KAIKU COMMONS ·
NORDICS × JAPAN · KICK-OFF

NORDICS ⇄ JAPAN TOKYO

WORKSHOPS
2026 November (w46)



This November, KAIKU brings Nordic and Japanese strengths into one room in Tokyo

Two facilitated events that turn real interests, needs, capabilities and ideas into active trialogue between business, research and the public sector.

OUR PROMISE → More accelerated movement across organisational, sectoral and cultural boundaries. More collaboration between the Nordics and Japan, ideas, people and ecosystems.

TWO CURATED WORKSHOPS. TWO DIRECTIONS.

The aim is simple: bring Nordic opportunities to Japan, and Japanese opportunities to the Nordics and Europe – and support promising connections to keep moving between and beyond the events.

Let the value travel and good things echo – both ways.

MAKE THE CONNECTION COUNT.

BUSINESS & STARTUPS
A customer, partner or pilot pathway.

INDUSTRY
A solution and new capabilities for real challenges.

RESEARCH
A company question, research partner or route to a joint project.

ECOSYSTEMS & CITIES
A concrete Nordic-Japan pathway.

FUNDING & CONSORTIA
Cases that can grow into co-built Business Finland and Horizon Europe applications.

WHY JOIN THE EVENTS & COMMONS?

Facilitated by industry and innovation ecosystem experts –around real interests, challenges and capabilities. Our Howspace community platform and 3,000+ global network help us match the right people and opportunities before and during the event – so you arrive with purpose and leave with momentum.

BRING SOMETHING WORTH MOVING FORWARD, LEAVE WITH A CONCRETE NEXT STEP.



OUR 90-DAY PROMISE
Bring a real challenge. Leave with a named next step — or we keep working it with you, free of charge, for 90 days.

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01 | BIO & CIRCULAR BUSINESS EVENT

INDUSTRY × STARTUPS × MATERIALS × TECHNOLOGY

Why join

INNOVATION IS MOVING FAST.
SCALING IT IS THE CHALLENGE.

Circularity, end-of-life requirements and new regulation are reshaping global value chains – in packaging, paperization, barriers, fibres and textile recycling.

The Nordics bring world-class research, technology and materials expertise; Japan faces the same pressures and the same opportunities. Sustainability challenges are shared global challenges.

This event connects Nordic innovation with Japanese industrial needs – and turns complementary strengths into real business.

November, week 46, 2026
TOKYO, JAPAN

English language · Facilitated · Free of charge

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE. REGISTER NOW

SAVE THE DATE | KAIKU COMMONS IN TOKYO | NOVEMBER 2026

Welcome!

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KAIKU facilitates the connections, supports the success and takes no share of what participants build. Impact is created through dialogue and contribution.

FOR BUSINESS BUILDERS

- Industrial companies
- SMEs
- Startups & scale-ups
- Technology providers
- Material innovators
- R&D leaders
- Pilot & scale-up partners
- Investors

BRING SOMETHING TO CONNECT

- A technology looking for a customer
- An industrial challenge looking for a solution
- A material looking for an application
- A product looking for validation
- A company looking for a Nordic or Japanese partner

LEAVE WITH SOMETHING TO CONTINUE

- Relevant matches
- New solution and technology leads
- Potential customers and partners
- Pilot and scale-up pathways
- Route to EU pilot environments and expertise
- Curated pre-matched connections
- A concrete follow-up support

WHAT'S THE VALUE FOR YOU?

ACCESS TO **NEW PARTNERSHIPS**
Customers, collaborators and investors

ACCESS TO **REAL OPPORTUNITIES**
Solutions, pilot projects and market access

ACCESS TO **FASTER PROGRESS**
From idea to validation and scale-up

LASTING IMPACT
Stronger, more resilient bio-based value chains

02 | INNOVATION & CO-CREATION ECOSYSTEMS IN MOTION

RESEARCH × INDUSTRY × CITIES × INNOVATION

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Why join BREAKING SILOS. OPEN TRIALOGUE ACROSS SECTORS AND CULTURES.

We invest trillions in R&D. We generate millions of patents. Yet too few innovations make it to market. The challenge is often not the quality of the science or technology, but what happens between research, validation, industry and market.

Commercialisation needs more than technology transfer. It requires earlier co-creation, clearer startup-friendly pipelines from idea to industry, and more collaboration within people and ecosystems.

→ WORKSHOP 02 opens doors to new collaboration by asking a practical question: how do we make more innovation move, across organisations, sectors and borders, and turn public RDI into real-world impact?

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1 BRING
A real signal
A challenge, capability, research question, technology, market need or opportunity.

2 EXPLORE
The strongest connections
A facilitated process reveals complementary strengths and mutual value.

3 MOVE
From insight to action
Participants decide which collaborations, pilots, projects or partnerships to take forward.

~$3.8 TRILLION
Global R&D investment in 2024.

10–15 YEARS
University innovations in pharma/biotech take to reach market.

~19.7 MILLION
Patents in force worldwide in 2024.

85.5%
of patent applications originate from five major offices (2024).

~3.4% LICENSING RATE
~4.1% COMMERCIALISATION RATE
for university patents.

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