# 12th Brazil - European Union Digital Dialogue: Strengthening Cooperation in Digital Transformation

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## Executive Summary

On March 20, 2024, Brazil and the European Union held the 12th Digital Dialogue in Brasília, reinforcing their Strategic Partnership established in 2007. The dialogue focused on digital transformation, addressing areas such as digital connectivity, governance, and advanced technologies like 5G, 6G, and artificial intelligence. Key outcomes included commitments to enhance digital connectivity in underserved regions, foster cooperation on high-performance computing, and promote regulatory alignment on data protection and digital markets. Preparatory workshops enriched discussions, leading to prioritized actions aimed at creating a more inclusive digital ecosystem. The collaboration reflects shared values of democracy and sustainable development, with a workplan to guide implementation and assess progress in future dialogues.

## Characteristics

* The 12th Brazil-EU Digital Dialogue took place on March 20, 2024, in Brasília, focusing on digital transformation and cooperation.
* Key areas of discussion included digital connectivity, governance, AI regulation, and collaboration on advanced technologies like 5G and quantum computing.
* The dialogue aims to promote inclusive growth, innovation, and address challenges in the digital landscape.
* Priority actions identified include enhancing digital connectivity, cooperation on HPC, and data protection discussions.
* The partnership reflects shared values of democracy, human rights, and sustainable development.

## Actors

| Category | Actor |
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| Political Actors | Government of Brazil; European Union; EU Delegations; European Commission |
| Research and Innovation Actors | Digital Innovation Hubs; Technology Organisations |
| Economic Actors | Digital Companies; Telecommunication Companies |

## Main Themes

| Category | Subcategory |
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| Digital Transformation & Strategy | Digital Connectivity; Digital Platforms; Digital Economy |
| Technology & Innovation | 5G; High-Performance Computing; Artificial Intelligence; Quantum Technologies |
| Data & Governance | Data Governance; Data Protection |
| Inclusion & Social Development | Digital Inclusion |
| Regional & International Cooperation | Global Digital Cooperation; Digital & Technological Partnerships |

## Practical Applications

* Cooperation on meaningful digital connectivity projects, particularly in under-served regions of Brazil, such as the Amazon region, to drive social inclusion.
* Extension of existing cooperation between European Union and Brazil stakeholders on 5G to 6G technologies, including exploring potential 5G use cases in key economic sectors such as agriculture, energy, and mobility.
* Enhanced cooperation between Brazilian and European Union High Performance Computing centres, including on HPC applications.
* Knowledge sharing and exchange on cooperation initiatives aimed at the stability and resilience of semiconductors global supply chains.
* Work on the technical interoperability of Brazil and European Union digital signature systems for possible future mutual recognition.
* Continued dialogue on data protection and international data flows, with a view to finalizing mutual adequacy decisions.
* Exchange of best practices and promotion of cooperation on the regulatory framework for the digital economy, covering data governance, artificial intelligence, and digital platforms.
* Cooperation in international fora to promote an inclusive digital ecosystem based on shared values of democracy, human rights, and sustainable development in the digital domain.

## Commitments

No specific quantifiable commitments or targets identified.