

# Kobe University and Europe



## Our Initiatives for Europe

From early on, Kobe University has recognised the crucial importance of partnership with universities and institutions in Europe.

As a coordinating university of the EU Institute in Japan, Kansai (EUIJ-Kansai), a consortium formed by three universities in the region in 2005 with financial support from the European Commission, Kobe University organises a variety of programmes and events to raise awareness about the EU, its policies and aspirations among the Japanese public. As part of these efforts, our University has hosted numerous visits by distinguished guests representing the EU such as His Excellency Mr Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, His Excellency Mr José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission and His Excellency Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament.

The Kobe University Brussels European Centre was established in 2010 to enhance our international competitiveness and promote the exchange of students and researchers between Japan and Europe. It was the first overseas office established in Brussels by a Japanese University (the centre was relocated to one of Kobe University's partner institutes, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, in 2015.) Kobe University has since held many international symposia and workshops in Brussels attended by world-renowned scholars and dignitaries. To promote further collaboration with institutions in Europe, in 2011 the Kobe University Research and Education Centre for Europe was established on campus to serve as the headquarters of European relations (renamed the Centre for EU Academic Collaboration in 2015).

Our University is actively participating in education programmes with Europe including Erasmus+, the Kobe University Programme for European Studies (KUPES) and double degree programmes such as the EU-JAMM, ICI-ECP double-degree project. In recognition of our initiatives for Europe, in 2015 Kobe University was the only Japanese institution to be named a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, an open programme of the European Commission which supports academic centres specialising in EU studies.

Kobe University has also established liaison offices at Jagiellonian University in Poland (2016) and Babeş-Bolyai University in Romania (2018). Through these two offices, the University promotes collaboration with Central and Eastern European countries, including participation in the Visegrad Project.

# 10 years with Europe in Brussels

Kobe University Brussels European Centre (KUBEC) initiatives over 10 years

Main Contact Point  
with European Organisations

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Establish International  
Networks

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Disseminate Information  
about Kobe University in Europe

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*the First Japanese  
Liaison Office  
in Brussels*

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## Main Contact Point with European Organisations

KUBEC is a member of University Liaison Office Network 'UniLION' and through this network, KUBEC has built networks with European universities and gathered information about European research and education grants. In 2017, KUBEC also appointed an advisor who has a long-term career in DG for Research and Innovation. With his advice and close connections with various organisations of the European Union, Kobe University is now actively involved in European programmes. KUBEC also supports Kobe University researchers to establish networks and apply for European funding schemes.



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## Establish International Networks

KUBEC has been widely utilised for establishing academic networks. The annual KUBEC international symposium is an event that has particularly cemented Kobe University's presence in Europe. Workshops are held more than 5 times a year at KUBEC by Kobe University researchers with European partners to foster their joint research activities. Over the last 10 years, around 50 workshops have attracted the participation of more than 600 researchers participated.



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## Distribute Information about Kobe University in Europe

KUBEC distributes Kobe University's latest education and research activities through our network and newsletter.

