



EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation Webinar on Sustainable Finance

~ Financing for 2050 carbon neutral ~

Japan and the EU now have a common goal of "2050 carbon neutral," and both industries are interested in how to finance their investments towards this goal.

Japanese companies have traditionally been enthusiastic about ESG (Environment, Social & Governance) initiatives, and many companies have committed to participate in TCFD ([Taskforce on Climate related Financial Disclosure](#)). Under these circumstances, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry announced the "[Climate Innovation Finance Strategy 2020](#)" in September 2020, and Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) announced the "[Basic Concept and Future Actions on Sustainable Finance in the Climate Change Field](#)" in October of the same year. By them, both public and private sectors clarify position that innovation should be achieved while utilizing a sustainable financial system.

And, in November 2020, with the support of industry, the Financial Services Agency of Japan also joined the [IPSF \(International Platform on Sustainable Finance\)](#), an international collaboration platform for sustainable finance, which was led by the EU. The EU is independently promoting the standardization of sustainable finance, but, toward the common goal of carbon neutral, to exchange opinions on the future direction of sustainable finance by four panelists from Japan and the EU is expected in this webinar.

1. Date and time: Thursday, March 9, 2021 17: 00-18: 30 Japan time / 9: 00-10: 30 Continental time)
2. Languages: Japanese & English (simultaneous interpretation)
3. Program:
 - 1) Presentation 17: 00-18: 00
 - **Mr. Takashi Omote**, Deputy Director-General for Energy, Environment and, Innovation, Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau, [Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry \(METI\)](#)
 - **Ms. Yukako Kinoshita**, CSR Committee chair, [the Japan Business Council in Europe \(JBCE\)](#)
 - **Mr. Nathan Fabian**, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, [The Principles for Responsible Investment \(PRI\)](#)
 - **Mr. Alexandre Affre**, Deputy Director General, [Business Europe](#)
 - 2) Discussion 18: 00-18: 30
Coordinator **Mr. Yasuo Tanabe**, Managing Director of the Japanese side of the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation
4. Participation fee: Free
5. Registration: This webinar will be conducted through ZOOM. Please register for participation from the following ZOOM link. [ZOOM](#). Please download the ZOOM app to your PC, tablet and



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smartphone before viewing this webinar. There have been reports of cases that the interpreter channel does not work via a browser.

6. Others

- 1) Questions during the seminar can be entered by chat from the PC & Smart Phone, but please note that we may not be able to accept questions due to time, etc. In addition, we also accept advance questions when registering for ZOOM.
- 2) Please apply for the lecture materials when you fill out the ZOOM questionnaire.