



Launch of Horizon Europe – The 9th EU Research & Innovation Framework Programme (2021-2027) for a Green, Digital and Inclusive Transition: new Collaboration & Mobility Opportunities

(Online)

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Horizon Europe is the European Union's key funding programme for research and innovation with a budget of EUR 95.5 billion for the years 2021-2027. The programme facilitates collaboration and strengthens research and innovation for developing, supporting and implementing EU policies. Openness to the world remains a key feature of Horizon Europe. The programme is fully aligned with the recently adopted Communication by the European Commission on the Global Approach to Research and Innovation, where international research cooperation is a top priority. With its focus on global challenges, cross-cutting missions, partnerships, and open science policy, Horizon Europe is an excellent vehicle to enable researchers in Japan and the EU to collaborate ever more closely than before.

This webinar, the first of its type in Japan on the Horizon Europe, will provide a general introduction to the programme and explain its importance and significance to researchers in Japan, particularly in terms of the mobility and collaboration opportunities which the new programme will open up. The webinar will begin with a series of welcome addresses and introductory remarks from key stakeholders in the EU and Japan. Horizon Europe and the first set of calls issued under the first Work Programme for 2021-2022 will then be explained, chiefly from the perspective of EU-Japan collaboration, frontier research, and mobility opportunities.

The event comes at an important time in EU-Japan relations for research, following the Joint Statement issued at the EU - Japan Summit in May 2021, which called for the EU and Japan to join forces to increase cooperation in research and innovation to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic and build more resilient, inclusive, green, and digital economies. The European Commission also recently adopted a Communication on the Global Approach to Research and Innovation, where international research cooperation was outlined as a top priority.

Please join this webinar to celebrate the launch of Horizon Europe in Japan and to learn more about this exciting new research programme and the many opportunities it will open for EU-Japan research collaboration and exchange.

Agenda:

15:30 Welcome remarks (EU)

- Dr. Patricia Flor, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan
- Mrs. Maria Cristina Russo, Director, Directorate for Global Approach and International Collaboration in R&I, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

15:45 Introductory remarks (Japan) – up to 5 min each

- Mr. Yuichi Inoue, Deputy Secretary General for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy/Councillor, Cabinet Office
- Mr. Naoki Himiya, Deputy Director-General, Science and Technology Policy Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- Mr. Tetsuya Tanaka, Deputy Director-General, Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
- Mr. Masaru Fujino, Deputy Director-General for ICT R&D and Cybersecurity Policy, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)
- Dr. Michinari Hamaguchi, President, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
- Dr. Susumu Satomi, President, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
- Dr. Yoshinao Mishima, President, Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)
- Mr. Hiroaki Ishizuka, Chairman, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)
- Dr. Hideyuki Tokuda, President, National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT)
- Dr. Kazuo Kyuma, President, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)

16:40 Horizon Europe – up to 10 min each

- **General overview of Horizon Europe**
 - Dr. Gediminas Ramanuskas, First Counsellor, Head of Science, Innovation, Digital and Other EU Policies Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan
- **Overview of the 2021-2022 Work Programme**
 - Dr. Tom Kuczynski, Science and Technology Advisor, Science, Innovation, Digital and Other EU Policies Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan
- **Pillar 1: Excellent Science**
 - Dr. Jose Labastida, Head of Unit, Support to the Scientific Council, European Research Council (presentation on European Research Council grants)
 - Mr. Dominik Sobczak, Deputy Head of Unit, R&I Actors and Research, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (presentation on Research Infrastructure)
 - Dr. Manuel Gomez-Herrero, Policy Officer, Unit C2 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission (presentation on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions)

- **Pillar 2: Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness**

- Mr. Ludger Rogge, Head of Unit, Future Urban & Mobility Systems, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (presentation on Connected, Cooperative and Automated Mobility)
 - Dr. Frederik Accoe, Senior Project Advisor Climate Action, Sector C1.1 Climate science, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (presentation on Climate Change)
 - Dr. Astrid-Christina Koch, Senior Expert, International relations & Communications, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, European Commission (presentation on Space)
 - Dr. Francky Callewaert, Policy Officer, Low emission future industries, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (presentation on Clean Aviation)
 - Dr. Stefan Kramer, First Counsellor, Science, Innovation, Digital, and other EU Policies, Delegation of the European Union to Japan (presentation on Digital)
 - Dr. Philippe Quevauviller, Research Programming and Policy Officer, Innovation and Industry for Security, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission (presentation on Civil Security for Society)
- Mr. Naomichi Yamada, National Contact Point for Horizon Europe in Japan
 - Dr. Judit Erika Magyar, Country Coordinator, EURAXESS Japan

18:55 Closing remarks (EU)

- Mrs. Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, International Cooperation II: Asia, Africa, Middle East & External Relations, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

Master of Ceremonies – Dr. Tom Kuczynski, Science and Technology Advisor, Science, Innovation, Digital and Other EU Policies Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan



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