

**Chairs' Summary for the  
EC-METI/NEDO Officials' Meeting in Naples  
October 15-16, 2009**

<Background>

Mr. Akira Amari, then Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, and Mr. Janez Potocnik, European Commissioner for Research, agreed on promoting cooperation between the EC and Japan in research and development in the energy area in June 2008. Under this initiative, the "EU-Japan Joint Strategic Workshop on Energy Research and Technological Development" was held in Tokyo in March 2009.

At this workshop, both sides selected photovoltaics, power storage, and CCS as topics for cooperation. They also discussed the possibility of cooperation with other developed countries in promoting cooperation with major emerging/developing economies. In order to assess the progress of the cooperation, the "EC-METI/NEDO Officials' Meeting" was held in Naples on October 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

<Joint activities>

Both sides planned the following joint actions in the meeting.

In the field of photovoltaics, it is intended to start working on the coordination of schemes for a coordinated call and a researcher exchange to be launched in 2010, and to examine a collaborative scheme for implementing a round robin.

In the field of power storage, both sides will hold an expert meeting on testing and evaluation methodology for safety, possibly in the first half of 2010, in order to facilitate information exchange. They will also explore the possibilities of cooperation regarding a pre-competitive next generation battery and integration of storage on the grid. Furthermore, possibilities for an exchange of researchers will be examined.

In the field of CCS, both sides intend to hold a workshop in the first half of 2010 in order to speed up cooperation, particularly on non-competitive aspects such as modeling, public perception and safety of storage. For longer term cooperation, both sides will explore the possibility of cooperation on research and technology development in pre-competitive areas. Possibilities for an exchange of researchers will also be explored.

Both sides welcomed the initialling of "the agreement between the government of Japan and the European Community on cooperation in science and technology" in February 2009. Both sides will work together towards a long term strategic partnership in the field of energy. In this regard, an administrative arrangement will be formulated under the above agreement to facilitate the development and implementation of EC-Japan cooperation at an operational

level. Both sides agreed to work towards such an administrative arrangement on the occasion of the first joint Committee meeting.

EC-METI/NEDO Officials' meetings will take place regularly to assess the progress made in the implementation of the cooperation and to develop further actions. The next meeting is planned to take place on the occasion of the first joint Committee meeting under the agreement.

<European Energy Research Alliance (EERA)>

Both sides also agreed to explore how to develop cooperation between EERA and Japanese research networks of excellence.

**Chairs' Summary for the  
EC-METI/NEDO-USDOE Officials' Meeting in Naples  
October 16, 2009**

EC, METI/NEDO and US Department of Energy (DOE) discussed the potential for trilateral cooperation of mutual interest on clean energy technologies. They reviewed planned and ongoing bilateral cooperation that might serve as a basis for trilateral efforts. On the basis of the common areas of bilateral cooperation that were noted, it was proposed that trilateral efforts might initially focus on technologies for CCS, smart grids, and photovoltaics. The three sides agreed to share contact points in each of these areas to facilitate further discussions on specific projects and activities that might be considered. It was also agreed that the three sides should explore the options for parallel calls in areas of common interest. It was further agreed to follow up on options for trilateral cooperation at the next officials meeting. Finally, the three sides discussed the importance of a coordinated approach towards energy technology cooperation with emerging and developing countries and agreed that it would be beneficial to exchange relevant information on a more systematic basis.