

EU-Japan Business Dialogue Round Table Proposals for the Working Groups

WG 2: Regulatory and Standards Issues (including telecoms)

Regulatory issues

- Identify sectors where the industry and business community could benefit from 'regulatory convergence', i.e. 'legislation by objectives' which aims to safeguard public interests in the fields of health, safety, environment and consumer protection in a comparable manner.
- Recommend actions based on best regulatory practice to make legislation more transparent and to facilitate its application.
- Recommend ways to develop self-regulation of the markets as an alternative to public sector regulation and control, where appropriate.
- Develop a view on telecoms interconnection charges and rights of way in Japan.

Standards

- Identify areas in which the opportunities for alignment to international standards have not been fully exploited and recommend actions to rectify this.
- Make proposals to achieve a better match a) of existing national standards to international standards and b) of international standards to the needs of industry and the business community.
- Contribute to the development of third generation mobile communications standards.
- Suggest ways to improve (speed up) standardisation in the areas of electronic signatures, electronic payments and data protection.