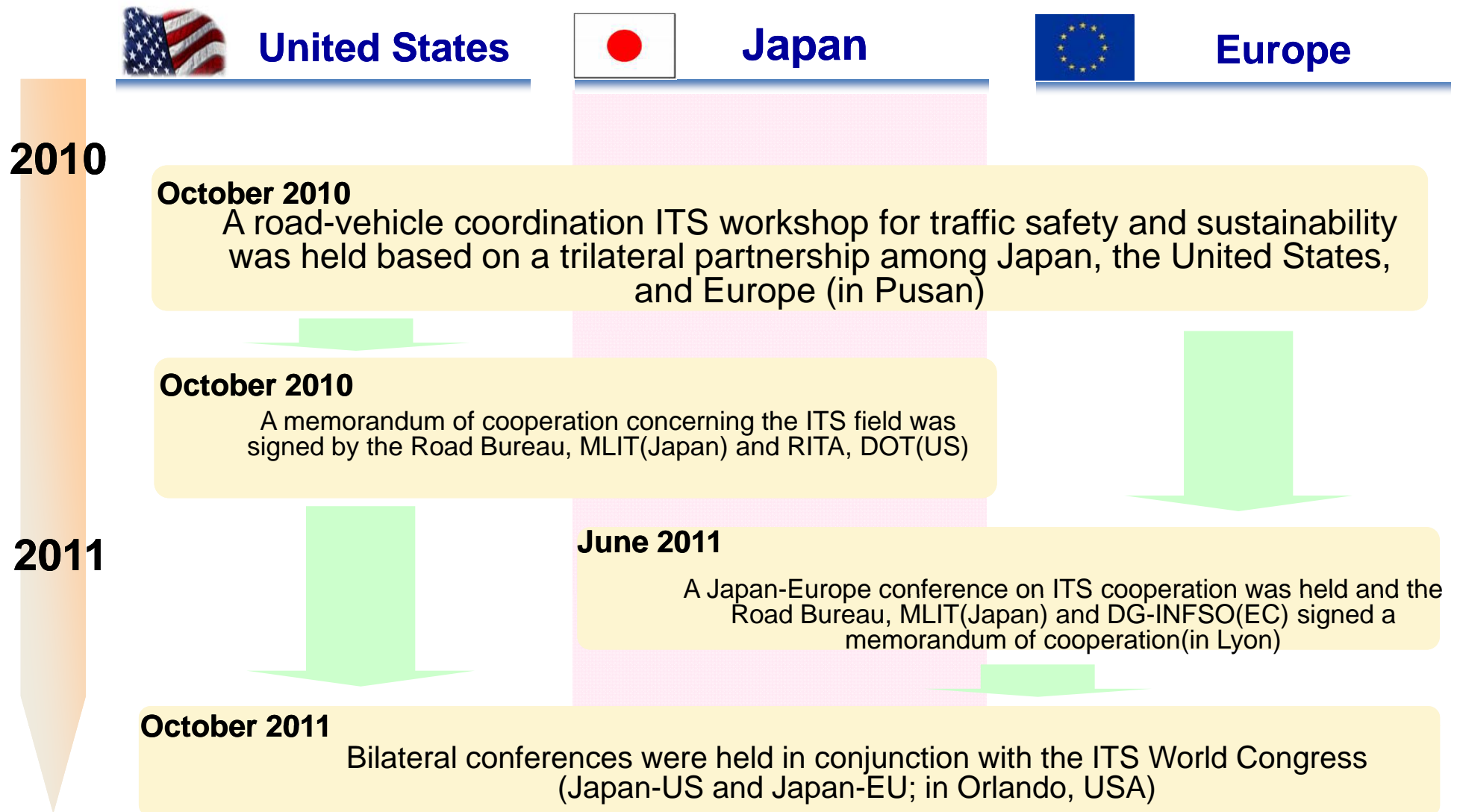


Future directions for the trilateral ITS cooperation

- Japan conducts bilateral talks and signs cooperation memoranda separately with Europe and with the United States.
- Discussions continue, focused on vehicle-highway cooperation and international standardization.



Minutes

- All agree that international collaboration is important for ITS research, development and deployment.
- To promote international collaboration, under ITS-related bi-lateral agreements among USDOT/RITA, MLIT/Road Bureau, and EC DG INFISO, other regions may be included and invited as observers.
- Trilateral collaboration research areas identified include international standardization and evaluation tools and methods.
- Other areas of importance include probe data and environmental issues/sustainability .
- As a next step, EU-Japan-US governments will establish shared common goals and governance, criteria for success, and a time-line for international collaboration.

Starting “ITS Spot” services and accumulating know-how nationwide

- In addition to dynamic route guidance and driving safety support, start IP connection services based on rest areas.

Experience using ITS technologies during disasters

- Through cooperation by the public and private sectors, publish traveling records and road closure information on web sites.

Starting to collect probe information

- Probe information are being collected from automobiles installed with “ITS Spot” compatible on-board units.