

Japanese-German Cooperation in Space Science

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Japan and Germany have been working together in the aerospace sector for over 40 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 field of space travel.

While Japanese Space Agency JAXA is the main cooperation partner for German Space Center DLR, additional intensive relationships also exist on level of research institute and university level.

At Space Agency level, there is a regular exchange on the topics of Earth Observation, Space Science & Exploration, Human Spaceflight & Space Research, Space Sustainability as 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 cooperation between Japan and Germany.