



German-Japanese Energy Transition Council

Retrospect 2016 – 2025

GJETC at a Glance



A role model for international cooperation on climate and environmental issues since 2016

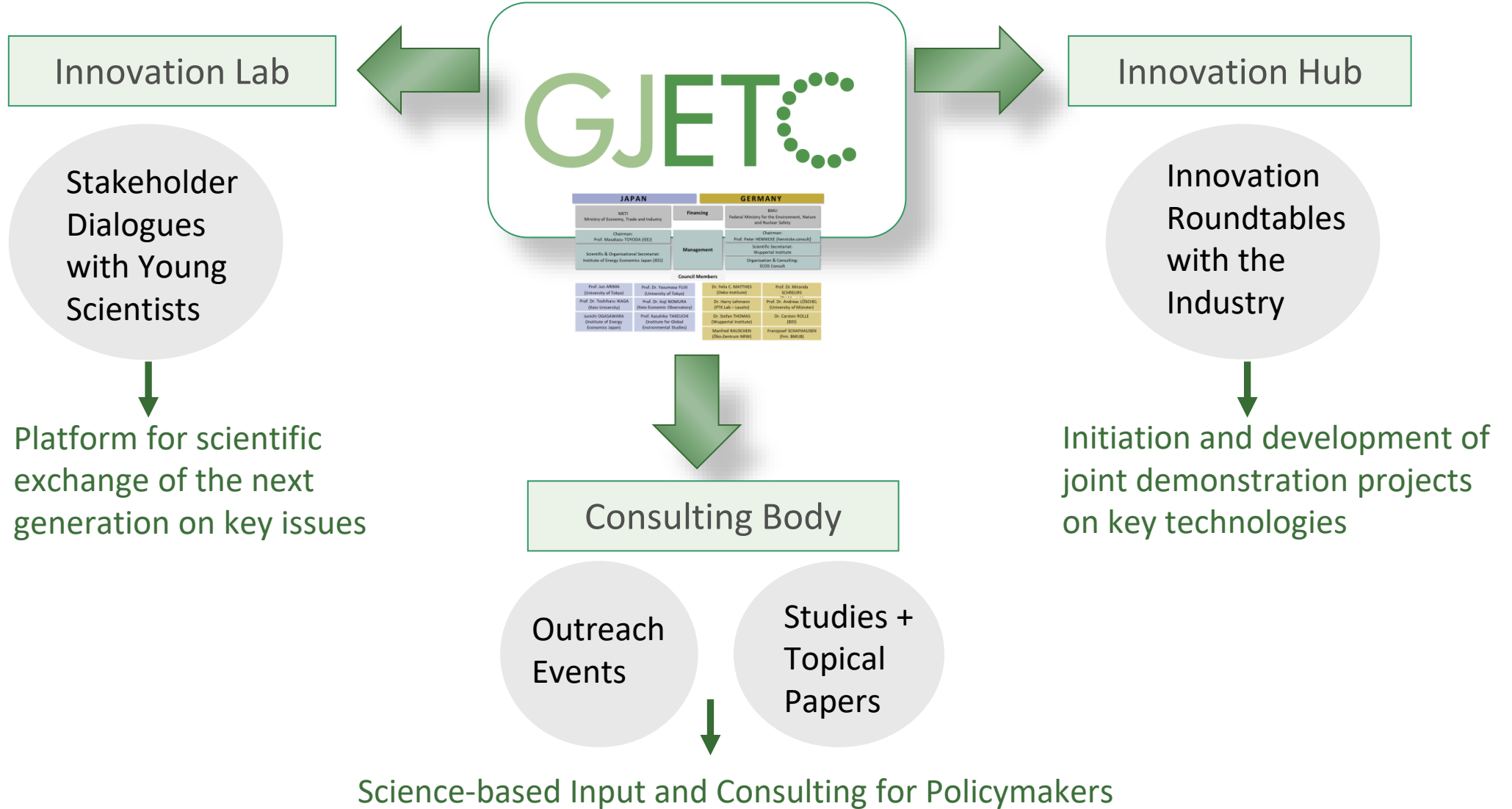


Council Meeting in Tokyo, 2016

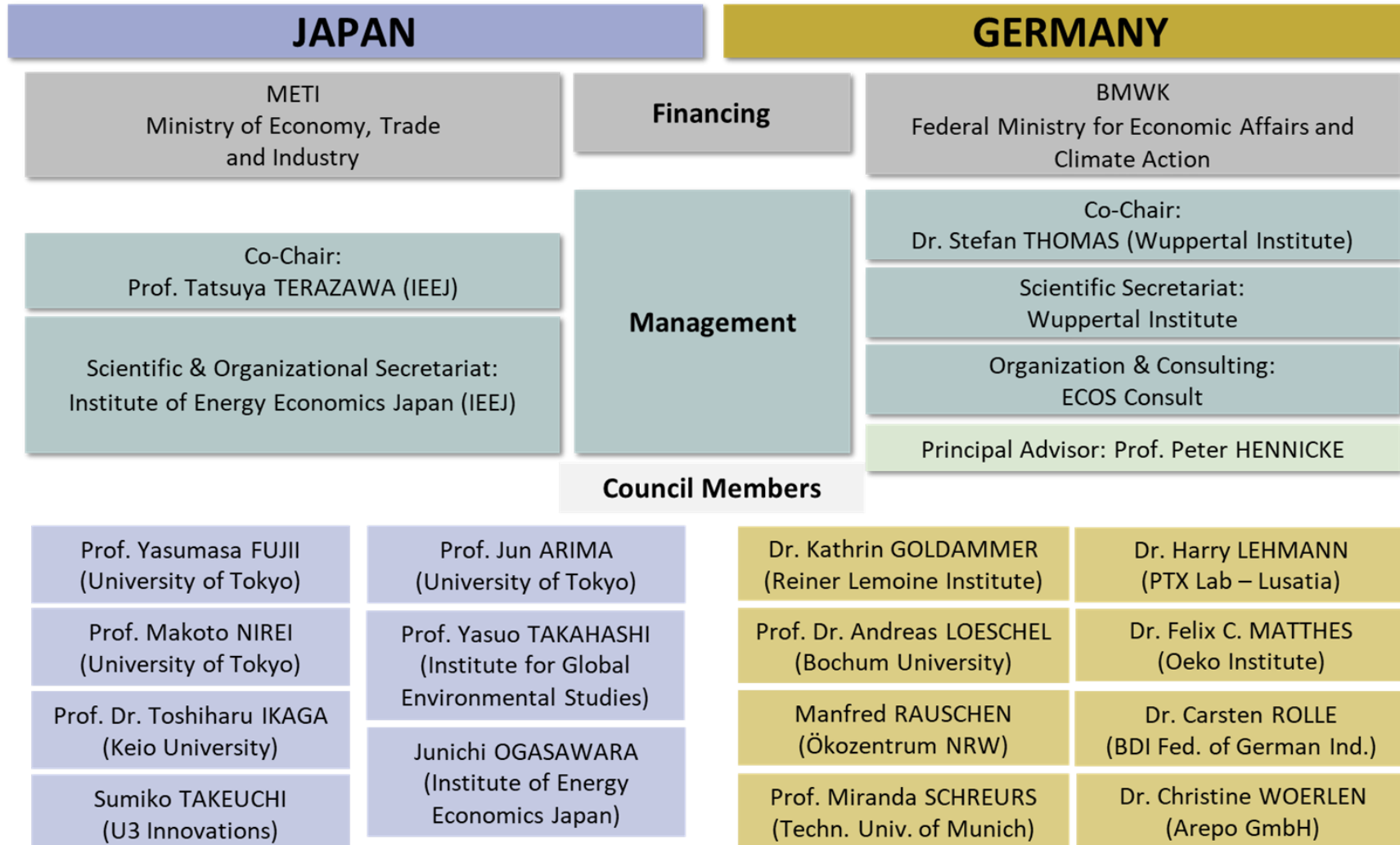


Council Meeting in Tokyo, 2023

Concept and Functions



Council Structure (as of 2025)



