

25th 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

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

12:10	Buffet lunch & networking (outside the Schuman room)	20:10
13:40	Introduction of the next BRT Chair, EU-side <i>(Moderator: P. Wahl)</i>	21:40
13:45	Themed discussion #2 – Green Transition <i>(Moderator: P. Wahl)</i> <i>[Green industrial strategies & 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 Memorandum of Cooperation on Hydrogen and the EU-Japan Summit Joint Statement; EU-Japan cooperation to promote the Circular Economy & Resource Efficiency Principles; how green regulations impact the business environment; harmonising environmental & chemical substance regulations; accelerating cooperation on electric vehicles; clean technologies Tackling GHGs – carbon pricing, ETS, CBAM, CCS and CO₂ transportation Energy – expanding the usage of renewable energy; next-generation nuclear energy Bioeconomy – promotion of food-tech]</i>	21:45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airbus – Stéphane Ginoux (President, Airbus Japan) • Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. – Osamu Nagayama (Honorary Chairman) • METRON Japan GK – Vincent Sciandra (CEO, METRON) • Japan Business Council in Europe – Alistair Dormer (President) • DG CLIMA – Diana Acconcia (Director, International Affairs and Climate Finance) • METI – Nobuhiro Yoshida (Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade & Industry) • Free discussion 	
14:45	Themed discussion #3 – Standardisation & regulatory harmonisation, R&D and skills <i>(Moderator: N. Endo)</i> <i>[Standardisation, Regulatory Harmonisation of food, bioeconomy, pharmaceutical and other products; harmonisation of legislation on AI & 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 R&D and skills – Promotion of collaboration among public and private sectors of EU and Japan, to foster cutting-edge R&D; facilitation of employees’ movement between the EU and Japan]</i>	22:45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.C.O.N. – Akari-Lisa Ishii (Principal and Lighting Designer) • SMEunited – Véronique Willems (Secretary General) • MOFA – Yoshiyuki Yamada (Deputy Director-General, Economic Affairs Bureau) • DG GROW – Gwenole Cozigou (Director, Ecosystems III: Construction, Machinery & Standardisation) • Free discussion 	
15:35	Coffee break (outside the Schuman room)	23:35
15:50	Themed discussion #4 – Digital & AI <i>(Moderator: N. Endo)</i> <i>[Digital – cross-border data flows and data management; securing the interoperability of data sharing platforms (e.g., Battery Passport, Digital Product Passport) AI – harmonised legal framework, ownership of data]</i>	23:50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIGITALEUROPE – Martin Bell • NEC Corporation – Shigehiro Tanaka (Corporate Senior EVP, Chief of External Relations) • DG CNECT – Thibaut Kleiner (Director – Policy Strategy & Outreach) • MIC – Yoshikazu Okamoto (Deputy Director-General for International Economic Affairs, Global Strategy Bureau) • Free discussion 	
16:40	Speeches by the Ambassadors <i>(Moderator: P. Wahl)</i>	00:40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission of Japan to the European Union – Yasushi Masaki (Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of Japan to the European Union) • Delegation of the European Union to Japan – Jean-Eric Paquet (Ambassador of the EU to Japan) 	
16:50	Closing remarks <i>(Moderator: N. Endo)</i>	00:50
17:00	Drinks reception (outside the Schuman room, will end by 18:15)	