

## Joint call topics

2012

« Resilience against Disasters »  
&  
« Efficient Energy Storage and Distribution »

2014

« Photonic Manufacturing »

2016

« Food Crops and Biomass Production  
Technologies »

2017

« Efficient Energy Storage and  
Distribution »

2018

« Functional Porous Materials »

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support and enhance STO  
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## Background

The European Interest Group (EIG) CONCERT-Japan is an international joint initiative to support and enhance **science, technology and innovation (STI) cooperation** between **European countries and Japan**.

Its primary function is to collaboratively implement **multilateral joint funding**. As far as it is relevant to that objective, the EIG CONCERT-Japan also aims to **facilitate coordination** between participating organisations in their activities relating to the programmes of the European Union, and those undertaken within other international collaborative frameworks through the identification of common preferences, priorities and areas of mutual interest.

CONCERT-Japan began as an ERA-NET project from 2011 to 2014. Two successful Joint Calls have shown a high relevance of the schemes and the need for continuation. The collaboration is now continuing **independently** of EU support, as an activity from a broader **European Interest Group for Japan** (EIG is a flexible platform for communication and coordination amongst STI institutions in Europe and Japan).

## Why join the EIG CONCERT-Japan?

- Strengthening scientific cooperation between two major research regions.
- Taking part in the choice of the thematic priorities of the Joint Calls.
- Participating in activities on a call-by-call basis: become a member of the Funding Organisations Forum (FOF).
- Freely deciding of your own funding commitment and regulations.
- Benefiting from the consortium's experience in international cooperation within the framework of a well-established network.

## What is expected from new partners ?

- As all partners, you will provide funding and support to the researchers based in your country, and in accordance with your own national/regional rules.
- You will take part in the evaluation and selection of proposals.
- In addition to your funding commitment, you will bear the costs incurred by your own nominated representatives (including staff and Scientific Committee members).

## Standard Operating Procedure of Joint Calls