Principles of the GJETC

- Bi-national council consisting of scientific experts
- Strategic issues and in-depth research through bilateral study groups, supported by Stakeholder Dialogues
- Enabling even controversial debates on a continuously built basis of trust
- Effective Outcomes: Council Reports, Key Recommendations and Outreach Events
- Administrative and technical support through organizational and scientific secretariats
- Co-financed by German and Japan side



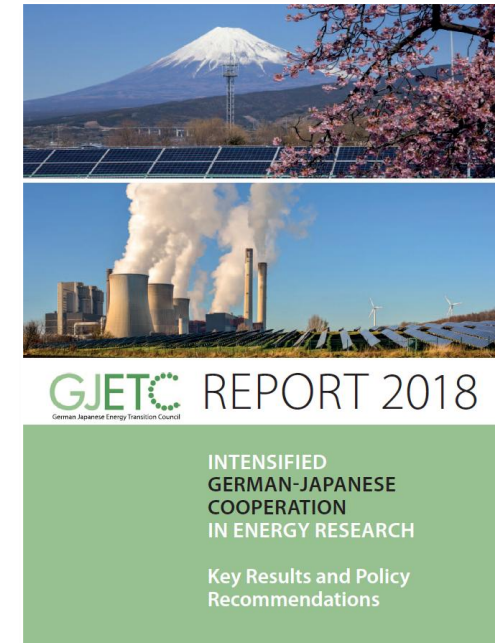


1st Phase

2016 - 2018

1st Phase (2016 – 2018): Studies & Publications

- Inauguration of the unique format of bilateral research cooperation in Sep 2016
- Studies:
 - Comparative analysis of long-term scenarios
 - Socio-cultural aspects of the energy transition
 - New Allocation of Roles and Business Segments of Established and new Participants in the Energy Sector Currently and Within a Future Electricity Market Design
 - Energy end-use efficiency: potentials and policies and the development of energy service markets - Germany and Japan
- Further Publications:
 - ‘GJETC report 2018’
 - Topical Paper: The G20 states – selected official energy and climate targets: Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, CO2/GHG emissions
 - Supporting and hindering framework conditions for decentralized actors – Overview on status and perspectives in Japan and Germany

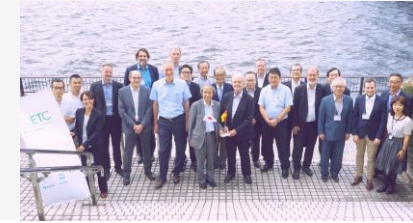


1st Phase (2016 – 2018): Council Meetings

Oct
2016

Tokyo

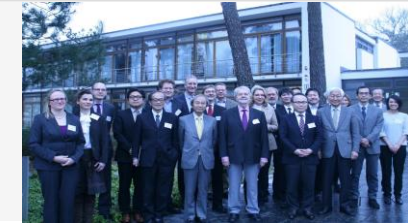
1st Council Meeting



Jan
2017

Berlin

2nd Council Meeting



Sep
2017

Tokyo

3rd Council Meeting



Feb
2018

Berlin

4th Council Meeting



1st Phase (2016 – 2018): Events [1]

Sept
2017

Institute of Energy
Economics Japan,
Tokyo

German-Japanese Dialogue: How far can
the Energy Transition go?" Perspectives
and First Results of the GJETC



Feb
2018

Haus der
Bundespresse-
konferenz,
Berlin

The Energy Transition in Japan &
Germany: Consensus and
Controversies.
Insights of the GJETC



Mar
2018

Paul-Löbe-Haus,
Berlin

Public expert discussion of the Committee for
the Environment, Nature Conservation and
Nuclear Safety on the 7th anniversary of the
Fukushima nuclear disaster.



