



EU-CANADA RELATIONS



The European Union (EU) and Canada are linked by a **vibrant and comprehensive strategic partnership** founded on a common vision for a rules-based international order and a shared commitment to democratic values, peace and security, and free and fair trade. This long-standing and ever stronger friendship is shaped by **extensive historical, cultural, political and economic ties**.

We are working hand in hand to enhance the **prosperity and well-being of our citizens** and to address pressing global issues, based on a strong **multilateral system with the UN at its core**.

Advancing the **green and digital transition** is our key priority. We are working on the transformation towards modern, resource-efficient economies where economic growth is decoupled from emissions. We are **strengthening our economic resilience and security** to address global challenges, and we are supporting a positive, inclusive and human-centric vision of the digital economy and society.

A FRAMEWORK FOR VALUES AND PROSPERITY

THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (SPA)

The SPA has been an accelerator for the partnership. It provides for close cooperation on foreign affairs (e.g. Ukraine, Russia, the Indo-Pacific, Arctic, Haiti) and on sectoral issues (e.g. security and defence, climate, energy, digital research). It provisionally entered into force on 1 April 2017.

THE EU-CANADA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT (CETA)

Provisionally in force since 21 September 2017, the CETA cut tariffs and removed duties on 98% of products. It made it easier to trade goods and services, working for the benefit of companies and citizens alike.

PROMOTING PEACE AND SECURITY



Common steadfast support to Ukraine in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. **Partner Country for EU's sanctions against Russia** for a better enforcement of existing and future sanctions.

Co-founders of the **G7 Multi-Agency Donor Coordination Platform**, in support of Ukraine.

Canadian companies part of **EU Solidarity Lanes** to improve **food security**.



Consistent Canadian participation in the EU Police Mission in the Palestinian Territories, the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, and soon the EU Mission in Armenia.

Among the first **non-EU countries to participate in defence-cooperation (PESCO) projects**, on military mobility.

Joint commitment to the **mutually beneficial EU-NATO strategic partnership**.



Jointly addressing non-traditional threats, such as **foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI)** and cyberattacks.



Recent Canadian participation in **EU elections observation missions**, including in Ghana Gambia, Honduras, Timor-Leste and Turkey.



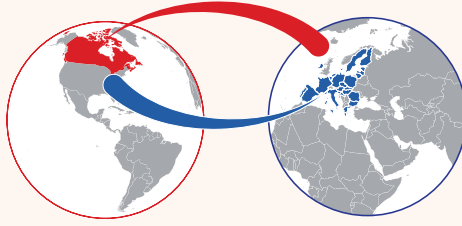
Consultations in the field of **justice and security**, including on migration and asylum.

THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT

Trade is the **cornerstone of EU-Canada cooperation**. The EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is one of the **most progressive trade agreements ever concluded by the EU**, encompassing labour rights, environmental protection and sustainable development.

66% INCREASE IN TRADE IN
GOODS SINCE 2016
€77 billion IN 2022

11% INCREASE OF TRADE IN
SERVICES SINCE 2016
€41 billion IN 2022



26% INCREASE IN TRADE IN EU
EXPORTS TO CANADA

48% INCREASE IN TOTAL TRADE
IN ENVIRONMENTAL GOODS
FROM €4.9 BILLION IN 2016 TO
€6.9 billion IN 2022

GREEN AND DIGITAL ECONOMY



GREEN TRANSITION

We are **further deepening our bilateral cooperation on climate, the environment and our energy engagement** to address these pressing global issues.

Joint commitment to fighting climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, including ahead of COP28. Close cooperation for full implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Framework for Biodiversity.

Together with China, **the EU and Canada are co-conveners of the Ministerial on Climate Action (MoCa)**, with the 7th edition having taken place in July 2023.

*Goal: nature-positive and
global climate-neutral
economy by 2050*



2022 EU-Canada CETA Cleantech Summit: to advance clean technology trade, investment and cooperation, and highlighting CETA's contribution to sustainable development.

2021 EU-Canada Strategic Partnership on Raw Materials: joining forces for resilient and sustainable supply chains for the minerals and metals critical to the digital and green transition, including the battery value chain.

The EU and Canada created a **Working Group on Green Transition and Liquefied Natural Gas**, in 2022, to enhance security of supply and work to eliminate the EU's dependence on Russian energy.



Other common priorities (e.g. methane emissions reduction, infrastructure investments, hydrogen) are also addressed in the **EU-Canada High-Level Energy Dialogue**.



DIGITAL COOPERATION

Strategic collaboration has grown on key priorities, ranging from emerging technologies - such as block chain, quantum artificial intelligence, data governance - to digital investments.

Joint efforts are ongoing to **deepen digital cooperation towards a positive and human-centric digital economy and society**, with a focus on issues like artificial intelligence, cyber security, and secure and resilient international connectivity infrastructure.



INNOVATING TOGETHER

Strong and successful cooperation on Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI):

- ✓ 1959 Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.
- ✓ 1996 Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

2022 Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee: agreement to focus research cooperation on agriculture, aviation, bio-economy, health, oceans, raw materials, smart cities and researcher mobility.

Canada's association to [Horizon Europe](#) further reinforces bilateral research cooperation.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS



Erasmus +: since 2014, more than 5,600 exchanges of higher education students and staff.



Marie Skłodowska-Curie: 354 Canadian researchers and staff have benefited from academic mobility and collaboration between academic, scientific and business communities; 486 researchers from around the world, including Europe, have been hosted by Canadian organisations.