

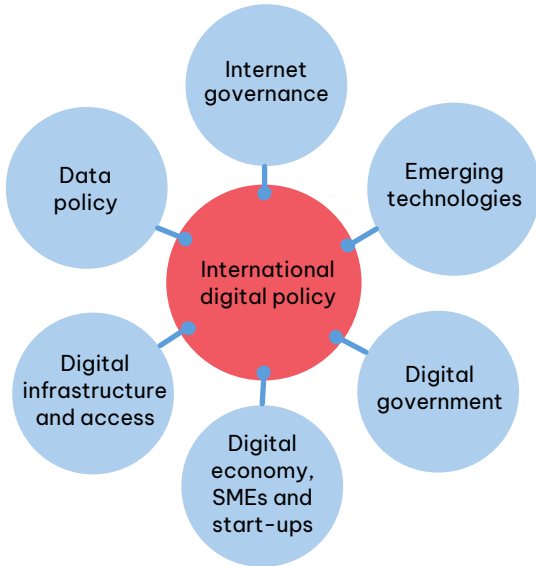


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International Digital Dialogues

The German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV) leads Digital Dialogues with important partner countries. Together, we shape framework conditions for the digital transformation.

As a **multi-stakeholder initiative**, the International Digital Dialogues provide a platform for direct exchange between policy makers, regulators, businesses, academia and civil society. They address a wide range of topics related to digital policy, including the following:



The overarching goal is to create a **common international framework for the digital transformation** – to make the opportunities of digitalisation available to everyone and thus contribute to sustainable economic development.

Shaping digital policy together

The International Digital Dialogues are Germany’s primary instrument of **digital policy cooperation with countries outside the EU**. The partner ministries, along with stakeholders from different sectors, exchange on digital policy agendas, address specific topics in bilateral relations and develop **joint positions** for multilateral forums.

Partner countries

The International Digital Dialogues connect Germany with many leading nations in technology and innovation. Partner countries include, among others, **Brazil, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Singapore and South Korea**.

On behalf of BMDV, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (**GIZ**) GmbH supports the Digital Dialogues with a secretariat. GIZ coordinates high-level meetings and **technical exchanges**. It strengthens the networking and **cooperation of stakeholders** across borders and sectors. It advises on relevant technological, political and economic developments. And it offers an **access point** for anyone who wishes to engage.

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East Asian partner countries

Japan

In the Japanese-German ICT Policy Dialogue, two of the world's largest economies and tech powerhouses commit to jointly shape the international framework for digitalisation.

Since 2016, Japan and Germany conduct a high-level Digital Dialogue, called ICT Policy Dialogue. It is led by BMDV and the Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC). Together, the two sides aim to stimulate **innovation** in the economy, advocate for **open markets** and promote an **open and secure framework** for the **international digital economy**.



State Secretary Schnorr (BMDV) and Vice Minister Yoshida (MIC).
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Topics for discussion include **global digital governance, digital platform policy, 6G, data usage, AI and IoT**. The dialogue also focuses on **joint research** and provides an opportunity for businesses of both countries to connect. Alongside regular talks at government level, stakeholders from both countries can engage directly in multi-stakeholder meetings via the digital dialogue.

Republic of Korea

In the Korean-German Digital Dialogue, two major economies and technology leaders are jointly committed to shaping a better international framework for digitalisation.

A high-level Korean-German Digital Dialogue was agreed in September 2022. It is led by BMDV and the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT) of the Republic of Korea. Together, both sides advocate for **open markets** and promote a **secure framework for the international digital economy** as well as

innovation-friendly framework conditions for the economies in both countries and worldwide.



State Secretary Schnorr (BMDV) and Vice Minister Park (MSIT) at the Annual Meeting 2022. © Digital Dialogues-GIZ

The Korean-German Digital Dialogue also looks at joint **research projects** and offers companies the opportunity to establish contacts. In addition to regular talks at government level, interested companies, research institutes and civil society organisations from both countries can get directly involved in multi-stakeholder meetings.

Topics of discussion include the application of new technologies such as **quantum, 5G/6G, data spaces and data markets, AI and the IoT**.

Singapore

Connecting two of the most innovative economies in the world, the Singaporean-German Digital Dialogue is strengthening digital policy and linking businesses across sectors and borders.

Singapore is considered one of the most innovative countries in the world – a characteristic it shares with Germany. The tech cluster in Singapore includes **AI applications, cloud computing and big data**. Companies in this tech cluster range from local **start-ups** and **SMEs** to global **tech players**. Central fields of action in Singapore's digital strategy are AI, smart cities, and digital government.

In order to discuss digital policy initiatives, exchange best practices and provide a platform for B2B contacts and beyond, the German and Singaporean governments established a bilateral Digital Dialogue in 2019. This dialogue is led by BMDV and the Singaporean Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI). In addition to regular talks at government level, interested companies, research institutes and civil society organisations from both countries can get directly involved in multi-stakeholder meetings.