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## The EU-Japan EPA – Freer, Fairer and more Open Trading System

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**Brussels, Belgium, 4th December 2018** - In the context of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement soon to be concluded by both parties, ECIPE organized a high-level conference to discuss the economic benefits and social dimensions of this agreement. It is an important agreement for both sides, but also comes at a time when the principles and practice of the open and rulesbased trading system are stressed. The conference reflected stakeholders' positions on what new trade opportunities will this agreement bring and how can it be used as a platform for improving social conditions and the climate of trade policy in the world.

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