

Legal Services Committee Event February 2023

The Role of the Legal Profession in Addressing Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Issues in an Ever-Shifting World

A Speaking and Networking In-Person Event with European Wines

The European Union, and its Member States, have been at the forefront of addressing the importance of ESG issues in parliaments and corporate board rooms. The Government of Japan, as well as the Japanese corporate world, have emerged as strong allies in bringing this important message to the global stage.

Join us in discussing the importance of ESG in global commerce, and ways in which laws, regulations, and corporate governance can be utilized in enhancing our shared global future. Attention will be placed on global supply chains, shifts in market dynamics, and recent regional experiences with tackling the COVID pandemic.

When: Wednesday, 1 February 2023, 5:30 pm to 8:15 pm
Where: The Delegation of the European Union to Japan (Europa House)
 4-6-28 Minami-Azabu, Minato City, Tokyo 106-0047 ([Map](#))
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PROGRAM

5:30 pm – 5:40 pm	Opening Remarks <i>Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan</i>
5:40 pm – 5:55 pm	The Evolving Regulatory Framework – Existing and Upcoming Legislation in the EU, Select European Jurisdictions and Japan <i>Ken Toyoda, Director for Business and Human Rights Policy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Government of Japan</i> <i>Ulrich Kirchhoff, Partner, ARQIS Foreign Law Office</i>
5:55 pm – 6:10 pm	ESG Litigation – The Rise of Strategic Litigation and Quasi Litigation <i>Tony Andriotis, Partner, DLA Piper</i>
6:10 pm – 6:25 pm	Future-Proofing an Organisation – An In-house Perspective on ESG <i>Angela Yuen, Deputy General Counsel, JERA Co., Inc.</i>
6:25 pm – 6:40 pm	ESG in M&A <i>Jochen Ellrott, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer</i>

6:40 pm– 7:15 pm	<p>Panel Discussion on Ways to Steer the Global Economy into A Safe Harbor</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Michael Mroczek, President, European Business Council in Japan</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Koji Aso, Executive Officer, Assistant Chief Strategy Officer and General Manager, Corporate Sustainability Dept., Sumitomo Corporation</i></p> <p><i>Angela Yuen, Deputy General Counsel, JERA Co., Inc.</i></p> <p><i>Jochen Ellrott, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer</i></p>
7:15 pm – 8:15 pm	<p>Networking Event – with light snacks and refreshments</p>

Speakers:



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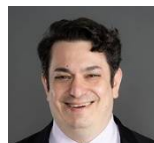
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