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### Press Release

## **EU addresses global challenges and adopts the Partnership Instrument - Annual Action Programme 2015**

On 22 June 2015, the European Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme (AAP) 2015 for the Partnership Instrument. The AAP 2015 puts forward concrete actions to enhance cooperation with EU's partners in key sectors, addressing major global challenges, such as energy security, climate change and environmental protection.

In this new Action Programme the EU will work with Canada in:

- the implementation of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA);
- assessing the viability and necessity of an EU-Canada mineral investment facility to promote inward and outward industrial investment in the extractive and exploration industry;
- promoting urban cooperation between Canadian and European cities by means of city-to-city cooperation on sustainable urban development as well as on climate change action;
- engaging with students and academics in the field of European affairs and beyond through Jean Monnet Actions (including Jean Monnet (EU) Centres of Excellence, Networks, Chairs and Projects).

### **Background**

The Partnership Instrument has been designed to develop relations and build partnerships with EU's partners on the international scene in order to promote a stable and inclusive international order, pursue global public goods and increase knowledge of the Union in those countries.

This Instrument provides direct support for the Union's external policies, expanding cooperation partnerships and policy dialogues with countries that do not qualify for bilateral development assistance.

[Read here the decision](#)

For further details, please see:

- [The EU's Partnership Instrument](#)
- [The Partnership Instrument Regulation](#)

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