The JEUPISTE project Consortium is delighted to present the reader with the first e newsletter of the Japan-EU Partnership in Innovation, Science and Technology (JEUPISTE) Bilat project. Contrary to the standards of previous INCO-NET projects, this first issue of the newsletter deliberately will not be dedicated to the meticulous description of the work to be done, instead it will try to give a short overview of the continuously evolving collaboration between the European Union and Japan.

The past decade has seen an upswing in the intensity of cooperation between the European Union and Japan in the field of R&D. The number of Japanese initiatives is constantly growing, the number of fellowships, collaborative research projects, study visits have significantly increased in the previous years, and this trend can also be observed in the European Union. The introduction of Japan – EU collaboration thematics to the Framework Programme of the European Union took Japan-EU cooperation to a whole new level.

The J-BILAT project was the first FP7 “BILAT” project for the promotion of EU-Japan cooperation, under Capacities Programme. The J-Bilat project contributed significantly to a better understanding of the Framework Programme and other European programmes by Japanese researchers and managers, policy makers and funding organisations. As answer to the increasing demand for more coordinated science and technology cooperation, the CONCERT-Japan “Connecting and Coordinating European Science and Technology Development with Japan” ERA-NET project was launched in January 2011 within the Capacities Programme of FP7. The main achievement of the project is the announcement of a joint call – that was preceded by numerous surveys on the possible fields of cooperations – built around topics of mutual interests. The existence of such a call is a powerful instrument to further elaborate on the future of the cooperation between Europe and Japan. Building upon the results of these previous Japan-EU thematic projects, a new Bilat Project under the acronym of JEUPISTE was launched in September 2013. The expected outcome of the project is on one hand the intensification of R&D cooperation between the EU and Japan, and on the other hand and a further increase in the Japanese participation in the Framework Programme for the 2014-2020 programming period – Horizon 2020.

Further information on the JEUPISTE project can be found on the project homepage (www.jeupiste.eu), along with a project registration database, where all those who are interested in Japanese-EU R&D Cooperation are more than welcome to register.

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What is Project JEUPISTE?
A Japan-EU Bilat project to be carried out between 2013 and 2015. The JEUPISTE project aims at further promoting EU-Japan cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) through supports to policy dialogues, deployment of bilateral information services, organisation of networking events focusing on specific technologies and/or societal challenges, operation of help desk services and contribution to the development of human resources for collaborative projects.
Official Launch event of the JEUPISTE Project

The JEUPISTE project organized its official launch event on 6th December 2013 in Tokyo, Japan. The event comprised of two seminars: and “Info-day on Horizon 2020 in Japan” and the Launch Seminar: “Horizon 2020 and EU-Japan Strategic Partnership building”. The event attracted serious attention, there were more than 200 people on the participant list for the launch seminar, and ca. 80% attended. The aim of the Info-day was to raise awareness of the Japanese R&D stakeholders to the opportunities of the Framework Programme. During the seminar, key elements of Horizon 2020 were presented to researchers, R&D managers from public and private organizations, and the key Japanese ministries and funding agencies involved in international research collaboration.

The thematics of the info-day were organised around two logical units:

- **Presentations from the part of the European Union** shed light on the structure of the new Horizon 2020 Programme (Barbara Rhode - EU Delegation), the open opportunities for collaboration in the first 2020 calls (Monique Bossi - APRE) and the work of EURAXESS (Lee Woolgar - EURAXESS). Representing the newly appointed Japanese National Contact Point for Horizon 2020 in Japan, Toshiyasu Ichioka presented the broad range of EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation (IIST) services offered by to private and public organisations.

- **Presentations from the Japanese side** presented Japanese funding schemes that could be used to support Horizon2020. The audience received information about the Coordinated Call in ICT (Natsuo Tai Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications), the COI Stream Program (Motoi Eto - MEXT) and the activities of the JSPS (Sayaka Iwamura - JSPS). The Info day concluded with the presentation of 3 success stories.

