

The Delegation of the European Union to Japan,  
The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan  
and The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation  
Joint Hybrid Seminar  
(Summary)

EU CBAM and its implication for Japanese companies  
Monday, November 13, 2023 17:00-18:30 Tokyo (9:00-10:30 Brussels)

On November 13, the Center, together with the Delegation of the EU to Japan and the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), held a seminar on “[EU CBAM and its implication for Japanese companies](#)” in a hybrid format. EU CBAM was introduced as a carbon leakage countermeasure, but as it was difficult for Japanese companies to understand how to operate it, there was a growing need for explanation from the EU side. Therefore, No. of the registrants for the seminar was a total of 1,061, both on-site and online, and 740 actually participated, marking the second-highest number of participants ever for a center seminar.

The seminar began with an opening speech by Mr. Paquet, Ambassador of the EU to Japan, followed by keynote speeches by Mr. Thomas, Director General, DG TAXUD and Mr. Hatakeyama, Director General, ISTEP Bureau, METI. In their keynote speeches, they stated, “This seminar is the starting point for dialogue between Japan and the EU, and we hope to continue discussions in the future under the Green Alliance of both countries and the region.” Afterwards, Mr. Boubliil (TAXUD), Mr. Ono (JISF) and Ms. Yanagi (IEEJ) gave presentations as panelists, and a panel discussion was led by Mr. Tanabe, MD, the Centre.

A distinctive feature of this seminar was the honest exchange of opinions. As there were over 60 questions in advance from the registrants, the moderator Mr. Tanabe summarized the questions and proceeded in the form of asking questions. Questions included the consistency of CBAM with the WTO, handling of the ETS free quota, possibility of expanding the range of items for CBAM, confidentiality issues of EU importing companies, establishment of a CBAM certification body, etc. The exchange between the two sides was heated and active. More than 360 participants submitted questionnaires after the seminar, and received feedback such as “I have never seen a seminar where such honest and deep discussions took place”.



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