

Lombardy and Japan: Shaping Innovation Together

Tuesday, 14 July 2026

From 9.30 a.m.

Belvedere Hall - 39th floor

Nucleo 1

Piazza Città di Lombardia, 1 - Milan, Italy

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**Regione
Lombardia**

INVITATION TO THE INNOVATION SEMINAR & NETWORKING EVENT LOMBARDY AND JAPAN: SHAPING INNOVATION TOGETHER

Target Areas: Green Energy & Decarbonization | Life Sciences & Healthcare

On Tuesday, July 14, JETRO and Lombardia Region will host the innovation seminar “Lombardy and Japan: Shaping Innovation Together” in Milan, Lombardy—Italy’s largest innovation ecosystem—and online. University TTOs, accelerators, and innovative companies will come together to present opportunities for collaboration between Japan and Italy. We invite all Japanese companies interested in collaboration, joint development, and open innovation with Italian universities and companies to join us!

Open Innovation Event for Japanese Companies

- A great opportunity to connect directly with Italy’s cutting-edge ecosystem
- Accelerators, universities, and innovative companies all in one place
- In-person networking available

Key Points:

- Economic and industrial hub: Startup valuations account for about half of the national total
- Academic strength: Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) and accelerators from the Polytechnic University of Milan, Bocconi University, the University of Milan, and others will take the stage
- Largest ecosystem in the country: Italy’s 2025 venture capital investment is approximately 1.7 billion euros

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JETRO Milano (Ms. Yamamoto, Ms. Cortellazzi)

[Event Overview]

■ **Date and Time: Tuesday, July 14, 2026**

Seminar: 9:30–11:30 (Italy) / 16:30–18:30 (Japan)

*Depending on how the program progresses on the day of the event, the seminar may be extended until approximately 12:00.

Networking: 12:00–13:00 (Italy)

■ **Format: Seminar (in-person + online), Networking (in-person only)**

■ **Venue: Lombardy Regional Government Building (Milan)**

Piazza Città di Lombardia, Milan

Belvedere Hall – 39th floor, Nucleo 1

■ **Language: English (no interpretation)**

■ **Organizers: JETRO Milan, Lombardy Regional Government Assolombarda, Promos Italia**

■ **Target Audience: Japanese companies interested in open innovation, such as collaboration and joint development with Italian universities and companies** (Companies with other objectives or that do not fall within this target audience may be asked to refrain from participating in person.)

■ **Application: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/G0EjivPsSU>**

■ **Deadline: Monday, July 6, 2026**

Seminar (in-person + online)

*The program is subject to change.

Program (Tentative)

9:30 am Opening Remarks Mr. Attilio Fontana, the President of Lombardy Region

Overview of Bilateral Relations Between Lombardy and Japan

Mr. Raffaele Cattaneo, Undersecretary for International and European Affairs

Remarks Mr. Guido Gidegi, Regional Minister for Economic Development

“Shaping the Future: Lombardy as a Driver of European Innovation

- Policies for Attracting Productive Investment and Expanding Industrial Growth”

Director General for Economic Development, Lombardy Region

10:00 – 10:40 Roundtable: “Innovation Ecosystems and Industrial Technology Transfer”

Panelists: Key players in the Lombardy region’s innovation ecosystem

- [TEF – Tech European Foundation](#)
- [Bio4Dreams](#)
- [Politechnico di Milano TTO](#) → Strengths in Engineering & Technology
- [University of Milan TTO](#) → Strengths in Life Sciences & Medicine

Target Areas

1. **Life Sciences and Healthcare (including industrial applications of AI and deep tech)**
2. **Green Energy and Decarbonization**

10:40 – 11:05 Presentation Session: “Industrial Innovation and Market Partnerships”

- Innovative SMEs and scale-ups selected by the accelerator (TEF+Bio4Dreams) Presentations by approximately 8 companies

Networking (In-Person)

12:00 – 13:00 Networking Session

- Network with key players in the Lombardy ecosystem, including universities, accelerators, and innovative companies
- Feel free to exchange information and introduce yourself while enjoying light refreshments.

This is a great opportunity to connect directly with Italy’s cutting-edge ecosystem! We look forward to welcoming you to Milan!