



## **10<sup>th</sup> EU-Japan Science Policy Forum**

### **"New STI Policies in a Changing World"**

**Organised by the  
Delegation of the European Union to Japan and  
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)**

**Saturday, 5 October 2019  
11:30-15:30**

**Kyoto International Conference Center, Conference Room A (2F)  
Takaragaike, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto**

*[Seated lunch will be served in the course of event]*

EU-Japan relations are based upon longstanding cooperation and shared fundamental values and principles. The European Union and Japan consider cooperation in research and innovation to be a key component of such relations.

Over the years the bilateral ties between the EU and Japan have been strengthening in numerous areas, culminating in the entry into force of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and provisional application of the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) since 1 February 2019. These agreements have the potential to further deepen political and economic relations between the EU and Japan, alongside the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership in Research and Innovation. This partnership is based on deepening mutual understanding of science, technology and innovation (STI) policies by frequent consultation at multiple levels, and on thematic cooperation in strategic areas. The EU-Japan Summit Joint Statement of 25 April 2019 reconfirmed the mutual commitment to the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership in Research and Innovation and the commitment to extend the co-funding of joint projects.

2019 marks the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Japan. Both, *Horizon Europe*, the forthcoming EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme, and *Japan's 6th Science and Technology Basic Plan* will start in the same year (2021). This provides a good opportunity for European and Japanese policymakers, funders, academics and other STI stakeholders to think about how both sides could collaborate more closely and build further bridges between their funding programmes, to be prepared for the future and implement effective STI policies in a changing world.

Opportunities for horizontal and thematic collaboration are very broad. For instance, in what ways could Horizon Europe and the 6th Basic Plan be linked or used to enhance cooperation between the EU and Japan? In what ways would such linkages add value above existing forms of cooperation? What would be the desirable areas or modalities of cooperation across the two programmes with regard to their respective priorities, such as openness, mission oriented challenges, and innovation? What sectoral areas are ripe for enhanced cooperation between the EU and Japan? Are existing forums, dialogues, and meetings sufficient to sustain or provide steerage to enhanced collaboration across these large STI programmes?

EU-Japan STI collaboration has developed steadily over the past decade. Guided by the spirit of openness and mutual benefit the 10th EU-Japan Science Policy Forum will build on a decade of enhanced dialogue to explore new opportunities.

## Agenda

*Programme in English, no interpretation*

- 11:30-11:50**      **Welcome Remarks**  
**Patricia FLOR**, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan  
**Takashi SHIRAIISHI**, Director, The Science for RE-designing Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Center (SciREX Center), and former President, GRIPS  
**Koji OMI**, Chairman and Founder of STS *forum*
- 11:50-12:00**      **Toast**  
**Kyosuke NAGATA**, President, University of Tsukuba
- 12:00-12:45**      **Policy Briefs**  
**Jean-Eric PAQUET**, Director-General, DG RTD, European Commission  
**Takahiro UEYAMA**, Executive Member, Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan  
**Yoshio YAMAWAKI**, Deputy Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan
- 12:45-13:45**      **Introductory Remarks: European and Japanese Perspectives on Recent Developments in Science Policies**  
**Ilga ŠUPLINSKA**, Minister of Education and Science, Latvia  
**Matilda ERNKRANS**, Minister for Higher Education and Research, Sweden  
**Mart LAIDMETS**, Secretary General, Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia  
**Valdemaras RAZUMAS**, Vice-Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania  
**Shoji WATANABE**, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan  
**Jean-Pierre BOURGUIGNON**, President, European Research Council  
**Hideyuki TOKUDA**, President, National Institute of Information and Communications Technology  
**Jean-Yves LE GALL**, President, National Centre for Space Studies, France; Chairman of the European Space Agency Council  
**Michiharu NAKAMURA**, Senior Advisor, Japan Science and Technology Agency
- 13:45-15:15**      **Discussion on STI Policies in Europe and Japan**  
Moderators:  
**Iris WIECZOREK**, President, IRIS Science Management Inc. and Japan Representative, Leibniz Association  
**Michiko IIZUKA**, Professor, GRIPS
- 15:15-15:30**      **Closing Remarks**  
**Jean-Eric PAQUET**, Director-General, DG RTD, European Commission  
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### **Masters of Ceremony**

**Gediminas RAMANAUSKAS**, First Counsellor, Head of Science, Innovation, Digital, and Other EU Policies Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan  
**Tateo ARIMOTO**, Professor of STI Program, GRIPS; Principal Fellow, JST; Vice Director, International Institute for Advanced Studies

