

50th Anniversary of EU-Japan relations - an ever-deepening strategic partnership.

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Invited speakers:

Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to Japan

Laurent Depus, President of the European Business Council, Secretary General of the International Bankers Association of Japan

Hata Knoblauch, Managing Director of the Association of Japanese Companies in Frankfurt and Co-founder of the Japanese Cultural Centre

Valérie Moschetti, Executive Director, and COO at the European Business Council in Japan

Johannes Beyer, Senior Lawyer & Advisor to Japanese companies, President of the German/Japanese Association in Frankfurt

[Jean-Eric Paquet](#) was the Director-General for Research and Innovation from 2018 and 2022, he set up the European Innovation Council and promoted a whole-of-government approach for R&I, notably via the creation of several EU Missions to solve major ecological, societal, and economical challenges. In all his endeavours, he puts co-creation and systemic change at the heart of the decision-making process, and strongly believes that citizens should be more involved in shaping public policy agendas.

[Laurent Depus](#) has had several senior leadership positions in the financial services industry for over 35 years in Europe, South-East Asia and since 1988, in Japan. Experience in Banking, Securities, Trust Banking and Wealth Management. From 2003, contributor to key discussions on business, regulation and governance matters at the International Bankers Association of Japan (IBAJ). Appointed as a

Director of IBAJ in 2012, Vice Chairman in 2020-2021, and Secretary General in 2024. Appointed as President of the [European Business Council in Japan](#) in January 2024. Ambassador for FinCity.Tokyo between December 2021- March 2024.

Ms. Hata-Knoblach is co-founder and managing director of the Japanese Cultural Center in Frankfurt, Managing Director of the Association of Japanese Companies in Frankfurt as well as Board Member of the German/Japanese Society in Frankfurt. She is considered a driving force behind German/Japanese exchange.

[Valérie Moschetti](#) is Executive Director and COO at European Business Council in Japan. In the past, she has worked in the Ivory Coast, South Africa, and Morocco. She has an international career of 25 years in business development, strategy, and public affairs.

Japan has had a special place in [Johannes Beyer's](#) life for decades. The Frankfurt lawyer now advises Japanese companies and serves as president of the local German Japanese society.

Organisation:

2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening in Tokyo of the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities (EC), the European Union's predecessor.

Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the EU to Japan, will tell us how to turn this “golden Anniversary into a springboard”. He will be followed by Mr. Laurent Depus who will present the Japanese government's 5 key pillars plan to foster the economic transformation of the country. Mrs Hata Knoblach will then take the floor together with Mrs Valérie Moschetti and Mr Beyer, to focus on the Japanese business environment and etiquette.

[Wednesday 27 November 2024 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM CET time.](#)

IPSO Board Member Véronique Michel will host the webinar. She will be supported by Bernhard Stricker and Marco Luigi Fassetta. You will have the opportunity to discuss the views of the speakers after the presentation, during the Q&A session.

Best regards,
Véronique Michel, The IPSO Board

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