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# EU and Brazil

Tackling  
global challenges  
together







The Strategic Partnership between Brazil and the European Union is based on key values: respect for democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

We also believe in effective multilateral system built around the United Nations. This is essential to tackling the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The EU is Brazil's main trading and investment partner. Total investment in Brazil by EU companies is more than double that in India and China combined.

### Tackling global challenges together

Brazil and the EU are working together to promote prosperity, to protect the environment and to reform global governance.

Through our Strategic Partnership,

- we are working to improve global financial regulation and to reform the international financial institutions;
- we are fighting climate change, protecting the environment and preserving biodiversity;
- we are promoting free trade and are working to reach an agreement at the WTO Doha Development Round;
- we are strengthening our political and economic ties with Mercosur through the negotiation of an Association Agreement.

### The Strategic Partnership: the results

After three years, the EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership has led to a number of key achievements:

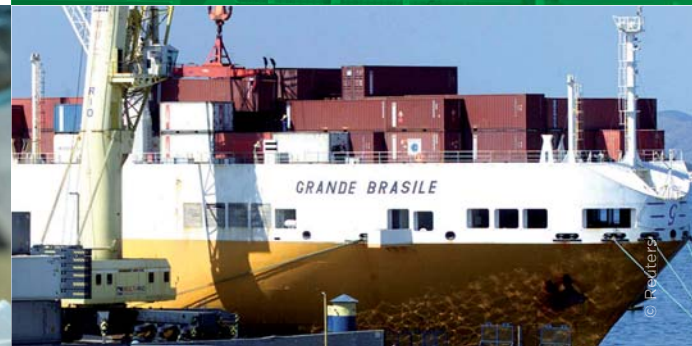
- the signature of a bilateral agreement on research into nuclear fusion, which aims to establish a bilateral research programme and share personnel and facilities;

- the conclusion of an agreement on aviation safety that will facilitate trade in aircraft and aircraft parts and a comprehensive air services agreement that will open up the EU and Brazilian aviation markets;
- the re-launch of negotiations between the EU and the regional grouping, Mercosur, with the aim of creating a free trade area of more than 700 million people;
- increased cooperation in science and technology including Brazil's participation in the EU's 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme which focuses on developing bio-technology, ICT, energy and the environment;
- the signature of a Short-Stay Visa Waiver agreements for diplomatic and service passport holders, and for ordinary passport holders.
- the active participation of Brazil in the EU's Erasmus Mundus programme, which helps develop links between educational institutions on both sides;
- the establishment of a Civil Society Round Table between the European Economic and Social Committee and its counterpart, the Economic and Social Development Council of Brazil.

### Managing the EU-Brazil relationship

As strategic partners, the EU and Brazil have developed a joint action plan which enables us to discuss key issues such as:

- political issues and human rights;
- macroeconomic issues and financial regulation;
- energy, environment and climate change;
- financial services;
- competition;
- maritime and air transport;
- education and culture;
- regional development.



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