M-Sec partners meet in Fujisawa: a look into project progress, with a view of Mount Fuji

On 9-11 April 2019, the universities, research centres and tech companies working together on the M-Sec project met in Fujisawa, Japan

M-Sec is a collaborative project investing in new technologies in the spheres of Big Data, IoT, Blockchain and Cloud computing. It aims to empower local and municipal governments, citizens, researchers, entrepreneurs and businesses between Japan and the EU to work together, create new connections and employ innovative new solutions to typical urban problems.

Running from July 2018 until June 2021, M-Sec is the result of a strong partnership between leading European and Japanese universities, research centres and tech companies.

Meeting in Japan

This was the first time that the European partners had travelled to Japan for the project, closing the circle of the partners visiting each other's corners of the world. You can read about when the Japanese partners visited Europe in *our previous news article.* At this 3-day face-to-face meeting, the partners gathered in Fujisawa City Hall to discuss the progress so far for the M-Sec project and what the next steps will be (complete with a beautiful view of Mount Fuji from the offices).

IoT innovations

This international meeting opened with a run-down of the MS-Sec *uses cases* (pilot tests), with partners discussing how to manage the more complex cross-border (Santander and Fujisawa) uses cases. Next up, the M-Sec Architecture was presented, i.e. the technical environment wherein the new project technology will be developed. An initial run-down was given on the security of the technologies to be employed (Cloud, IoT, blockchain etc.), including a demo of each asset.

Ethical considerations were also on the agenda, including enforced GDPR regulations, consent and data transfer for the cross-border pilots.

Finally, the next meetings, to be held in Tokyo (October 2019) and Santander (November 2019) were planned.

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