During the project launch seminar in the afternoon, Yuko Harayama, executive member of the Council for Science and Technology Policy introduced the Japanese STI strategy and strategic partnership with Europe. Barbara Rhode explained the philosophy and history of Framework Programmes and the future perspectives concerning the collaboration with Japan. In the second part of the seminar several examples of research cooperation were presented (EU-JO-LIMMS, the joint call of CONCERT JAPAN). The event concluded with the status report of the JEUPISTE project by Toshiyasu Ichioka(IIST) and Sabine Puch (DLR).

All presentations are accessible on the Jeupiste website:

http://www.jeupiste.eu/events/horizon-2020-information-day-2013126-0900-1145
http://www.jeupiste.eu/events/project-launch-seminar-2013126-1400-1800

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### April

**Submission deadline: Eu-Japan Research And Development Cooperation In Net Futures**
- Technologies combining big data, internet of things in the cloud
- Optical communications
- Access networks for densely located users
- Experimentation and development on federated Japan - EU testbeds


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**Event: “Horizon2020 - New opportunities for Japanese researchers to join international projects” info day**

will be held at the Delegation of the European Union to Japan (Europa House) 4-6-28 Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0047


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**Submission Deadline: Concert Japan Photonics**

The second CONCERT-Japan Joint Call is launched on the topic of Photonic Manufacturing. The CONCERT-Japan Photonic Manufacturing Joint Call is open for the submission of project proposals until 30 April 2014 (deadline of 1 pm GMT and 10 pm Japanese time).

more info: [http://www.concertjapan.eu/node/235](http://www.concertjapan.eu/node/235)

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**Submission Deadline: 2013 EU ICI-ECP Programme for Joint Mobility Projects (JMP) and Joint Degree Projects (JDP)**

This Call supports co-operation with Australia, Japan and the Republic of Korea by means of Joint Degree projects (JDP) and Joint Mobility projects (JMP). Such projects focus on structured exchanges of students and faculty members and on the joint development of joint or shared curricula and joint study programmes


### May

**Event: SUCRE EU-JAPAN Workshop – Research On Clouds And IoT In Europe And Japan: Current Status And Ways To Collaborate**

The event, jointly organised by the SUCRE, OCEAN & ClouT projects, will take place in Brussels and aims at contributing to the EU-Japan dialogue on open and interoperable Clouds. Presentations and discussions will involve stakeholders and key industrial players from both regions.

**Event: Higher Education Fair in Kyoto and Tokyo**
Delegation of the European Union to Japan, along with its coorganisers, the Directorate-General for Education and Culture, Campus France, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Meiji University, and Doshisha University, announce the holding of the European Higher Education Fair 2014 Japan. The Jeupiste Project is contributing with a booth, shared with the delegation and EURAXESS Links Japan.

more info: [http://www.campusfrance.org/sites/default/files/Lettre%20d’invitation%20European%20Higher%20Education%20Fair%202014.pdf](http://www.campusfrance.org/sites/default/files/Lettre%20d’invitation%20European%20Higher%20Education%20Fair%202014.pdf)

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**Event: JEUPISTE dissemination event on material sciences and nanotechnology**
Venue: Kobe, Japan

more info: TBA

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**Submission deadline: CloudSource Magazine – Call For Abstracts Issue 4**
The Editorial Board of the SUCRE CloudSource Magazine is pleased to inform you that it is now accepting contributions for the 4th and last issue of the aforementioned Magazine to be published next September 2014.

more info: [http://www.sucreproject.eu/content/cloudsource-magazine-%E2%80%93-call-abstracts-issue-4](http://www.sucreproject.eu/content/cloudsource-magazine-%E2%80%93-call-abstracts-issue-4)

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**PAST EVENT**
On 24-25 March 2014, the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation organized an intensive training course on EU project management. The course was covering widely the EU programmes and related subjects including Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) and Communication, with a strong focus on project cycle management in Horizon 2020. In total 23 participants from the academia, industry and other types of organizations took the interactive course at the delegation of the European Union to Japan, which was evaluated highly, especially as an opportunity for comprehensive learning on European projects as well as networking with managers from across the fields and organizations. Various training courses will also be offered through the JEUPISTE projects.

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