

EU-Japan EPA  
2nd meeting of the Agricultural Cooperation Committee  
9 February 2021  
(by videoconference)

The second meeting of the Committee on cooperation in the field of agriculture established under Chapter 19 of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership (EPA) was held on 9 February 2021. In view of the travel and other restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was held by videoconference.

EU participants from the European Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, the Directorate General for Trade and the Delegation of the European Union to Japan, and Japanese participants from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Mission of Japan to the EU recognised the EU and Japan's mutual interest in promoting trade of agri-food products, as well as cooperating in the field of sustainable agriculture and exchanged information on their respective policy initiatives aimed at addressing the environment and climate change dimension of agricultural activities.

The EU presented its Farm-to-Fork initiative, the Green Deal and the link with the EU Common Agricultural Policy and Japan presented its Strategy for Sustainable Food Systems in the context of the "Measures for achievement of Decarbonisation and Resilience with Innovation" announced in Japan.

Participants also discussed their initiatives and potential contributions to the 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit. The respective teams will continue to work together to find common ground in preparing this summit.

The representatives of the EU and Japan confirmed their willingness to continue their cooperation in the field of agriculture.