

EU-Japan EPA  
1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Agricultural Cooperation Committee  
Tokyo, 22 July 2019

Recognising the EU and Japan's mutual interest in promoting trade of agri-food products, as well as cooperating in the field of sustainable agriculture, the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (Chapter 19) set out a framework of bilateral cooperation that includes the establishment of the Committee on cooperation in the field of agriculture.

The first meeting of the Committee took place on 22 July 2019 in Tokyo.

Japanese participants from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and EU participants from the European Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development and the Delegation of the European Union to Japan had an initial exchange of views and discussed prospects for cooperation in the field of agricultural policy.

In particular, participants exchanged information on their respective policy initiatives aimed at addressing the environment and climate change dimension of agricultural activities.

Participants also discussed cooperation on organic farming, exchanging information on regulatory developments and implications for the equivalence arrangements between the EU and Japan.

The representatives of the EU and Japan confirmed to continue working towards further cooperation in the field of agriculture.