

First EU - South Korea Joint Researchers Forum on Semiconductors



Location: Brussels, Belgium

Date: March 25-26th, 2024

Participants: High level speakers, young researchers, 12 researchers from both side, EC representatives, Chips JU representatives, ICOS members and South Korean representatives



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As part of the digital partnership established in June 2023 between South Korea and the European Commission, aimed at strengthening cooperation and economic resilience in the digital domain, the European ICOS semiconductor project team had the privilege of jointly organizing the very first EU-South Korea Joint Researchers Forum on Semiconductors with the European Commission.

This event brought together prominent researchers from leading institutions in both countries in Brussels on March 25 and 26, 2024.

The event was honored by the presence of the Minister of Science and ICT of South Korea, Mr. Lee Jong Ho, Ms. Lucilla Sioli, Director of CONNECT A, Mr. Jari Kinaret, Director of Chips JU, as well as Mr. Jeonghyun Ryu, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Brussels.

Researchers from both countries had the opportunity to present their research work, while high-level speakers also shared their knowledge during discussions. Poster sessions and networking moments were also the occasion to foster exchanges and collaboration opportunities.

This Forum served as a platform to not only showcase ongoing research but also to lay the groundwork for future partnerships and initiatives that will contribute to the advancement of both regions in the rapidly evolving field of semiconductors.

Goals: To strengthen ties between South Korea and EU, create an environment for networking between researchers from both sides, to enhance the interactions between researchers from both countries and to strengthen links in the framework of the Joint EU-ROK Chips JU Call open in these selected research areas.

Outcomes: Strong exchanges and matchmaking between EU and ROK researchers and attendees with many discussions during the presentations, the networking events and the poster session.

Impact: It was a really successful event, appreciated by both the European and South Korean participants and led to mentions in several articles e.g. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news-redirect/840212>, [EU and South Korea announce winners of four co-funded semiconductor projects | Science | Business \(sciencebusiness.net\)](https://www.sciencebusiness.net/news/eu-south-korea-announce-winners-of-four-co-funded-semiconductor-projects)

and in Korea <https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20240717058500017>.

[This event, followed by the co-funded joint Chips JU call, strengthens the implementation of the Digital Partnership between EU and ROK.](#)

As a result of the event, many proposals were submitted to the Chips JU Joint Call.

The communication after the event increases the visibility of ICOS ([Successful EU-ROK Joint Researchers Forum on Semiconductors - ICOS Semiconductors \(icos-semiconductors.eu\)](#)), and the event was mentioned in European and Korean articles: <https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20240717058500017>, <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news-redirect/840212>

The European Commission published a press release mentioning the forum ([EU-Republic of Korea Digital Partnership - Joint EU/Republic of Korea Chips Projects announced | Shaping Europe's digital future \(europa.eu\)](#))

This event underscores the commitment of both South Korea and the European Union to enhance their partnership and set solid basis for future cooperation in the **digital** and **technological** areas.