

Joint Statement  
of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan  
and The Ministry of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship and Tourism of Romania  
on Economic Cooperation

On June 23, 2025, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI), Mr. Akiyoshi Kato, and Secretary of State of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship and Tourism of Romania, Mrs. Cristitna Breșug (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Ministers”) met with Japanese business sector participating in the Romania-Japan Strategic Dialogues on Transport, Energy and Digitalization 2025 in Bucharest, Romania to discuss energy transformation, railway and digital cooperation, as well as cooperation on the reconstruction of Ukraine.

1. The Ministers welcomed the Dialogues with participation of 34 companies and organizations from both countries, and reaffirmed the importance of strengthening the cooperation between the two countries based on the Strategic Partnership signed in 2023.

2. The Ministers recognized the potential of the bilateral cooperation in the digital sector and innovation based on Romanian highly skilled IT workforce, Japanese edge in high-tech innovation and digital infrastructure. They also recognized the importance of capitalizing on the EU-Japan digital partnership launched in May 2022. They engaged in discussions about cooperation between the two countries in these areas with participants from both the public and private sectors. Furthermore, they reconfirmed the importance of cooperation between the two countries in supporting the reconstruction of Ukraine in the digital sector.

3. The Ministers welcomed the agreement to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) and the Romanian Ministry of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship and Tourism.

4. The Ministers affirmed that they will encourage investments by Japanese companies in Romania, and will pursue to ensure that both countries provide financial support to those projects, utilizing financial tools provided by NEDO, METI’s “Project to support reconstruction of Ukraine and strengthen cooperation with Central and Eastern Europe” and appropriate governmental organizations of Romania.

5. The Ministers reaffirmed their intention to promote infrastructure-related projects in Romania and Ukraine, in which both countries will work together, leveraging financial support from both countries through relevant agencies such as Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and appropriate governmental organizations of Romania.

6. The Ministers reaffirmed the importance of continued support of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the appropriate governmental organizations of Romania in response to the current demand of companies in both countries for the realization of new business and projects including the ones discussed during this visit.

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