

EU-Japan Connectivity Seminar: Moving from Policy to Action

Webinar Title	EU-Japan Connectivity Partnership: Moving from Policy to Action
Date / Time	6 th December 2022 16:00-19:00 JST / 08:00-11:00 CET
Purpose	This seminar is a key follow-up action to the EU-Japan Summit of 12 May 2022. In the Summit Joint Statement, European Council President Charles Michel, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Japan’s Prime Minister Fumio Kishida committed to making progress in promoting trusted, secure, sustainable, comprehensive and rules-based connectivity through the implementation of the Partnership on Sustainable Connectivity and Quality Infrastructure between the EU and Japan (“Connectivity Partnership”). The purpose of the seminar is to find concrete ways forward to operationalise the Connectivity Partnership between Japan and EU, in particular through the identification of specific projects for cooperation. The seminar is expected to produce tangible outcomes for the upcoming EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement Joint Committee meeting and the next bilateral Summit in 2023.
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU: EEAS, DG INTPA, DG NEAR, EIB, EBRD, other European Commission services • Japan: MOFA, METI, JICA, JBIC, NEXI, JETRO and other Ministries • EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation • EU Member States Embassies
Format	Hybrid: Europa House (Auditorium) - EU Delegation, Tokyo & Online (ZOOM)
Working language	English (with simultaneous interpretation English – Japanese)

AGENDA

16:00	OPENING REMARKS
16:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan • Mr. Masashi Nakagome, Director-General of the European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



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<p>16:10</p> <p>16:25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">I. INTRODUCTORY SESSION</p> <p>1) EU key policies related to connectivity (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Ringrose, Head of Division for Connectivity and Digital Transition, European External Action Service (EEAS): the geopolitical offer of the Global Gateway initiative and remarks on the EU's Indo-Pacific Strategy • Mr. Jean-Louis Ville, Head of Unit for East Asia and the Pacific, DG for International Partnerships (INTPA): Global Gateway implementation <p>2) Japanese key policies related to connectivity (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Atsushi Saito, Director, European Policy Division, MOFA: the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Initiative (FOIP) • Mr. Satoshi Yamada, Director for International Projects Promotion, METI: the Strategy on Quality Infrastructure
<p>16:40</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">II. REGIONAL WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Objectives: (i) to discuss which regions and sectors have good potential for EU-Japan collaboration on connectivity projects, and (ii) identify and promote synergies, complementarities and proposals for specific projects in these regions and sectors.</p> <p>Methodology: based on regional and sectoral strategies and policies, implementing modalities, examples and lessons learned from past and existing cooperation, mapping exercises, studies, etc., each speaker will make suggestions for EU-Japan cooperation in the fields of: transport, energy, digital, people to people, and supply chains, in one or more of the following regions: the Indo-Pacific, Africa, the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership countries, and Central Asia.</p> <p>After the presentations, a brief discussion will be held to contribute to the identification of regions/sectors with good potential for EU-Japan connectivity projects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Workshop on Indo-Pacific (40 min)</u></p> <p><i>Speakers (each max. 5 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JICA: Mr. Daisuke Watanabe, Deputy Director General, South East Asia and Pacific Department • DG INTPA: Mr. Jean-Louis Ville, Head of Unit for East Asia and the Pacific • JBIC: Mr. Hiroyuki Nakashima, Director General, New Energy and Power Finance Department • EIB: Mr. Edvardas Bumsteinas, Head of Public Sector Division for Asia-Pacific • EEAS: Mr. David Ringrose, Head of Division for Connectivity and Digital Transition <p>Discussion</p>



17:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Workshop on Africa (40 min)</u></p> <p><i>Speakers (each max. 5 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JICA: Mr. Hiroyuki Yakushi, Deputy Director General for Planning and TICAD Process, Africa Department • DG INTPA: Mr. Domenico Rosa, Head of Unit for Strategic Partnerships with Africa and with the ACP • JBIC: Mr. Hiroyuki Nakashima, Director General, New Energy and Power Finance Department • EIB: Mr. Christian Elias, Head of Unit for Public Sector Operations in East and Southern Africa • EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation : Mr. Manuel Hubert, Co-Managing Director <p>Discussion</p>
18:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Workshop on Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership countries and Central Asia (40 min)</u></p> <p><i>Speakers (each max. 5 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBRD: Ms. Zsuzsanna Hargitai, Managing Director for Central Asia • DG INTPA: Mr. Jean-Louis Ville, Head of Unit for East Asia and the Pacific • DG NEAR: Mr. Michael Voegele, Deputy Head of Unit for Western Balkans Regional Programmes, Economic Investment Plan • JBIC: Mr. Hiroyuki Nakashima, Director General, New Energy and Power Finance Department • EIB: Mr. Rafal Rybacki, Head of Division for Public Sector Lending in Eastern Europe and Central Asia <p>Discussion</p>
18:40 19:00	<p style="text-align: center;">CONCLUSION AND THE WAY FORWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jean-Louis Ville, Head of Unit for East Asia and the Pacific, DG for International Partnerships • Mr. Atsushi Saito, Director, European Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Conclusion: Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan
19.00 RECEPTION	

