



**New strategic partnership in Research and Innovation between the European Commission and the Government of Japan endorsed by 23<sup>rd</sup> Japan-EU Summit**

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Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, and Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, met in Tokyo on 29 May 2015 for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Summit between Japan and the European Union (EU) and endorsed the joint vision on the new strategic partnership in Research and Innovation between the European Commission and the Government of Japan.

The strategic partnership is based on the fact that the EU and Japan face similar challenges and we both see cooperation in research and innovation as necessary to promote the excellence of our research, increase the competitiveness of our industries and effectively address common and global societal challenges.

In this vein, the new EU-Japan strategic partnership in Research and Innovation will involve frequent consultation at multiple levels for the deepening of the strategic cooperation. The joint vision for the partnership includes promoting joint research activities in key strategic thematic areas, including continuing cooperation in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Aeronautics and Materials (including Critical Raw Materials), and increasing cooperation in health/medical research, environment, energy and high-energy physics; establishing a mechanism for the joint funding of research and innovation projects; developing measures to enhance the mobility of researchers such as the newly signed ERC-JSPS cooperation arrangement; closer consultation and collaboration on Science, Technology and Innovation policy development in areas such as Open Science; and promoting public engagement to give further visibility to EU-Japan cooperation in research and innovation.

The measures were discussed and adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU-Japan Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation in Brussels on 18 May 2015, co-chaired by Mr Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General for Research and Innovation and Mr Makoto Katsura, Ambassador for Science and Technology Cooperation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.