



Mission of European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Study Group  
**“The Role of Civil Society in the negotiation and  
implementation of an EU-Japan Free Trade Agreement”**

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**10:00-11:30 Exchange views with faculties of Kwansai Gakuin University (KGU)**

Contents:

—A short presentation (20-30min)  
“The Light Vehicle Market in Japan”  
Prof. H. Bungsche, School of International Studies, KGU

—A short presentation (20-30min)  
“The Role of Civil Society in the EU-Japan FTA/EPA”  
Ms. Laure Batut, EESC

—Discussion (30-40min)  
Chairperson: Associate Prof. Akira Ichikawa, Institute for Industrial Research,  
KGU, advisor of EUIJ Kansai

**11:30-12:45 Luncheon Meeting at Restaurant POPLAR**

**12:45-14:00 From KGU to Kansai Economic Federation (KEF)**  
Associate Prof. Ichikawa will attend the group

**14:00-15:00 Exchange views between EESC Delegation and KEF staff members**  
—A short presentation on the EESC's Mission this time (20-30min)  
—Discussion (30min)

- 15:00-15:30** From KEF to Osaka-Umeda Campus of KGU
- 15:45-16:45** Meeting with EUIJ-Kansai members  
Venue: Meeting Room 1404, Osaka-Umeda Campus of KGU
- 17:00-18:15** Light dinner at a nearby restaurant
- 18:15-18:45** Picking up luggage at Hilton Osaka  
From Osaka-Umeda Campus to Hilton Hotel: about 1.2km/20minute on foot
- 19:37** EESC Mission Leave Shin-Osaka (NOZOMI 54) for Tokyo
- 22:13** Arrive at Tokyo Station