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# EU-CANADA RELATIONS



The European Union and Canada are **longstanding strategic partners**. We are committed to a **rules-based international order** with the UN at its core. We fully defend democratic values, peace and security. We also stand behind the principles of free and fair trade. Our friendship is shaped by **extensive historical, cultural, political and economic ties**.

## A FRAMEWORK FOR VALUES AND PROSPERITY

### THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (SPA)

Since 2017, 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). At the 2025 Summit, we decided to take our partnership further.

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

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

## MAIN RESULTS OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> EU – CANADA SUMMIT

At the 2025 Summit, the EU and Canada decided to forge a **new ambitious and comprehensive partnership**.

- ✓ Sign an **EU-Canada Security and Defence Partnership** to strengthen cooperation on global security challenges.
- ✓ Launch a new **EU-Canada Industrial Policy Dialogue** to boost competitiveness and cooperation in strategic value chains.
- ✓ Deepen the dialogues on **economic security** and on critical **raw materials**.
- ✓ Launch work towards a **Digital Trade Agreement** that would complement CETA.
- ✓ Enhance our cooperation on digital, including through the EU-Canada Digital Partnership.
- ✓ Pursuing the **green transition**, so that economic growth is decoupled from emissions.

See the full list [here](#).

## PROMOTING PEACE AND SECURITY



The EU and Canada are **strong supporters of Ukraine** in its fight against Russia's aggression. Both have imposed far-reaching **sanctions against Russia**, and are working for better enforcement of existing and future measures.

The EU and Canada are co-founders of the **G7 Multi-Agency Donor Coordination Platform**, in support of Ukraine. EU and Canadian companies are part of the **EU Solidarity Lanes** to improve **food security**.

We have pursued joint efforts to ensure full accountability in response to Russia's war of aggression and welcomed the establishment of a **Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine**.



Strong bilateral operational cooperation on international **crisis management**, maritime security, multilateral counterterrorism efforts, and non-traditional threats, such as **foreign information manipulation and interference** (FIMI), as well as malicious cyber activities.



Canada and the EU are expanding their security and defence capabilities. Through our EU-Canada **Security and Defence Partnership**, we are creating opportunities for **cooperation in defence procurement**.



For many years, Canada has participated in **EU election observation missions**, including in Kosovo, Ecuador and the Philippines in 2025.



Consultations in the field of **justice and home affairs**, take place regularly, such as on migration and asylum.

## VIBRANT BILATERAL TRADE

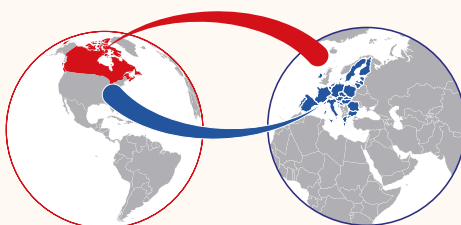
Trade is a **cornerstone of EU-Canada cooperation**. The EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is one of the **most progressive trade agreements ever concluded by the EU**, encompassing labour rights, environmental protection and sustainable development. We are committed to increase trade flows and promote economic security. Work is also ongoing towards a **Digital Trade Agreement** that would complement CETA.

**63%** INCREASE IN BILATERAL  
TRADE IN **GOODS** COMPARED  
TO 2016

**€76 billion** IN 2024

**90%** INCREASE OF BILATERAL  
TRADE IN **SERVICES**  
COMPARED TO 2016

**€48.9 billion** IN 2024



**61%** INCREASE IN EU **EXPORTS IN  
GOODS** TO CANADA  
COMPARED TO 2016

WITH A  
VALUE OF **€47.8 billion**

**81%** INCREASE IN TRADE IN EU  
**EXPORTS IN SERVICES** TO  
CANADA COMPARED TO 2016  
WITH A VALUE OF

**€28.4 billion** IN 2024

### Concrete example: Critical raw materials trade

EU EXPORTS TO CANADA INCREASED ALMOST TENFOLD  
BETWEEN 2016 AND 2023

FROM

**€104  
million**



TO

**€1  
billion**

EU IMPORTS FROM CANADA INCREASED BY 34%  
BETWEEN 2016 AND 2023

FROM

**€1.15  
billion**



TO

**€1.56  
billion**

## FOSTERING COMPETITIVENESS AND RESILIENCE

The EU and Canada are working closely together to ensure security and diversity in the **supply of minerals and metals**, including through the **EU-Canada Strategic Partnership on Raw Materials**.

Further ongoing work to update the **EU-Canada Competition Cooperation Agreement**.



### DIGITAL COOPERATION

Work is ongoing to implement the **EU-Canada Digital Partnership**, notably on AI, cybersecurity, online platforms regulation, data spaces, digital identity, earth modelling and secure international connectivity.

The EU and Canada have continued to deepen their digital collaboration and look toward to the first **EU-Canada Digital Partnership Council** later this year.



## CLEAN TRANSITION

The EU-Canada Green Alliance represents our steadfast ambition to **fight climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution**.

*The EU joined Canada's Global Carbon Pricing Challenge (GCPC) initiative  Decarbonisation as joint priority*

The EU and Canada cooperate closely for the full implementation of the **Paris Agreement** and the **Kunming-Montreal Global Framework for Biodiversity**. They are closely aligned on the global stage, such as at the G7, G20 and UN Environmental Assembly, and cooperate under the bilateral High-Level Dialogues on Climate, Environment and Energy.

The EU and Canada work together as co-chairs of the **Global Methane Pledge** to reduce methane emissions by at least 30% from 2020 levels by 2030.



Concrete work under the **EU-Canada High-Level Energy Dialogue**: Diversified energy supply chains, including clean tech value chains, renewables, LNG and other safe and sustainable low-carbon technologies, methane emissions reduction.



## INNOVATING TOGETHER

Canada's **Association to Horizon Europe** in 2024 has enhanced mutual collaboration and opportunities in research and innovation.

Successful partnership ongoing under the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation, which includes cooperation on **research security, AI, ocean and polar research and researcher mobility**.

## PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS



**Erasmus +:** since 2014, more than 7,800 exchanges of higher education students and staff have taken place.



**Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA):** Since 2014, 90 Canadian organisations and 422 Canadian researchers and staff have benefited from mobility and collaboration between academic, scientific and business communities, while 621 researchers from around the world, including Europe, have been hosted by Canadian organisations.



**European Research Council (ERC):** In 2024, there were over 700 expressions of interest to host researchers holding Canadian grants.