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Europe and Canada

Priorities

The EU and Canada are currently negotiating an agreement to boost significantly their relations. The new EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement under negotiation will provide an overall framework for bilateral relations and will replace the 1976 Agreement with a modern treaty.

The EU and Canada are strong trade and investment partners. Our economic partnership will be even further strengthened when the new Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) comes into force. CETA will be the most ambitious agreement that the European Union has concluded with a third country. It will remove over 99% of tariffs between the two economies and will create sizeable new market access opportunities in services and investment.

The EU and Canada share common interests on a wide array of global issues, ranging from climate change, energy policy and transport to research, education and Arctic governance.

We are intensifying our joint efforts in these areas. Canada is the only country outside Europe to participate regularly in EU electoral observation missions around the world. In addition, Canada is a valued participant in the European Union's civilian missions and military operations under the Common Security and Defence Policy.

Top 3 Facts

The EU with its 28 Member States and its population of over 500 million is Canada's second-largest merchandise export market.

Bilateral trade in goods was worth close to **€ 62 billion in 2012**, and services trade was close to € 27 billion. Machinery, transport equipment and chemicals dominate the EU's exports of goods to Canada whereas traded services are transportation, travel, insurance and communication.

The EU is Canada's second-largest source of investment after the U.S., representing over 26 per cent of the stock of foreign direct investment in Canada at the end of 2011.

Did you know?

Canada is one of the **EU's 10 strategic partners worldwide**.

Canada was the first industrialised country to formalise relations with the EU in **1959**.

The EU Mission in Ottawa was established in **1976**.

The EU, the United States and Canada joined forces on Atlantic Ocean research with the signature of the '**Galway Statement on Atlantic Ocean Cooperation**' in May 2013.

At the 2009 EU-Canada Summit, the EU and Canada agreed to maintain a bilateral dialogue and cooperate on Arctic issues with a focus on research and the concerns and interests of Arctic people and communities.



EU-Canada:

Announcing a breakthrough on finalising the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and the EU: Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, and Commission President José Manuel Barroso, 18 October 2013.

**(EUFF):**

At the 28th edition of the European Union Film festival, films from EU Member States were presented.

**EU-Canada:**

European Union Ambassador Marie-Anne Coninx and 23 Heads of Mission of European Union Member States met with the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, and cabinet ministers on 12 February during their visit to Queen's Park.

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