



High-level Conference
**EU-JAPAN ECONOMIC
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (EPA)**
Additional Opportunities for Trade,
Investment and Cooperation



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Interpreting: English/Japanese

DAY 1 - 13 November

13:30 – 14:00 Registration

14:00 – 14:30 Opening panel

- Ms Eve Päärendson, President of the EU - Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- Ms Patricia Flor, Head of the EU Delegation to Japan
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (tbc)

Panel I: The role of the civil society in monitoring the EU-Japan EPA

Moderator: Ms Eve Päärendson, President of the EU - Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

14:30 – 15:00 Keynote presentations on "The Role of the Civil Society in Monitoring the EU-Japan EPA"

- Ms Marjut Hannonen, Minister-Counsellor, Head of Trade Section, EU Delegation to Japan (tbc)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (tbc)

15:00 – 15:20 Comments (5 min each):

- Mr Krzysztof Pater, Member of the EU-Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee
- Mr Chihiro Kawashima, Executive Director of Department of Economic and Social Policy, RENGO
- Mr Toshiaki Wada, Managing Director, JCCU

15:20 – 15:40 Discussion

15:40 – 16:00 Networking Coffee/Tea Break

Panel II: Opportunities arising from the EU-Japan EPA

Moderator: Mr Ichiro Hara, Director, International Affairs Bureau, Keidanren

16:00 – 16:15 Keynote presentation by Mr Tomohiro Kaneko, Director-General, Planning Department, JETRO

16:15 – 16:50 Comments (5 min each):

- Mr Björn Kongstad, Policy Director, European Business Council
- Mr Yasuo Aoki, Director General, International Department, JAMA
- Mr Jun Nakaya, Chairperson, Trade Policy Committee, JEITA
- Dr Philippe de Taxis du Poët, General Co-Manager, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation
- Mr Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, LSE (tbc)

16:50 – 17:10 Discussion

17:10 – 17:25 Closing remarks

DAY 2 - 14 November

Technological change (digitalization, robotization, artificial intelligence) and its impact on labour markets

Moderator: Mrs Erika Koller, Member of the EU-Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee

9:00 – 9:05 Opening remarks by Ms Eve Päärendson, President of the EU-Japan Follow-up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee

Panel I: Opportunities and challenges associated with technological change

9:05 – 9:20 Introduction by Ministry of Labour, Wealth, Healthcare (MHLW) (tbc)

9:20 – 10:20 Comments (12 min each):

- Ms Naoko Ogawa, Senior Manager, Industrial Technology Bureau, Keidanren
- RENGO
- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (tbc)

10:20 – 10:40 Discussion

10:40 – 11:00 Networking Coffee/Tea Break

Panel II: Skills demand / new forms of work

11:00 – 11:15 Introduction by Ms Yumiko Murakami, Head of the OECD Tokyo Centre

Moderator: Mr Krzysztof Pater, Member of the EU-Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee

11:15 -11:55 Comments (6 min each):

- Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (tbc)
- Ms Akiko Taguchi, Director of ILO Office for Japan
- Professor Doctor Fukuhara, Keio University
- Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives) (tbc)
- Mrs Erika Koller, Member of the EESC-Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee

11:55 – 12:20 Discussion

12:20 – 12:40 Closing remarks