

EU -Japan EPA
3rd meeting of the Agricultural Cooperation Committee

Brussels, 31 May 2022

The third 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 31 May 2022 in Brussels.

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 started the meeting with addressing the issue of food security in light of the Ukraine crisis, including international cooperation.

Participants continued to recognise 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 the state of play on its Farm-to-Fork initiative, the Green Deal and the link with the EU Common Agricultural Policy and Japan presented the state of play on 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 innovation in a context of climate change and sustainable agriculture.

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