



## **9<sup>th</sup> EU-Japan Science Policy Forum**

### **"Boosting Innovation: Policy Initiatives and Measures in the EU and Japan"**

**Organised by  
Delegation of the European Union to Japan and  
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)**

**Saturday, 6 October 2018  
11:30-14:30**

**Hotel Nikko Princess Kyoto  
630 Takahashicho, Karasuma-Takatsuji, Higashi-iru, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto**

*[Seated lunch will be served in the course of event]*

Over the past decade, science and technology have become intimately linked with innovation. Supporting innovation is a core mission of government, through strategic policy frameworks, funding programmes, regulatory reforms, benchmarking activities, and other initiatives.

Policies need to shape not only the research system, but also place that system within a broader domestic and international framework. Furthermore, innovation typically has broader implications than technological development. It can be used not only for nurturing industrial change and technologically driven economic growth, but also enhance productivity and competitiveness, address societal challenges, and improve quality of life.

Both Europe and Japan give substantial priority to science, technology and innovation. The European Union has established a number of initiatives to link research with innovation including the establishment of the European Innovation Council, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, public-private partnership initiatives, programmes that link research with proof of concept or other commercialisation support. Already present in Horizon 2020, these trends will be further enhanced in Horizon Europe, the next Research and Innovation Framework Programme from 2021-2027, valued at around 100 billion Euro, which will place greater emphasis on open innovation and mission oriented activities.

In Japan, the 5th Science and Technology Basic Plan, the Integrated Innovation Strategy, the Investments for the Future growth strategy, and other initiatives, are also closely linking science and technology with innovation. Japan, like Europe, is seeking to foster closer connections between different actors in the innovation eco-system, to introduce various support and commercialisation schemes, to address societal challenges via the use and exploitation of STI, and to foster a fundamental transformation of society via the ambitious Society 5.0 concept.

The 9th EU-Japan Science Policy Forum will explore how these two leading economies are seeking to foster and steer innovation, the frameworks they are creating, the tools they are deploying, the priorities they are setting and the objectives they are using.

## Agenda

*Programme in English, no interpretation*

- Masters of Ceremony**  
**Gediminas RAMANAUSKAS**, Counsellor, Head of Science and Technology Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan  
**Tateo ARIMOTO**, Professor of STI Program, GRIPS / Principal Fellow, Center for Research and Development Strategy, JST / Vice Director, International Institute for Advanced Studies
- 11:30-11:45**  
**Welcome Remarks**  
**Patricia FLOR**, Ambassador-designate of the EU to Japan  
**Koji OMI**, Chairman and Founder of STS *forum*
- 11:45-11:55**  
**Toast**  
**Michiharu NAKAMURA**, Counsellor to the President, Japan Science and Technology Agency / Member of the 10-Member Group to Support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, UN
- 11:55-12:35**  
**Policy Briefs**  
**Jean-Eric PAQUET**, Director-General, DG RTD, European Commission  
**Takahiro UEYAMA**, Executive Member, Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan  
**Yoshio YAMAWAKI**, Deputy Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan  
**Eva KAILI**, Chair, Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA), European Parliament
- 12:35-13:15**  
**Introductory Remarks on Innovation Policies in Europe and Japan**  
**Shoji WATANABE**, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan  
**Jean-Pierre BOURGUIGNON**, President, European Research Council  
**Yoshiko SHIROKIZAWA**, Executive Director, Japan Science and Technology Agency  
**Thom PALSTRA**, Rector Magnificus, University of Twente, Netherlands  
**Hidetoshi KOTERA**, Executive Director and Director of RIKEN Cluster for Science, Technology and Innovation Hub (RCSTI), RIKEN  
**Jacques MADDALUNO**, Director, CNRS Institute of Chemistry, France
- 13:15-14:15**  
**Discussion**  
Moderators:  
**Takao KURAMOCHI**, Senior Deputy Director-General, Center for Research and Development Strategy, Japan Science and Technology Agency  
**Lennart STENBERG**, Vinnova, Sweden
- 14:15-14:30**  
**Closing Remarks**  
**Jean-Eric PAQUET**, Director-General, DG RTD, European Commission  
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