

EU-Canada relations


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The 2004 Partnership Agenda builds on an established track record of economic and political co-operation between the EU and Canada:

- In 1976 the European Economic Community (EEC) and Canada signed a [Framework Agreement on Economic Co-operation](#), the first formal agreement of its kind between the EEC and an industrialised third country.
- A [Declaration on Transatlantic Relations](#) was adopted in 1990, extending the scope of their contacts and establishing regular meetings at Summit and Ministerial level.
- And at the 1996 Ottawa summit, the new [Political Declaration on EU-Canada Relations](#) adopted joint Action Plan identifying additional specific areas for co-operation.

The **summits** between the Presidents of the European Commission and the European Council and the Prime Minister of Canada are the apex of the EU-Canada dialogue. EU-Canada Foreign Ministers' meetings are held on an annual basis. In 2013 EU-Canada relations are being upgraded through negotiation of a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and a Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA).

In **foreign and security policy**, the EU and Canada draw on a shared commitment to effective multilateral institutions and effective global governance to project our common values on the world stage, for example by working together for the full establishment of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court. An [Agreement establishing a framework for the participation of Canada in the EU crisis management operations](#) was signed in 2005. Canada is a regular contributor to the EU's **CSDP missions**, currently participating in several missions: EU Police Missions in Afghanistan ([EUPOL Afghanistan](#)) and in the Palestinian Territories ([EUPOL COPPS](#)). Canada also participates in EU Election Observer Missions ([EOMs](#)) most recently in Pakistan, and in the EU Rule of Law Mission ([EULEX](#)) in Kosovo. It has been invited to participate in all four new missions: [EUCAP NESTOR](#) (Horn of Africa), [EUAVSEC](#) (South Sudan), [EUCAP SAHEL](#) (Niger) and the [EU Training Mission in Mali](#). Canada has promised financial support for the training mission in Mali; it is still reflecting on its potential contribution for the other three.

Under the [EU's Industrialised Countries Instrument for 2007-2013](#) , over € 5 million are earmarked for the cooperation with Canada under 2 focal areas: **people to people and cooperation**. Following an [Annual Work Programme](#), tenders or calls for proposals for the various activities ([EU Centres of Excellence](#), people to people actions and outreach events) are published on that [same website](#) and are opened to EU and Canadian participants. Such activities should be eligible for support as of 2014 under the new **Partnership Instrument** proposed by the European Commission under the Multi-Annual Financial framework for the period 2014-2020.