Flash Report: BUSINESS EUROPE Japan network meeting
17 November 2015

was invited to participate in the Business Europe Japan Network meeting on 17th November. He provided an update on the EU-Japan FTA negotiations and the next steps.

The following questions were asked:

Danish Industry Association: Will the TPP be a floor or rather a ceiling of the EU-Japan FTA? The TPP does not seem to be ambitious enough on many products e.g. pork, which is of great interest to Danish companies. Are our deals with Canada and Vietnam better from what these two countries offered in the TPP context? Do we have solid grounds to request Japan to give us more? What about pharmaceutical sector in the negotiations?

MEDEF: What about Procurement and the elimination of OSC? We need reciprocal market access. What about GIs? Will Japan protect all EU GIs?

ESF: Where are we on services? Are we going to give Japan an offer comparable with CETA? What about insurance, postal services? Where are we on investment including investment protection and the ISDS? Will the ISDS slow down the negotiations? How can we speed up the approval process of FTAs in general? Translation and the whole approval process in the EU lasts too long. It is not credible to deliver FTAs after 7 years.

COSIR: Where do we stand when it comes to medical devices?

BE: Where are you with regard to the RoO negotiations? Do you plan to have the same approach as in the context of the TTIP negotiations?

Next meeting of the BUSINESS EUROPE Japan network will take place early next year.

Best regards,
I am pleased to send you a confirmation of your participation in the next Japan Network meeting that will take place on 17 November 2015 at BUSINESSEUROPE (Avenue de Cortenbergh 168, 1000 Brussels, Europe meeting room).

We would like to invite you to join from **10h30 to 11h30** in order to discuss the state of play on the EU-Japan FTA negotiations and the general economic relationship between the EU and Japan, followed by a Q&A with our members.

I thank you for your attention and I remain at your disposal for any further information.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours respectfully,

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