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Innovation: A key pathway to Europe's green deal and economic security  
(Summary by EUJC secretariate)

The seminar began with an introduction by the moderator Tanabe, MD of the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation. Then, Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan made a presentation.

- Presentation of Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan  
Research and innovation in Europe are linked to the Green Deal and economic security, not solely focused on innovation for its own sake. Horizon Europe is a toolbox that supports innovation and is the world's most efficient tool for this purpose. Unfortunately, I understand that Japan only submits 5 to 6 projects every year. By all means, I would like to ask that Japan makes active use of it. Currently, other than neighboring countries, New Zealand, South Korea, and Canada are considering joining Horizon as associate members and I urge Japan to consider the possibility of becoming an associate member as well.

After that, Tamura, RIETI Consulting Fellow made a comment.

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One of the most notable elements of Horizon is the mission-oriented innovation (MOI) policy. The MOI policy represents the trend in recent global innovation policy, emphasizing not only innovation for technology's sake, but for social change. For Japan to be able to effectively participate in Horizon, I think it depends on the extent to which the concept of MOI is integrated in Japan's innovation policy. While many Japanese companies and organizations have already applied for Horizon, I understand Ambassador Paquet's concern about how to synchronize Japan's overall innovation policy with Horizon Europe.

At the end of the session, the moderator asked the Ambassador the following questions (see video recording for details).

- Is clean methanol included in Horizon Europe Pillar II clusters?
- How are the effects of the EPA reflected in Horizon?



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