

## EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Cooperation

### Second Exchange Meeting of EU Regions and Japanese Prefectures

**Date:** 18 November 2022

**Time:** 16:00-18:00 JST and 8:00-10:00 CEST

**Venu:** Keihanna Plaza Hotel, Keihanna Science City, Kyoto Prefecture

The EU Project of “EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Cooperation” started its activities between EU regions and Japanese prefectures after the first exchange meeting held in July 2022. 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. As a highlight of activities to enhance knowledge sharing, the six EU regions will conduct study visits to five Japanese prefectures from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Taking this opportunity, this 2nd Exchange Meeting will be organised to inspire new ideas for region-to-region cooperation based on the meetings and site visits conducted by the EU regions in Japan.

**15:50-16:00 JST**

**Registration**

**07:50-08:00 JST**

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

**16:00-16:30 JST**

**Welcome & setting the scene**

**08:00-08:30 CEST**

**Moderated by:** Hidefumi Imura, Team Leader, EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Project

Meeting will start with opening address by the Head of Delegation of the EU to Japan, which will be followed by greetings by the delegates from Japanese Government, Kyoto Prefectural Government and European Commission.

**Opening Address:** Jean-Eric Paquet, Head of Delegation of the EU to Japan

**Greeting:** Tamaki Izume, Deputy Director-General, Department of Industry and Labor Affairs, Kyoto Prefectural Government



**Greeting:** Yasunori Ishida, Director, International Office, City Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

**Greeting:** Ramon-Alejo Lopez Sanchez, DG REGIO, European Commission

**16:30– 17:00 JST**

**Report of the Study Visit**

**08:30-09:00 CEST**

**Moderated by:** Hidefumi Imura, Team Leader, EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Project

Each of the two study groups will be requested to report the highlights of the meetings and site visits they have completed

- Report of the visit to Aichi and Hiroshima by **Guillermo Martinez** (5 min)
- Report of the visit to Osaka and Oita by **Amadeo Jensana** (5 min)
- Comments by the participants of Group A (10 min)
- Comments by the participants of Group B (10 min)

**17:00– 17:50 JST**

**Comments and Messages by the EU Regions**

**09 00-09:50 CEST**

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

Each of the EU regions will have a chance to express their impressions and opinions after participating the study visit and express hints and inspirations they have had for the promotion of regional innovation, smart specialisation strategies and EU-Japan innovation cooperation. This will be a chance for them to introduce unique features of their innovation policies and practices and invite Japanese prefectures.

#### EU regions

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

There will be free discussion among participants after presentations by the EU regions.

**17:50– 18:00 JST**

**Wrap-up and Closing**

**09:50-10:00 CEST**

**Wrap-up and Closing Remark by:** Hidefumi Imura, Team Leader, EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Project

**Note:** Simultaneous interpretation service for English and Japanese is available. Meeting will take place in a hybrid format, and most of the Japanese prefectures will be participating by online. There will a **small cocktail** after the meeting.

