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***“Horizon Europe and Moonshot around the same orbit”
Synergies between the EU and the Japanese programmes***

24 September 2020, 9:30 – 10:20 (Brussels time) / 16:30 -17:20 (JST time)

online session co-hosted by the EU Delegation in Tokyo

In an age where challenges and threats are more global than ever, it is crucial to join efforts to find solutions and to pursue common results. Japan and the EU are close partners in research and innovation, as underlined by the 2011 Japan-EU Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement, and by the positive participation of Japanese entities in Horizon 2020 projects. *Horizon Europe*, the forthcoming EU programme for research and innovation, and *Moonshot*, the Japanese programme for research and development, will offer new opportunities to strengthen synergies and enhance cooperation.

Taking stock of the ongoing collaboration between both governments, funding agencies and research organisations, this session will explore the importance of enhancing R&I cooperation between the EU and Japan to overcome pandemics, and face other important global challenges such as climate change, digital transition and ageing societies.

- How can the two sides work together to further intensify their cooperation by exploring synergies between Horizon Europe and the Moonshot Programme with the aim of addressing common challenges and reaching the ambitious goals that Japan and the EU commonly wish to achieve?
- How can the participation of the EU and Japanese STI communities in each other’s respective STI programmes and initiatives be facilitated?
- Possible expansion of co-funding mechanisms, joint calls, coordinated calls, twinning: what are the most appropriate modalities for enhancing STI cooperation?



Draft Programme

9:30-09:40 Opening Speeches

- Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Koichi Akaishi, Vice Minister for Innovation Policy, Cabinet Secretariat, Japan

9:40-9:55 How to Address Common Challenges Together

- Paulo Ferrao, Board Member of the Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission Board
- Michinari Hamaguchi, President of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
- Amanda Eichel, Executive Director for the Global Covenant of Mayors

9:55-10:10 Cases of Joint Missions

- Jean-Francois Soussana, Member of the Mission Board Soil Health and Food
- Kazuhiro Chiba, President of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Program Director of Moonshot Goal 5

10:10-10:20 Q&A with Online Participants and Concluding Remarks

Moderated by: Iris Wieczorek, President of IRIS Science Management Inc., and Representative of the Leibniz Association in Japan

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