



HYDROGEN STRATEGY: EU and JAPAN Perspectives

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Objectives

Battling an increasingly severe climate crisis, the international community has accelerated efforts to decarbonize the economy and society. Coupled with a worsening energy crisis that has made the urgency even greater to improve efficiency, the transition to more affordable and more stable renewable energy is of primary importance. In order to move away from fossil fuels, the EU has decided to undertake a strategy of increasing the renewables in the power sector to 69% by 2030. As prices continue to surge, the momentum has grown to avoid gray and blue hydrogen and utilize renewable-based green hydrogen.

In 2017 the Japanese government became the first in the world to formulate a national hydrogen strategy. However, six years later the country is performing far below its main goal of increasing the uptake of fuel cells - also in vehicles -, and the hydrogen stations built across the nation saw little use. Decision-makers increasingly looking for ways to re-examine the hydrogen strategy and implement a more radical decarbonization blueprint.

This panel discussion will look at the global trends in hydrogen use and production, examine the strategies of Japan and the European Union, identify weak points and reassert strong arguments that resulted in success stories.

Agenda

TIME	EVENT
17:00-17:03JST/10:00-10:03CEST	<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Judit Erika Magyar <i>Country Representative</i> EURAXESS Japan</p>
17:03-17:10JST/10:03-10:10CEST	<p>KEYNOTE SPEECH</p> <p>Jean-Eric Paquet <i>Ambassador</i> Embassy of the European Union to Japan</p>
17:10-17:45JST/10:10-10:45CEST	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Sven Saaler <i>Professor</i> Sophia University</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Jens Geier <i>Member of the European Parliament</i> The European Parliament</p> <p>Tatsuya Terazawa <i>Chairman and CEO</i> The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan</p> <p>Martin Schulz <i>Chief Economist</i> Fujitsu Ltd.</p> <p>Akiko Yoshida <i>Climate and Energy Campaigner, Team Leader</i> Friends of the Earth Japan</p>
17:45-18:00JST/10:45-11:00CEST	<p>CLOSING PRESENTATION</p> <p>Sven Kevin van Langen <i>Research Fellow</i> European Union Centre in Taiwan National Taiwan University</p>