1st Phase (2016 – 2018): Events [2]

Apr 2018	Press and Visitor Center of the German Government, Berlin	Outreach: The Importance of International Cooperation under Disruptive Changes: Recommendations & Lessons Learnt from a Fruitful German-Japanese Dialogue on the Energy Transition
Sep 2018	Institute of Energy Economics Japan, Tokyo	Outreach: The Importance of International Cooperation under Disruptive Changes: Recommendations & Lessons Learnt from a Fruitful German-Japanese Dialogue on the Energy Transition





2nd Phase

2018 - 2020

2nd Phase (2018 – 2020): Studies & Publications

- Studies:
 - Hydrogen Society (Part 1): The role of clean hydrogen in the future energy systems of Japan and Germany
 - Hydrogen Society (Part 2): Important Aspects of Production, International Cooperation and Certification
 - Digitalization and the Energy Transition (Part 1): Virtual Power Plants and Blockchain
 - Digitalization and the Energy Transition (Part 2): P2P Electricity Trading and PPAs
- Further Publications:
 - ‘GJETC report 2020’
 - Output Paper: Energy efficiency in buildings
 - Output Paper: Transportation and sector coupling
 - Output Paper: Integration cost of VRE

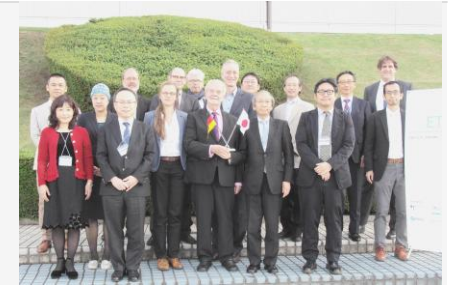


2nd Phase (2018 – 2020): Council Meetings [1]

Nov
2018

Tokyo

5th Council Meeting



Mar
2019

Berlin

6th Council Meeting



Sep
2019

Tokyo

7th Council Meeting



2nd Phase (2018 – 2020): Council Meetings [2]



Jun
2020

Online

8th Council Meeting



Sep
2020

Online

9th Council Meeting



2nd Phase (2018 – 2020): Events

Jun
2019 Tokyo

Political Roundtable: “Intensifying the cooperation on the energy transition”
(with Secretary of State Andreas Feicht, BMWi)

Jun
2019 Tokyo

JSPS (Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science) Alumni Club Association (JACA)
Award for Co-Chair Peter Hennicke



2nd Phase (2018 – 2020): Events

Sep
2019

Tokyo

Outreach: “Management Options for Unbundled & Secure Electricity Markets with Growing Shares of Renewable Energy Needs, Experiences and Options for Japanese-German cooperation”



Jul
2020

Online

Outreach: “Key results, lessons learnt and perspectives of the German-Japanese Energy Transition Council”





3rd Phase

2020 - 2022

3rd Phase (2020 – 2022): Studies & Publications

- Studies:
 - Energy and Climate Policy in the Post Covid-19 era – Comparative Analyses on Germany and Japan
 - Digitalization and the Energy Transition: Use of Digitalization to Optimize Grid Operation Utilizing AI and Big Data collected from DERs
 - CCUS and Hydrogen Contributing to Decarbonization of Energy Intensive Industries
 - The Role of Batteries Towards Carbon Neutrality: How can Distributed Electricity Storage Contribute to Balancing Supply and Demand in Power Markets as well as in Power Grids?
 - Key Strategies Towards Decarbonization of Energy Use and Supply in Japan and Germany: Insights from a Comparison Study on Long-Term Scenario Analyses up to 2050
 - Potential Roadmaps for Decarbonization of the Steel Sector
- Further Publications:
 - Analysis: Potential Technology and Business Fields of Mutual Interest for German and Japanese Companies



3rd Phase (2020 – 2022): Council Meetings

Mar
2021

Online

10th Council Meeting



Sep
2021

Berlin / Online

11th Council Meeting



Feb
2022

Berlin / Online

12th Council Meeting



3rd Phase (2020 – 2022): Events

Jul 2021 Online

Outreach: “Beyond Climate Emergency – Steps Towards Carbon Neutrality, German-Japanese Study Results on Key Questions”



