

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 then 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 **yearly 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. The preparation and follow-up of EU-Canada summits is carried out by officials in the framework of the EU-Canada Co-ordination Group, which was created under the 2004 Partnership Agenda and meets roughly four times a year. EU-Canada foreign Ministers' meetings are also held on an annual basis.

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 also signed in 2005. Canada is a regular contributor to the EU's **ESDP missions**, participating in up to 4 missions simultaneously: EU Police Missions in Afghanistan ([EUPOL Afghanistan](#)), in the Palestinian Territories ([EUPOL COPPS](#)) and in [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), EU Election Observer Missions ([EOMs](#)) most recently in Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Aceh, and in the EU Rule of Law Mission ([EULEX](#)) in Kosovo.

The 2008 EU-Canada Summit declaration underlined that cooperation in civilian and military crisis management is a key part of developing joint approaches to regional issues. Accordingly, regular consultations are held between the EU Institutions and Canada's own crisis management entity, known as "START".

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 instruments ([EU Centres of Excellence](#), people to people actions and outreach activities) are published on that [same website](#) and are opened to EU and Canadian participants.