



Hybrid BRT Kick-Off Meeting on Friday, 6 November from 16:00 Tokyo / 08:00 Brussels

This 90-minute kick-off meeting, co-hosted by NEC and Merck, will prepare next year's annual meeting. A hybrid event, participants can either join the Kick-Off Meeting in-person at NEC HQ or online via Zoom. The event will be followed by a networking reception for on-site participants.

The first part of the meeting will feature exchanges with representatives of the EU and Japanese Authorities who will outline their expectations for the BRT and review recent EU-Japan government-to-government and business-to-government exchanges and preview forthcoming exchanges. It will be followed by discussion time.

The second part of the meeting will focus on preparations for the BRT's 28th annual meeting. A summary of the likely BRT 2027 themes can be found [here](#).

Meeting timing:	16:00 to 17:30 in Tokyo (and a networking reception until 19:30) 08:00 to 09:30 in Brussels
Locations:	• NEC Corporation, 7-1, Shiba 5 Chome, Minato, Tokyo, 108-8001. [Location map] Access: exit A10 of Mita Station (Asakusa Line station A10 and Mita Line station I04). • On Zoom Meeting (The connection link will be sent to them a few days before the event.)
Participants:	• Each BRT member company or organisation can decide who its participant(s) will be: BRT Sherpa(s) and/or BRT Principal Member • Representatives of the EU and Japanese Authorities
Registration:	via this webform (until 23 October)
Questions?	Please contact roundtable@eu-japan.eu

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AGENDA *for the* BRT Kick Off Meeting

Tokyo

Brussels

15:50-16:00 Online participants can login to the Zoom platform

07:50-08:00

KICK-OFF MEETING (NEC HQ B1F Conference hall and Zoom)

Part 1 – Exchanges with the Authorities

(moderated by Merck)

16:00-16:05 Opening remarks by the co-Chair companies

08:00-08:05

16:05-16:30 Remarks by the EU and Japanese Authorities

08:05-08:30

16:30-16:40 Q&A

08:30-08:40

Part 2 – Preparation for the BRT annual meeting

(moderated by NEC)

16:40-17:00 Updates on the Annual Meeting

08:40-09:00

17:00-17:15 Q&A

09:00-09:15

17:15-17:20 Comments from the EU-Japan Centre

09:15-09:20

17:20-17:25 Closing remarks by the co-Chair companies

09:20-09:25

17:30-19:30 **NETWORKING RECEPTION** (NEC HQ 40F Reception Hall)

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