

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the



on **Tuesday, 7 November 2023**

in the Schuman Room at the Berlaymont Building (Brussels) and online  
co-Chaired by Philippe Wahl (Chairman and CEO, La Poste Groupe)  
and Nobuhiro Endo (Executive Advisor, NEC Corporation)

## Final Agenda

### THE EU & JAPAN – PARTNERING ON ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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| 08:45 | Registration & welcome coffee (outside the Schuman room)   | 16:45 |
| 09:30 | <b>Opening Session</b> with brief remarks by the co-Chairs (Moderator: P. Wahl)  | 17:30 |
|       | <b>Keynote speech &amp; Handover to the Commission</b> (Moderator: N. Boltze)  | 17:40 |
| 09:40 | • <b>Keynote address by Věra Jourová (Vice President, European Commission)</b>   |       |
| 09:50 | • <b>Handover to the European Commission of the BRT's Recommendations</b>  |       |
| 10:00 | <b>Working Party Reports</b> (Moderator: J.-P. Forceville)   | 18:00 |
|       | • Working Party 1 – European Business Council in Japan – <b>Michael Mroczek</b> (for both sides)   |       |
|       | • Working Party 2 – Bayer Holding Ltd. – <b>Glen Argyle</b> (for both sides)   |       |
|       | • Working Party 3 – Fujitsu Limited – <b>Hidenori Furuta</b> (for both sides)  |       |
|       | • Working Party 4 – Cosylab d.d. – <b>Mark Pleško</b> (for both sides)   |       |
|       | • Summary of the Joint Recommendations – <b>Jean-Paul Forceville</b> (for both sides)  |       |
| 10:25 | <b>Joint Session</b> with the EU & Japanese Authorities (Moderator: N. Endo)   | 18:25 |
|       | • MOFA – <b>Kiyoto Tsuji</b> (State Minister for Foreign Affairs)  |       |
|       | • METI – <b>Nobuhiro Yoshida</b> (Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade & Industry)  |       |
|       | • MIC – <b>Hiroshi Yoshida</b> (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination)   |       |
|       | • DG GROW – <b>Kerstin Jorna</b> (Director-General)  |       |
| 10:55 | Coffee break (outside the Schuman room)  | 18:55 |
| 11:20 | <b>Themed discussion #1 – Economic Security &amp; Supply Chains</b> (Moderator: N. Boltze)   | 19:20 |
|       | <i>[Opportunity for EU-Japan cooperation to foster a more secure world   De-risking and more resilient supply chains   Export controls / investment screening / non-market economic practices monitoring   How businesses can use the 2019 <a href="#">Partnership on Sustainable Connectivity &amp; Quality Infrastructure</a>]</i> |       |
|       | • Marubeni Corporation – <b>Kuninori Kuroishi</b> (Senior Advisor)   |       |
|       | • BusinessEurope – <b>Markus Beyrer</b> (Director-General & CEO)   |       |
|       | • JETRO Brussels – <b>Kozo Saiki</b> (Director-General)  |       |
|       | • DG TRADE – <b>Maria Martin-Prat</b> (Deputy Director-General)  |       |
|       | • MOFA – <b>Yoshiyuki Yamada</b> (Deputy Director-General, Economic Affairs Bureau)  |       |
|       | • DG GROW – <b>Outi Slotboom</b> (Director, Strategy & Economic Analysis)  |       |
|       | • METI – <b>Nobuhiro Yoshida</b> (Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade & Industry)  |       |
|       | • Free discussion  |       |