## Collaboration and Activities over 10 years



**141** European Partners  
incl. **14** Erasmus+ Partners



**+800** participants in  
Annual Symposia



**+50** workshops and  
**+600** participants

## Annual Symposia (Mar. 2011-)

**H** Humanities

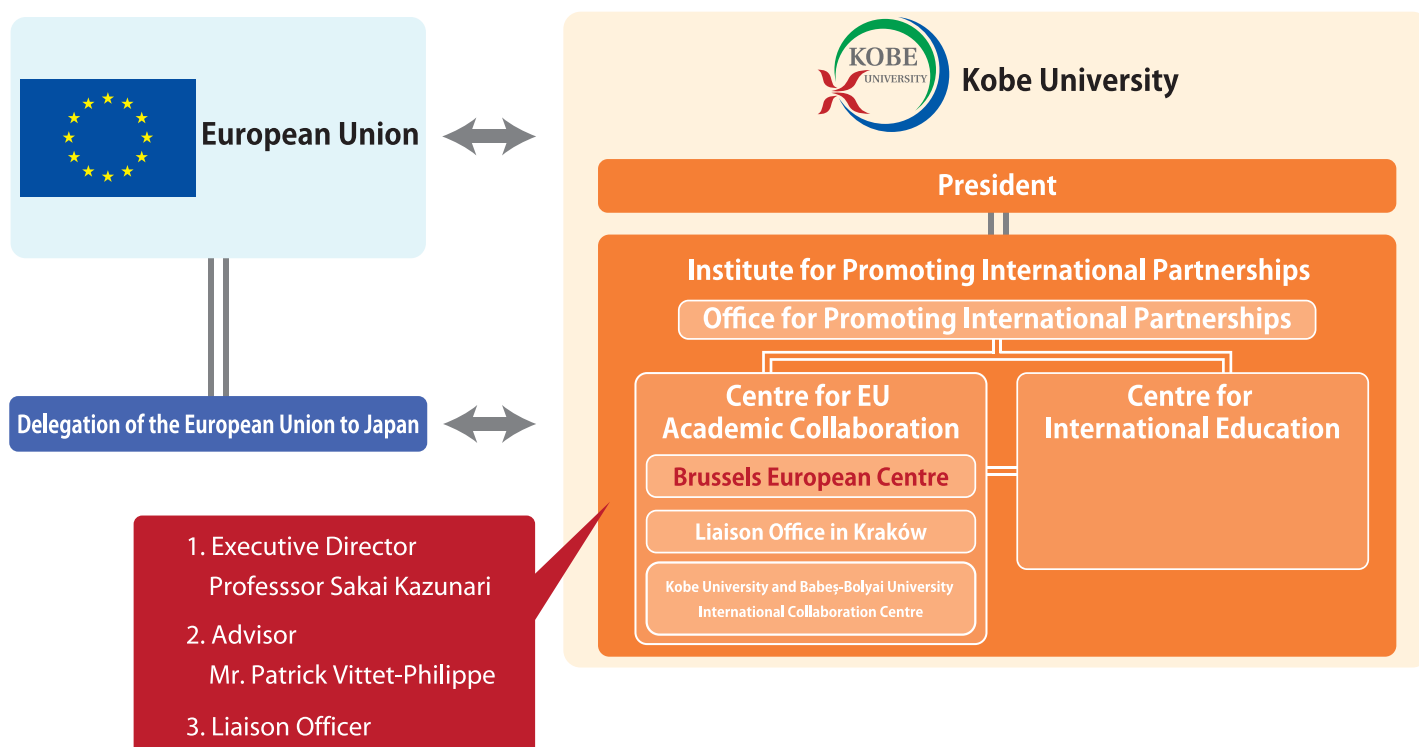
**S** Social Science

**N** Natural Science

**B** Bio-Medical Science

3-7 Mar. 2011	<b>H S</b>	Opening Symposium "A New Era of Japan-Europe Academic Cooperation"
19 Sep. 2011	<b>N B</b>	2nd Symposium "Building Safer & Resilient Society against Mega Disaster"
6 Dec. 2012	<b>S N B</b>	3rd Symposium "Green Innovation & Life Innovation - for sustainable growth and society by Japan-EU collaboration -"
10 Mar. 2014	<b>H</b>	4th Symposium "Globalisation of Higher Education from a perspective of EU-Japan collaboration"
14 Oct. 2014	<b>H N</b>	5th Symposium "Innovation, Environment, and Globalisation - the Latest EU-Japan Research Collaboration"
20 Oct. 2015	<b>S N</b>	6th Symposium "For Smart and Healthy Society - common challenges in research and education by Japan and EU collaboration"
8 Nov. 2016	<b>H N</b>	7th Symposium "Emerging Sciences and a Changing World: EU-Japan in Transition"
21 Nov. 2017	<b>H S N B</b>	8th Symposium "EU-Japan Initiative for Excellence: Strategic Research Partnership in Medicine, Biotechnology and Social Sciences"
24 Oct. 2018	<b>H S N</b>	9th Symposium "Smart Cities, Secure Societies: Breakthroughs in EU and Japan Research Cooperation"
22 Oct. 2019	<b>H N</b>	10th Anniversary Symposium "Open Science, Evolving Societies: New Horizons for EU-Japan Research"

## Organisation Chart





# KU's participation in European Programmes

## ● FP7 [2013-2017] JEUPISTE

"Japan-EU Partnership in Innovation, Science and Technology"

## ● Bilateral Cooperation -Industrialised Countries Instrument Education Cooperation Programme [2013- 2016]

"EU-Japan Advanced Multidisciplinary Master Studies (EU-JAMM)"

