



# EU-NEW ZEALAND RELATIONS

**The EU and New Zealand are like-minded partners.** They share the same view and approach on many global issues. Both support democracy, the rule of law and human rights and are active players in multilateral organisations such as the UN and WTO. They tackle key global challenges such as climate change, sustainable development, and protection of the environment. They work together in development cooperation and fight against terrorism.

## STRONG PARTNERSHIP



**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON RELATIONS AND COOPERATION** signed in 2016, provides a comprehensive and modern legal foundation for EU-New Zealand relations. It facilitates more effective engagement by strengthening cooperation across the entire scope of the relationship.

**FREE TRADE AGREEMENT** negotiations were launched in 2018, with a common drive to create an agreement that benefits businesses and citizens - an excellent opportunity to set ambitious common rules and shape globalisation, making trade easier while promoting sustainable development.

## ECONOMIC COOPERATION

### EU IMPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Goods (2017) >> **€3.4 billion**  
Services (2017) >> **€1.8 billion**

The EU is New Zealand's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest trading partner, after China and Australia.

### EU EXPORTS TO NEW ZEALAND

Goods (2017) >> **€5.3 billion**  
Services (2017) >> **€3 billion**

The EU is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest investor of FDI in New Zealand.

New Zealand investment in the EU up to 2017:  
**€5.9 billion**

EU's investment in New Zealand up to 2017:  
**€8.8 billion**

## SECTORAL AGREEMENTS

The EU and New Zealand have many sectoral agreements designed to facilitate access to each other's markets and reduce exporters' costs. Notable examples are:



**AGREEMENTS ON SANITARY MEASURES IN LIVE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS**



**AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE IN CUSTOMS MATTERS**

## FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY



The EU and New Zealand cooperate closely on foreign and security issues and engage in **a regular political and security dialogue**.



New Zealand has contributed to the **Operation EUNAVFOR Atalanta** to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia, made possible through a joint agreement enabling New Zealand to participate in and contribute to EU missions and operations worldwide.



On major global issues the EU and New Zealand are fully aligned and there is close cooperation, on **Syria and the Middle East Peace Process, as well as on African affairs at the UN level**. The EU and New Zealand work closely together to promote peace, stability and prosperity across the Asia-Pacific region.



The European Union and New Zealand are also like-minded partners on international human rights issues such as the **abolition of the death penalty**, and they are both strong supporters of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



The EU is the largest development aid donor in the world and an active player in the Pacific. Since 2013, the two partners have collaborated to improve sustainable energy in the region. Under the guise of the **EU-New Zealand Pacific Energy Partnership**, the EU and New Zealand have expanded cooperation to benefit more Pacific countries and move into other areas like climate change and agriculture.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



**OVER HALF OF NEW ZEALAND'S RESEARCHERS ENGAGE IN ACTIVE COLLABORATION WITH EUROPEAN PARTNERS**

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**NEW ZEALAND RESEARCHERS AND INNOVATORS BENEFIT FROM THE EU'S FLAGSHIP HORIZON 2020 PROGRAMME, AS FOLLOWS:**

**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (40) - COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES (15) - EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (4)**

## PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

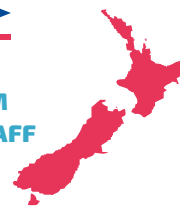


The New Zealand European Union Centres Network is a network of universities in New Zealand that combines three elements of research, teaching and outreach, focussing on the impact, role and understanding of the EU within New Zealand and the wider Pacific region.

**THERE IS CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EU AND NEW ZEALAND IN ACADEMIC MOBILITY UNDER ERASMUS+**



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