



# Recommendations to the Leaders of the EU and Japan

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## Overview of WP-2 Recommendations

- WP-2 recommends taking action, to improve the innovation capabilities in the sectors below;
  - Life Science & Healthcare (9)
  - Biotechnology (6)
  - Industrial Chemicals (4)
  - Animal Health (1)
  
- WP-2 strongly calls on the EU and Japan to foster a sustainable business ecosystem and accelerate the following actions:
  - Properly evaluate innovations
  - Expedite regulatory harmonization
  - Promote new technologies to achieve sustainable food production and environmental load reduction

\* ( ) number of recommendations



## Prioritized WP-2 Recommendations

- Properly evaluate innovations
  - Properly reward innovations to fulfill patient unmet needs
  - Exclude innovative drugs from off-year drug price cuts in Japan
- Expedite regulatory harmonization
  - Promote regulatory reform to accelerate international regulatory harmonization
  - Utilize regulatory process more appropriately and effectively to promote evaluation and authorization of pharmaceuticals with high needs
  - Apply more flexible evaluation processes for breakthrough innovations
- Promote new technologies to achieve sustainable agriculture
  - Mutually accept biostimulants/biopesticides that are authorized in the respective market without requiring local risk assessments
  - Develop scientifically sound data requirements and risk assessment processes for new technologies



## Bioeconomy for sustainable agriculture/food

- To overcome the major challenges presented by climate change combined with a growing global population, WP-2 places focus on new technologies to reduce environmental impact and improve agricultural productivity
- Innovation that enables the replacement of hazardous chemical pesticides with safer ones is a key driver to achieving sustainable food production policies
- Key enablers include:
  - promotion of biopesticides, biostimulants, and RNA interferences
  - enhancement and harmonization of registration systems and mutual acceptance of biopesticides/biostimulants
  - Incentives for growers to adopt safer and more sustainable solutions in farming