## ● Erasmus+ Programme Key Actions -Mobility for learners and staff- [2014-]

-Partner Institutions-

Babeş-Bolyai University/ University of Naples "L'Orientale"/ Jagiellonian University/ TU Dresden/ University of the Aegean/ Vilnius Gediminas Technical University/ University of Rijeka/ Gdansk University/ Trier University/ Eötvös Loránd University/ Ca' Foscari University of Venice/ Juej Dobrila University of Pula/ Comenius University/ Vrije Universiteit Brussel

## ● Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence [2015-]

"Strengthening the Academic Basis of EU Studies in Japan, Kobe" (2015-2018) / "Consolidation of the Kobe Academic Base for EU Studies" (2019-2021)

## ● Jean Monnet Chair [2015-]

<Prof. Masahiko Yoshii> "Kobe Programme for Enhancing European Studies" (2015-2018) /

<Prof. Noriyuki Inoue> "Kobe Programme for a Refined Network in EU Studies" (2019-2021)

## ● HORIZON 2020 [2016- ] ACCRA

"Agile CoCreation of Robots for Ageing"

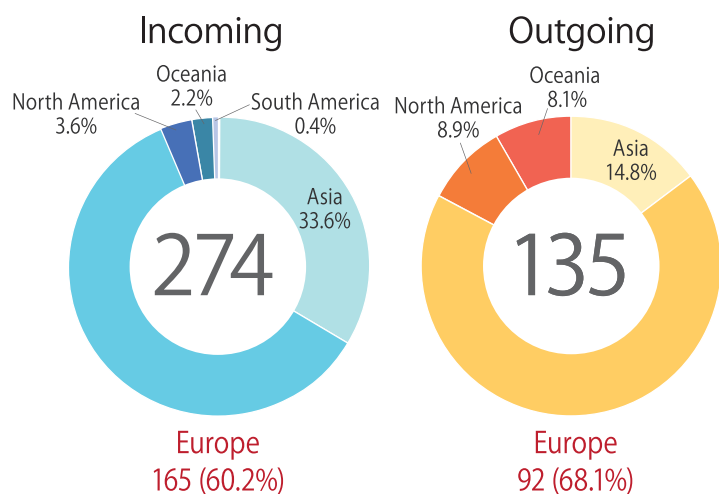
## At a Glance: International

### 1. Partnerships

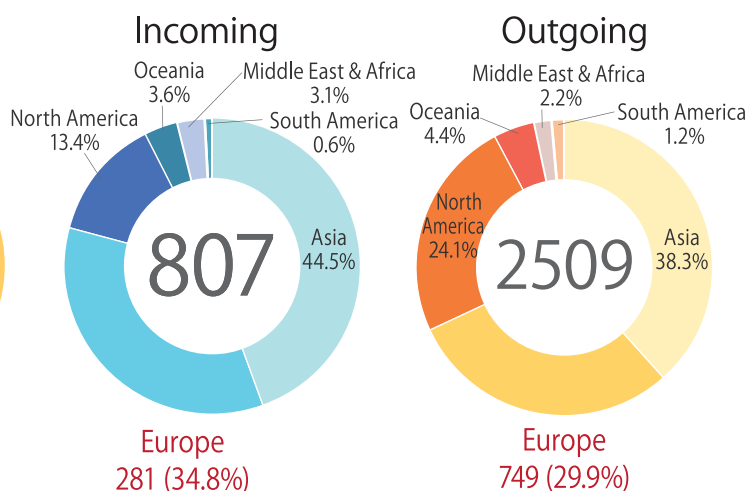
Region	Number of outgoing students	Number of incoming students	Number of partner institutions
Asia	20	92	157
<b>Europe</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>141</b>
North America	12	10	30
Oceania	11	6	11
Middle East & Africa	0	0	20
South America	0	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>367</b>

Europe		Double Degree Programmes
Country	Number	
France	26	● Paris Diderot University
UK	15	● University of East Anglia
Germany	24	● School of Oriental and African Studies University of London
Belgium	9	● University of Sussex
Italy	12	● University of Essex
Austria	6	● University of Sheffield
others	49	● University of Hamburg
Total	141	● KU Leuven
		● University of Naples "L' Orientale"
		● Jagiellonian University (Poland)

### 2. Exchange Students (based on student exchange agreements)



### 3. Researchers Exchange



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