Information seminar on opportunities for collaboration under "HORIZON EUROPE" - the European Union's Funding Programme for Research and Innovation



To promote active participation by our university's researchers and PhD students in "Horizon Europe (2021-2027)"—the world's largest research and innovation support programme funded by the European Union (EU) with a budget of approximately €95.5 billion—we are hosting an information seminar on the opportunities for collaboration under the Programme, which will include an overview and practical information on how to participate in various schemes. The event coincides with a new batch of calls for proposals, which are currently being published by the European Commission.

The key item of the agenda will be how to apply and effectively use MSCA (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions), the most popular scheme among researchers in Japan. MSCA supports research collaboration and career development, including international exchange of researchers between Japan and Europe. Under this program, doctoral students and individual researchers can receive comprehensive financial support from the EU, including research funding, living allowances, and travel costs. This enables them to carry out research at leading institutions in Europe within a financially stable environment. The program also offers opportunities to host European researchers in Japan. In this seminar, an overview of the MSCA and practical guidance on how to apply will be provided.

The meeting will be also an opportunity to learn about a possibility of Japan joining the programme as an Associated Country from next year, which would give unprecedented opportunities for funding to Japanese entities which would participate in consortia driven research projects.

■ Date and Time:

June 12, 2025 (Thu.), 13:10 - 15:00 (Individual consultations from 15:00 at the same venue)

■Venue:

Conference Room, 5th Floor, Faculty of Agriculture, Ikarashi Campus, Niigata University Ikarashi Campus | Access | NIIGATA UNIVERSITY

■ Organised and Co-hosted by:

Institute for Research Administration and Institute for Global promotion, Niigata University, and Delegation of the European Union to Japan

Audience: Researchers, Faculty members, Students, Administrative Staff, UAs, etc.

■Language: English

■Programme:

13:00-13:10 Registration 13:10 Opening

13:10-13:15 Opening Remarks

Prof. Toshiyuki Someya, Executive Vice President for Global Affairs,

Niigata University

13:15-13:25 Introductory Remarks

Mr. Gijs Berends, Head of Science, Innovation, Digital, and Other EU Policies Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan

13:25-13:40 Overview of Horizon Europe

Mr. Tom Kuczynski, Science and Technology Advisor, Science, Innovation, Digital, and Other EU Policies Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan

13:40-14:00 Overview of the latest Horizon Europe calls, conditions for participation in consortia driven research, statistics

Ms. Fumiko Oda, the Manager of the National Contact Point for Horizon Europe in Japan (NCP-Japan)

14:00-14:20 Horizon Europe Pillar One Mono-beneficiary Grants (MSCA etc.)

Ms. Judit Erika Magyar, Country Representative, EURAXESS Japan

14:20-14:50 Q&A Session

14:50-14:55 Closing Remarks

Prof. Kuni Sueyoshi, Executive Vice President for Research and Postgraduate Studies, Niigata University

14:55-15:00 Announcement on Individual Consultations

(Organised at the same Venue, 15:00-16:00. Walk-in participants welcome)

■ Registration: Please register in advance at the link below (on-site registration is available)

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