



# EU-CANADA RELATIONS

Canada is one of the EU's closest partners. Respect for democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms and a commitment to the rules-based international order underpin this relationship. In 2016, the EU and Canada signed **the Strategic Partnership Agreement** and **Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement**, lifting the relationship to a new level. The EU and Canada are also close partners in the framework of the G7 and G20.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



The **Strategic Partnership Agreement** entered into force on a provisional basis on **1 April 2017**. It upgrades foreign policy and sectoral cooperation in areas such as peace and security, human rights, research, innovation, education, environmental protection and energy security

## TOWARDS A COMMON PROSPERITY

The EU-Canada **Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement** (CETA), signed at the EU-Canada Summit in October 2016 and provisionally applied since September 2017, cuts tariffs and makes it easier to export goods and services, benefitting people and businesses in both the EU and Canada.

### INVESTMENT PARTNER

The EU is Canada's second largest investment partner



TOTAL BILATERAL INVESTMENT STOCKS → **€600 billion**

### TRADING PARTNER

The EU is Canada's second largest trading partner



BILATERAL TRADE IN GOODS IN 2018 → **€72 billion**

### MAIN GOODS IN TRADE

- AGRICULTURAL
- MACHINERY
- TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT
- CHEMICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Thanks to CETA a positive trend in commercial exchanges has been observed



## PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY



The EU and Canada are strongly committed to advancing gender equality and women's rights and co-hosted a women Foreign Ministers' in Montreal in September 2018. We believe that women's empowerment and leadership is essential to build peaceful and inclusive societies and to advance security and resilience.

## AMBITIOUS GLOBAL AGENDA - JOINT CLIMATE AND OCEAN ACTION

The EU and Canada hold a regular dialogue on climate and in June 2019 co-convened, together with China, the third Ministerial on Climate Action. We also work together to ensure sustainable management of oceans. At the 2019 Summit, the EU and Canada will sign the **EU-Canada Ocean Partnership for better conservation and use of oceans, and tackling marine litter.**

### Example:

*EU and Canada work together to reduce black carbon in the Arctic, Identifying technologies to help develop equipment that limits black carbon production and pollution on the Arctic.*



## PROMOTING PEACE, SECURITY AND DEMOCRACY

The EU and Canada work closely together to promote peace, security and democracy around the world

Canada has been contributing to EU civilian missions in Ukraine (**EUAM Ukraine**), the West Bank (**EUPOL COPPS**), Mali (**EUCAP Sahel Mali**) and Iraq (**EUAM Iraq**).

The EU and Canada will further support democracy through an agreement facilitating Canada's participation in EU Election Observation Missions



## PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS

**Erasmus+:** the EU has funded more than 1,200 Canadian students and staff to participate in academic mobility programmes since 2015. Since 2014, over 200 Canadian researchers have benefited from the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, which promote collaboration between academic, scientific and business communities in Europe and beyond.



**Enhancing security of citizens through safe data transfers:** Negotiations between the EU and Canada on an Agreement that will set a legal framework for the transfer of Passenger Name Record data by carriers operating passenger flights between the EU and Canada have been concluded pending the finalisation of the Agreement. PNR data may be used to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute terrorist offences or serious transnational crimes.



**Visa-free travel:** Since December 2017, citizens of all 28 EU Member States have been able to travel visa-free to Canada for short stays, matching the right of Canadian citizens visiting the EU.



## INNOVATING TOGETHER

### Horizon 2020:

Canadian researchers, enterprises and institutions team up with European partners to share knowledge and research, and develop scientific teams and networks.

### Core areas for research cooperation are:

- ▶ HEALTH
- ▶ AERONAUTICS
- ▶ FOOD SECURITY
- ▶ SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
- ▶ BIOTECHNOLOGY