

EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Cooperation

Webinar Series No.4

Energy Transition and Hydrogen in the EU and Japan

Date: 27 April 2023

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

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Hydrogen energy, which emits no CO₂ during consumption is being emphasised as a necessary technology to achieve the goals of the 'European Green Deal' and "Climate Neutrality", and European companies are steadily beginning to integrate the use of hydrogen energy into their business plans. To further accelerate the shift to a hydrogen society, the EU published its European Hydrogen Strategy in July 2020, and the recent situation in Ukraine has drawn attention to the role of hydrogen from the perspective of energy security. In Japan, the Basic Energy Plan approved by the Cabinet in October 2021 also positions hydrogen as a new energy source in terms of energy policy and calls for a drastic strengthening of efforts to realise a hydrogen society. In this seminar, European regions and Japanese prefectures will introduce their respective initiatives for the development and diffusion of hydrogen in this context and exchange views.

08:50-09:00 CEST

Registration and Setting the Scene

08:50-09:00 JST

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

Moderated Ryoko Nakano, EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Cooperation Helpdesk (IGES)

09:00-09:20 CEST

Welcome and Opening

16:00-16:20 JST

Meeting will begin with moderator's recapturing of the opening address made by Jean-Eric Paquet, the Head of Delegation of the EU to Japan at the previous Webinar on 26 April and followed by keynote speech by an official from the European Commission.



■ **Keynote Speech: Eero Ailio, Advisor, DG ENER, “EU’s Strategy for Energy Transition and Hydrogen”**

09:25– 09:50 CEST

Keynote Speech on Regional Activities

16:25-16:50 JST

Two keynote speeches will be provided from regional perspectives in the EU.

Keynote Speech (1): Juan Manuel Fernandez Etxaniz, Project Manager, Basque Country, “Hydrogen Corridor in Basque Country”

Keynote Speech (2): Mrs. Laurence Minne, Hydrogen project manager, Expertise Department, Environment and Positive Ecology Department – Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, “Zero Emission Valley in Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes”

09:50– 10:10 CEST

Snapshots of Related Activities in EU Regions

16 50-17:10 JST

There will be presentation by EU regions on their energy transition policy strategies and hydrogen deployment.

- **Isaac Justicia, Director of Technical Office at Catalonia Hydrogen Valley, Hydrogen Valley in Catalonia:**
- **Mr Raimondi Attilio, Dep. for Energy and green transition, Emilia Romagna Region; “The regional policy towards green energy: measures and examples”**
- Report from **Val d’Oise** (tbc)

10:10– 10:25 CEST

Comments and Q&A

17:10 -17:25 JST

Hidefumi Imura, Team Leader, EU-Japan Region-to-Region Innovation Cooperation Project, will present related activities in Japan, followed by questions from the floor

10:25-10:30 CEST

Quick Evaluation and Closing

17:25-17:30 JST

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

