

# **EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation**





# Missions

## of the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

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- Promote all forms of industrial, trade and investment cooperation between the EU and Japan
- Contribute to, and facilitate industrial cooperation between Japan and the EU
- Strengthen the technological capabilities and the competitiveness of the European industrial system



# Organisation

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- **Head Office in Tokyo (since 1987) + 1 Office in Brussels ( since1996)**
- **2 General Managers:**
  - **EU side: Mr. Julien Guerrier**
  - **Japan side: Mr. Hiroshi Tsukamoto**
- **27 employees (Japanese and European)**



# Activities of the Centre - 1

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- **EU-Japan Business Round Table**
  
  - **Think Tank activities**
    - **Energy, Environment, Climate change** (emissions trading, carbon capture and storage, green industries, environmental goods etc.)
  
    - **Foreign Direct Investment**
  
    - **Industrial Policy** (development of harmonised / converging standards in IT; IPR issues - patents, copyrights, GIs; competition policy, SME policies, etc.).
- Objectives**
- > Present and confront EU and Japanese policies in specific areas of joint interest
  
  - > Share best practices, Identify areas for future cooperation, Feedback to policy makers



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120 participants

Full report and presentations  
available at [www.eu-japan.eu](http://www.eu-japan.eu)



## EU-Japan Cooperation Clusters and R&D Internationalisation



### ■ Objectives:

- Put in contact companies (European and Japanese) interested in investing or developing cooperation in R&D in specific sectors with Governmental and Regional bodies pro-active in FDI and competitiveness and also with clusters managers.
- Inform Japanese companies on the R&D and Clusters network in the EU and what has been achieved so far.
- Enable Japanese and European companies to find R&D partners or highly expert subcontractors.
- Enable EU companies to find potential clients in their sector of competence



## Activities of the Centre - 2

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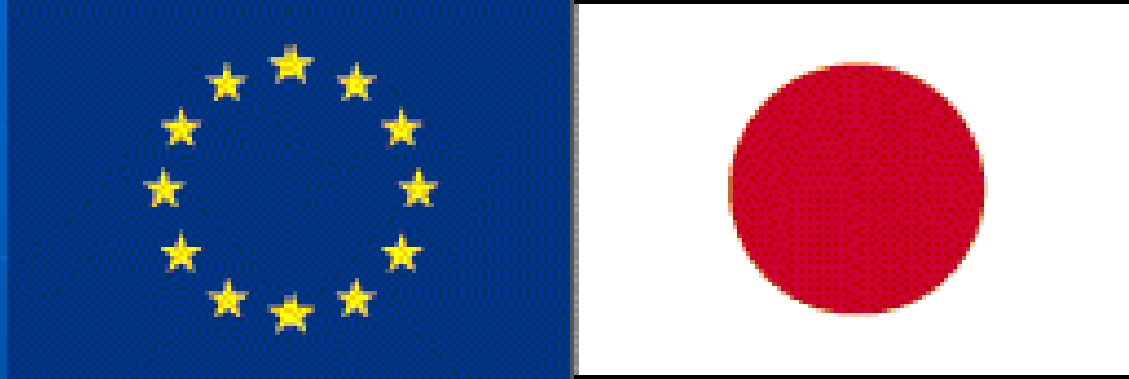
- Business services (training programmes for EU executives)
- Vulcanus in-company traineeships (for students in engineering and scientific fields)
- Information service (Business inquiries, seminars, EU i)  
-> To be extended to clusters
- Innovation (Manufacturing processes, Research & Technology Development, etc..)  
-> Support to Research networks and activities

# Clusters service

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- **Helpdesk service** for the benefit of European and Japanese clusters:
  - answer inquiries about Japan and EU clusters
  - help Japanese and EU clusters identify potential cooperation partners in the reciprocal regions.
- **Information service**: facilitate access to information
  - on EU and Japanese clusters in general
  - on existing cooperation set-ups between EU and Japanese clusters
  - on financing tools that may be used to foster future cooperations.



Thank you for your attention