

TRAINING PROGRAMME IN JAPAN

WORLD CLASS MANUFACTURING IN JAPAN (WCM)

*Experience first-hand the latest
Japanese approaches to
continuous improvement*

ABOUT THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The 5-day training mission gives senior European engineers the perfect opportunity to visit some of the world's most advanced factories to see for themselves how leading Japanese companies use world-class manufacturing techniques to talk directly with senior Japanese production engineering managers, and to observe how manufacturing methods are implemented (1) to drive their businesses and (2) to interact with senior Japanese production engineering managers and lean experts. The course consists of shop-floor visits and explanations and lectures on current Japanese approaches to manufacturing practices. Lean tools featured in past WCM courses included: **TPS system, work-flow, Kanban system, Kaizen, 5S and supplier relations.**

This course will give its participants a detailed understanding of current Japanese approaches that they can adapt to help their companies lean journeys.

TARGETED PROFILE

For companies from EU Member States or European countries associated to the Single Market Programme, SME Pillar*, the WCM training mission is aimed exclusively at managers and executives responsible for corporate-level, plant-level or production line-level continuous improvement strategies, who have an engineering background and who are not consultants.

Whilst the companies visited will all be manufacturing companies this course is also open to non-manufacturing companies (e.g. companies working in logistics).

(*)Please check the status of your country at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/smp/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_smp_en.pdf



WHO PAYS WHAT?

- The EU-Japan Centre will cover all the expenses related to training, such as speakers' fees, room rental, transportation arranged for group activities, and interpreters.
- All participants are responsible for covering their travel and living expenses in Japan, including accommodation.

DEPOSIT

Participants who have been selected for the programme are required to pay a deposit of €1000. After they submit a brief post-event report, SME participants are entitled to a deposit refund. For large companies, this payment confirms participation in the online training and is non-refundable.

IS IT FOR ME?

Over 900 managers from different backgrounds and business sectors followed this training since its creation in 1992!

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.eu-japan.eu/events/world-class-manufacturing-mission>

MISSION DATES

16-20 February 2026

Application deadline: 20 November 2025

Dates & content are subject to modification without prior notification



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