

**Question for written answer E-013481/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Maritime transeurasian partnership between the EU and Japan

Both Japan and the EU have recently taken steps to counter what they perceive to be strategic threats to regional order. However, their security dialogue seems to be stuck at an abstract level and within the realms of multilateral cooperation.

At the moment, Japan and the EU are working on a framework agreement covering not only political dialogue and policy cooperation, but also cooperation on regional and global challenges.

Given that Japan and the EU share a number of major geostrategic objectives, that over 90 % of trade between the EU and East Asia is sea-borne and conducted through ocean vessels, and given the common interest in combating piracy:

Does the EU intend to initiate cooperation with Japan in such fields as intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance and naval exercises?