Sep 2021 Berlin

Award of the Order of the Rising Sun by the Japanese Government for Co-Chair Peter Hennicke



Nov 2021 Online

Outreach: “Heading for carbon neutrality: Key strategies for Germany and Japan”



3rd Phase (2020 – 2022): Events

Sep
2021

Online

Stakeholder dialogue with Young Scientists: “Increasing the Ambition Level of Climate Mitigation – New Challenges and Opportunities for International Cooperation on the Energy Transition”



Nov
2021

Online

Innovation Roundtable:
“Thermoelectric Generators (TEG) for Waste Heat Usage in the Industry: Technologies, Applications, Future Challenges”



May
2022

Online

G-J Workshop on G7 Summit



4th Phase

2022 - 2024

4th Phase (2022 – 2024): Studies & Publications

- Studies:
 - “Strategies, Concepts and Measures for Decarbonising the Building Stock by 2045/50”
 - “Roadmaps towards a climate neutral petrochemical production system – Comparative analysis for Germany and Japan”
 - “Electricity Market Design – Instruments to support the investment in flexibilities in Germany and Japan”
 - “The More Effective Governance of Energy Efficiency Policies”
- Topical Paper:
 - “Green Industrial Policy and Trade – The Green Industrial Plan of the EU in comparison to the Japanese GX (Green Transformation) Initiative”



4th Phase (2022 – 2024): Council Meetings

Nov
2022 Berlin / Online 13th Council Meeting



Mar
2023 Tokyo 14th Council Meeting



Nov
2023 Online 15th Council Meeting



Feb
2024 Berlin 16th Council Meeting

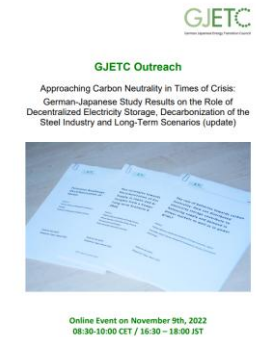


4th Phase (2022 – 2024): Events

Nov
2022

Online

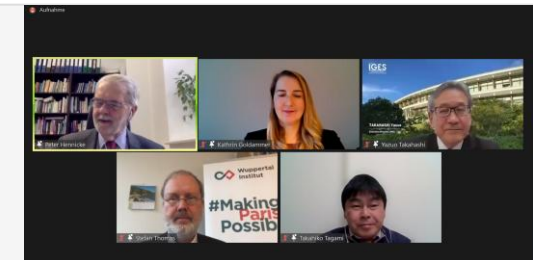
Outreach: “Approaching Carbon Neutrality in Times of Crisis: German-Japanese Study Results on the Role of Decentralized Electricity Storage, Decarbonization of the Steel Industry and Long-Term Scenarios”



Dec
2022

Online

Outreach: “Connecting the Outcome of COP 27 with German-Japanese Cooperation on the Energy Transition”



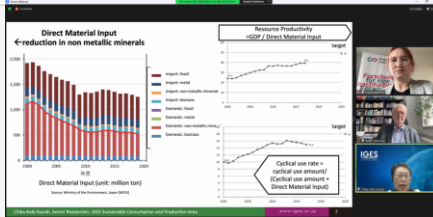


March
2023

Tokyo/online

Stakeholder Dialogue with the industry on Decarbonization of the Building Stock



4th Phase (2022 – 2024): Events

Sep 2023	Online	Zoom in! Webinar on the Nexus of Circular Economy, Resource Efficiency and Climate Protection	
Oct 2023	Online	Outreach: “Roadmaps and Concepts to Decarbonize the Building Stock and the (petro)chemical Industry – Insights into Results of German-Japanese Studies”	
Nov 2023	Online	Zoom in! Webinar on Geopolitical Developments, COP 28 and their relevance for Energy Policy in Japan and Germany	
Dec 2023	Online	Innovation Roundtable - Scan to BIM Technology and Prefabrication of Innovative Insulation in Retrofitting of Residential Buildings	

