



Summary of Discussion Between the Ministry of Economy and Finance of France and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan on

New Energy Systems Working Group

The Ministry of Economy and Finance of France and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI), within the framework of the bilateral Industrial Cooperation Committee between the Directorate General for Enterprises (DGE) and METI, held a two day working group in Grenoble, France.

Aiming at fostering joint collaboration between French and Japanese, both sides assessed the strong participation of over 90 representatives of State services and operators, private companies, and innovation entities such as clusters, associations and R&D centers. Fields of joint interest such as hydrogen, renewable energy (solar and biomass) and smart grids have been addressed. The visits of CEA LITEN, Air Liquide, Tenerrdis, Compagnie de chauffage de Grenoble and Schneider Electric have been held in addition, highlighting the importance of local innovation for achieving energy transition.

Both sides, with the State services and operators and with the support of Metropole of Grenoble-Alpes, will follow bilateral partnerships and projects that might emerge from this working group. Also, a report will be made to the upcoming Industrial Cooperation Committee between France and Japan.

The next working group will be organized in Japan in 2021.