strategy Dialogue.

In the field of space science, the cooperation's on Hayabusa 2, GALA/JUICE, BepiColombo, as well as on future missions MMX and DESTINY+ are prominent examples of the successful collaboration between Japan and Germany.