4th Phase (2022 – 2024): Events

Feb
2024

Hybrid

Outreach (“Meet the Co-Chairs”): “Tripling Renewables and Doubling Energy-Efficiency: Germany and Japan as Forerunners for the Implementation of Ambitious COP Goals”



Mar
2024

Online

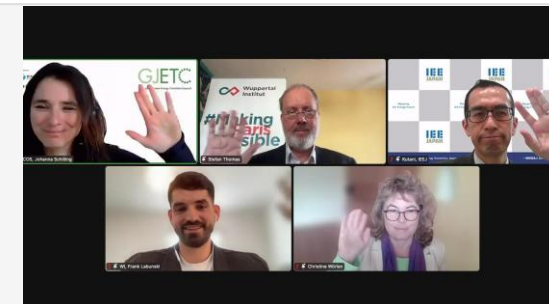
Young Scientists Dialogue



May
2024

Online

Outreach: “Creating a Policy Landscape for the Energy Transition – Recommendations for the Electricity Market Design and Energy Efficiency Governance”





5th Phase

2024 - 2025

5th Phase (2024 – 2025): Input Papers

- Input Papers:
 - Carbon pricing – opportunities, challenges, and social acceptance
 - Renewables and Critical Raw Materials



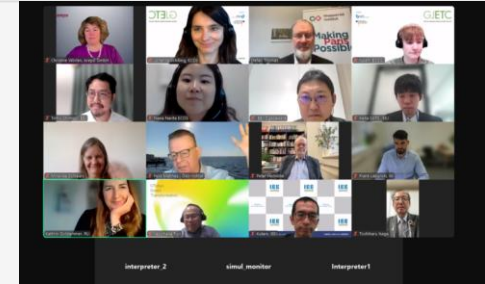
5th Phase (2024 – 2025): Council Meetings



Dec
2024

Online

17th Council Meeting



Feb
2025

Tokyo

18th Council Meeting

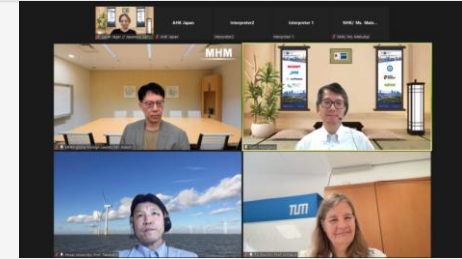


5th Phase (2024 – 2025): Events

Oct
2024

Online

Online-Webinar: “Paths to Net-Zero: Climate Policy in Germany and Japan” (as part of the J-G Energy Partnership Program)



Feb
2025

Tokyo

roundtable discussion with Japan Economic Forum about issues under the new Trump administration from a geopolitical perspective



Feb
2025

Tokyo

residence talk on critical raw materials: geopolitical aspects and opportunities for G-J cooperation (in cooperation with the German Embassy)



5th Phase (2024 – 2025): Events

Feb
2025

Tokyo/online

Stakeholder Dialogue: “Exchange on Policy Frameworks about Carbon Pricing Mechanisms and Their Effects on the Industry Sector in Japan and Germany”

GJETC Stakeholder Dialogue

Exchange on Policy Frameworks about carbon pricing mechanisms and their effects on the industry sector in Japan and Germany



February 18th, 2025
15:30 - 18:00 JST / 7:30 - 10:00 CET
Tokyo / online

Feb
2025

Tokyo

Outreach Event: Meet the Co-Chairs & Council Members: „The future of carbon pricing and critical raw materials: policy paths for Germany and Japan as partners in the energy transition”



6th Phase (2026): Events

Feb 2026	Berlin	19th Council Meeting
Feb 2026	Berlin	Stakeholder Dialogue: „How to Improve Energy Efficiency Policy for the Industry in Japan and Germany”
Feb 2026	Berlin	Outreach Event: Meet the Council Members: „Energy & Climate Policy in the Light of (geo)political Changes – Perspectives from Germany and Japan”

6th Phase (2026): Papers

- Input Paper:
 - How to improve energy efficiency policy for industry (to be published in March 2026)



Thank You for Your Attention!

www.gjetc.org