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| 12:10 | <b>Buffet lunch &amp; networking</b> (outside the Schuman room)  | 20:10 |
| 13:40 | <b>Introduction of the next BRT Chair, EU-side</b> <i>(Moderator: P. Wahl)</i>   | 21:40 |
| 13:45 | <b>Themed discussion #2 – Green Transition</b> <i>(Moderator: P. Wahl)</i><br><i>[Green industrial strategies &amp; opportunities for industrial partnerships – improving the coordination of the EU and Japan’s green strategies; crystallising EU-Japan public-private cooperation in green hydrogen under the <a href="#">Memorandum of Cooperation on Hydrogen</a> and the <a href="#">EU-Japan Summit Joint Statement</a>; EU-Japan cooperation to promote the <a href="#">Circular Economy &amp; Resource Efficiency Principles</a>; how green regulations impact the business environment; harmonising environmental &amp; chemical substance regulations; accelerating cooperation on electric vehicles; clean technologies   <a href="#">Tackling GHGs</a> – carbon pricing, ETS, CBAM, CCS and CO<sub>2</sub> transportation   <a href="#">Energy</a> – expanding the usage of renewable energy; next-generation nuclear energy   <a href="#">Bioeconomy</a> – promotion of food-tech]</i> | 21:45 |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airbus – <b>Stéphane Ginoux</b> (President, Airbus Japan)</li> <li>• Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. – <b>Osamu Nagayama</b> (Honorary Chairman)</li> <li>• METRON Japan GK – <b>Vincent Sciandra</b> (CEO, METRON)</li> <li>• Japan Business Council in Europe – <b>Alistair Dormer</b> (President)</li> <li>• DG CLIMA – <b>Diana Acconcia</b> (Director, International Affairs and Climate Finance)</li> <li>• METI – <b>Nobuhiro Yoshida</b> (Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade &amp; Industry)</li> <li>• Free discussion</li> </ul>   |       |
| 14:45 | <b>Themed discussion #3 – Standardisation &amp; regulatory harmonisation, R&amp;D and skills</b> <i>(Moderator: N. Endo)</i><br><i>[Standardisation, Regulatory Harmonisation of food, bioeconomy, pharmaceutical and other products; harmonisation of legislation on AI &amp; cybersecurity standards and conformity processes; international harmonisation of ESG related disclosure standards; risk-based approach, balanced legal liability, promotion of relevant stakeholders’ engagement, in the field of corporate sustainability due diligence legislation   <a href="#">R&amp;D and skills</a> – Promotion of collaboration among public and private sectors of EU and Japan, to foster cutting-edge R&amp;D; facilitation of employees’ movement between the EU and Japan]</i>  | 22:45 |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I.C.O.N. – <b>Akari-Lisa Ishii</b> (Principal and Lighting Designer)</li> <li>• SMEunited – <b>Véronique Willems</b> (Secretary General)</li> <li>• MOFA – <b>Yoshiyuki Yamada</b> (Deputy Director-General, Economic Affairs Bureau)</li> <li>• DG GROW – <b>Gwenole Cozigou</b> (Director, Ecosystems III: Construction, Machinery &amp; Standardisation)</li> <li>• Free discussion</li> </ul>   |       |
| 15:35 | Coffee break (outside the Schuman room)  | 23:35 |
| 15:50 | <b>Themed discussion #4 – Digital &amp; AI</b> <i>(Moderator: N. Endo)</i><br><i>[<a href="#">Digital</a> – cross-border data flows and data management; securing the interoperability of data sharing platforms (e.g., Battery Passport, Digital Product Passport)   <a href="#">AI</a> – harmonised legal framework, ownership of data]</i>  | 23:50 |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DIGITALEUROPE – <b>Martin Bell</b></li> <li>• NEC Corporation – <b>Shigehiro Tanaka</b> (Corporate Senior EVP, Chief of External Relations)</li> <li>• DG CNECT – <b>Thibaut Kleiner</b> (Director – Policy Strategy &amp; Outreach)</li> <li>• MIC – <b>Yoshikazu Okamoto</b> (Deputy Director-General for International Economic Affairs, Global Strategy Bureau)</li> <li>• Free discussion</li> </ul>   |       |
| 16:40 | <b>Speeches by the Ambassadors</b> <i>(Moderator: P. Wahl)</i>   | 00:40 |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission of Japan to the European Union – <b>Yasushi Masaki</b> (Ambassador Extraordinary &amp; Plenipotentiary of Japan to the European Union)</li> <li>• Delegation of the European Union to Japan – <b>Jean-Eric Paquet</b> (Ambassador of the EU to Japan)</li> </ul>  |       |
| 16:50 | <b>Closing remarks</b> <i>(Moderator: N. Endo)</i>   | 00:50 |
| 17:00 | <b>Drinks reception</b> (outside the Schuman room, will end by 18:15)  |       |