



Jean-Eric Paquet is the Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to Japan since autumn 2022.

He held various mandates at the European Commission, where he contributed in shaping EU policy in various fields and achieved major breakthroughs. As the Director-General for Research and Innovation from 2018 and 2022, he set up the European Innovation Council and promoted a whole-of-government approach for R&I, notably via the creation of several EU Missions to solve major ecological, societal and economical challenges.

He gained considerable experience at international level as Director for the Western Balkans in the Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations and as EU Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania from 2004 to 2007.

From 2015 to 2018, he was Deputy Secretary-General of the European Commission, in charge of Better Regulation and Policy Coordination.

He also led the development of the Trans-European Transport Network Policy and was responsible for Europe's transport infrastructure policy and investment strategies, the single European rail area, inland waterways and port policy.

In all his endeavours, he puts co-creation and systemic change at the heart of the decision-making process, and strongly believes that citizens should be more involved in shaping public policy agendas.