

10th Anniversary of the European Research Council "Beyond the first 10 years"



Organised by the Delegation of the European Union to Japan

Date: Wednesday, 29 March 2017
Time: 16:00-18:30 (Seminar) / 18:30-20:00 (Reception)
Venue: Europa House, 4-6-28 Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo
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The European Research Council (ERC) is an important component of EU's Research and Innovation Framework Programme Horizon 2020 (2014-2020) and provides grants for investigator-driven research across all fields, purely on the basis of scientific excellence. This event will celebrate 10 years since the establishment of the ERC, and will provide an opportunity to learn about the major achievements thus far, as well as how the ERC will evolve beyond its first 10 years, the involvement of Japanese researchers (including through the ERC-JSPS exchange scheme), the importance of frontier research more generally and Japan's approaches to the issue.

Agenda

- MC** **Leonidas KARAPIPERIS**, Minister-Counsellor, Head of S&T Section, EU Delegation to Japan
- 16:00-16:10** **Welcome Addresses:**
- **Viorel ISTICIOAIA-BUDURA**, Ambassador of the EU to Japan
 - **Yoichi ITO**, Director-General, Science and Technology Policy Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- 16:10-16:25** **Keynote Address: Jean-Pierre BOURGUIGNON**, President, European Research Council
- 16:25-17:00** **Testimonials:**
- **Tetsuya KOMABAYASHI**, ERC grantee
 - **Fumikazu FURUMI**, JSPS fellow visiting ERC project
 - **Masaya UESUGI**, JSPS fellow visiting ERC project
 - Video messages from Japanese ERC grantees
- 17:00-18:10** **Panel Discussion on:**
"Nurturing scientific breakthroughs through the support of investigator-driven frontier research"
Moderator:
- **Yoichiro MATSUMOTO**, Executive Director, RIKEN
- Panellists:**
- **Yuko HARAYAMA**, Executive Member, Council of Science, Technology and Innovation (CSTI), Cabinet Office of Japan
 - **Yuichiro ANZAI**, President, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
 - **Jean-Pierre BOURGUIGNON**, President, European Research Council (ERC)
 - **Mary COLLINS**, Dean of Research, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST)
 - **Dai AOKI**, Professor, Institute for Materials Research, Tohoku University, former ERC grantee
- 18:10 – 18:25** **Q&A**
- 18:25 – 18:30** **Closing Remarks**
- 18:30 – 20:00** **Reception**

The seminar will be held in English, with no interpretation. As seats are limited, prior registration is required at DELEGATION-JAPAN-ST@eeas.europa.eu by 22 March. We will send an email confirmation by 24 March at the latest.

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