

EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Cooperation

First Exchange Meeting of EU Regions and Japanese Prefectures

Date: 13 July 2022

Time: 9:00-10:30 CEST and 16:00-17:30 JST

The EU Project of “EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Cooperation” will start its activities between selected EU regions and Japanese prefectures in August 2022. The objective of the project is to support European Regions and Japanese Prefectures to exchange best practices and knowledge to improve and to internationalise their respective regional innovation strategies while promoting international value chains. The project will offer peer-level information sharing by study visits and seminars with a focus on selected thematic areas of regional innovation and competitiveness policies such as green transition, industrial transformation and demographic transition, based on the smart specialisation strategies for sustainable and inclusive growth of each region. This meeting will provide the opportunity for first-round exchange of interests and ideas between the European regions and Japanese prefectures which are interested in participating the project.

08:45-09:00 CEST

Registration

15:45-16:00 JST

Participants can enter the meeting room and test the line connection and interpretation service.

09:00– 09:40 CEST

Welcome & setting the scene

16:00-16:40 JST

There will be speeches by representatives from the European Commission and the Government of Japan about EU-Japan Region-to-Region Cooperation. Subsequently, there will be a presentation of the project implementation plan.

Opening Address: Normunds Popenis, Deputy Director General, DG-REGIO, European Commission

Opening Address: Yasunori Ishida, Director, International Affairs Office, City Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism



Opening Address: Philippe de Taxis du Poët, Managing Director (EU-side), EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, Minister Counsellor, Delegation of the EU to Japan

Presentation: Hidefumi Imura, Team Leader, IURC-Japan, “Project Implementation Plan and Schedules in 2022-2023”

09:40 – 10:20 CEST

Round-Table of Regions and Prefectures

16: 40-17:20 JST

Moderated by: Amadeo Jensana, Director of Economic Programmes, CASA ASIA, Spain

Each of the EU regions and Japanese prefectures will present its specific features of regional development policies and innovation strategies, followed by exchange of ideas.

EU regions

- **Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes** (France)
- **Basque Country (Euskadi)** (Spain)
- **Catalonia** (Spain)
- **Emilia-Romagna** (Italy)
- **Ljubljana Urban Region** (Slovenia)
- **Val d’Oise County (Paris Region)** (France).

Japanese Prefectures

- **Aichi Prefecture**
- **Kyoto Prefecture**
- **Osaka Prefecture**
- **Hiroshima Prefecture**
- **Oita Prefecture**

10:20– 10:30 CEST

Wrap-up and Closing

17:20-17:30 JST

Wrap-up and Closing Remark by: Hidefumi Imura, Team Leader, IURC-Japan

Note: Simultaneous interpretation service for English and Japanese is available.

