

SEMINAR ABOUT THE **IMPACT OF THE EU-JAPAN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Last 18th of June CEOE Aragon, together with the Embassy of Japan in Spain, European Commission, ICEX, the Spanish Ministry of Industry and Commerce, organised a seminar about the impact of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

The Ambassador of Spain in Japan Mr. Jorge Toledo and the minister of the Japanese Embassy in Spain Mr. Toru Shimizu detailed the economic benefits of this Agreement that will remove the majority of the €1 billion of duties paid annually by EU companies exporting to Japan and will also open up the Japanese market of 127 million consumers to key EU agricultural exports and will increase EU export opportunities in a range of other sectors.

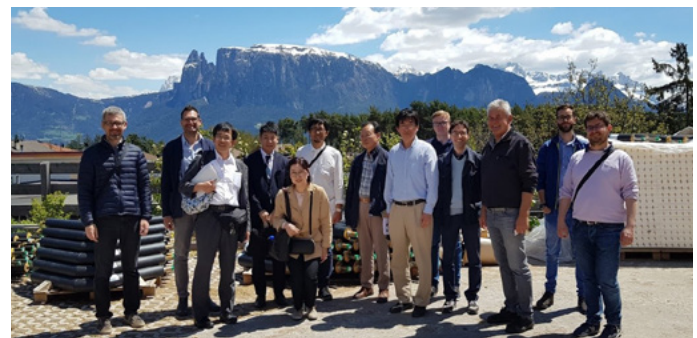


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EU-JAPAN BIOMASS SEMINAR - SUSTAINABLE VALUE CHAINS FOR DISTRIBUTED BIOENERGY PROJECTS

Challenges and opportunities for European and Japanese companies and research organizations discussed at the recent seminar in Lisbon.

The "2nd EU-Japan Biomass seminar - Sustainable value chains for distributed bioenergy projects" was held on 27 May in Lisbon, Portugal, during the 27th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition (EUBCE). The event was part of a collaborative program established between EUBCE and the Japan Institute of Energy (JIE), and followed the first "EU-Japan small-scale biomass gasification seminar" (<http://www.eubce.com/eu-japan-small-scale-biomass-gasification-seminar.html>) previously held in Higashi-Hiroshima, Japan, as a part of the 14th Conference on Biomass Science.



The workshop gathered experts from research and industry from both Europe and Japan, to discuss the challenges and the solutions to produce renewable energy for local communities from sustainable domestic biomass available in Japan. In recent years, the use of wood and wood residues for heat and power production from small-scale plants has increased sensibly in Japan, thanks the adoption of a supportive national policy framework and to the availability of feed-in tariffs for electricity. One of the technologies used for this is biomass gasification. Around 20 small-scale gasification plants are currently installed in Japan and more than 90 projects are in the planning phase, most of these installations are based on European technologies. Solutions are needed for the adaptation of those technologies to the specific site conditions and for the efficient utilisation of the forest biomass available locally.



On 23-24 May a study tour associated with the event, was organised by ETA Florence Renewable Energies (EUBCE organisers) and the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, for Japanese biomass experts to visit local biomass plants in South Tyrol (Italy). Building on the outcomes of these events, the organisers are now working to develop a framework for further knowledge transfer, research and industrial cooperation activities between Europe and Japan. Interested companies and organisations can contact: maurizio.cocchi@etaflorence.it.

The slides of the event are available for open access on below link.

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