



Culture

In the area of culture, Canada and France have longstanding ties built on shared history and language. A cultural agreement was signed in 1965 and a Canada-France Joint Commission meets regularly; the 16th meeting was held in Canada in October 1999 and the next is scheduled for the autumn of 2001. The two countries share a desire to promote cultural diversity on the international scene and to actively foster the development of their respective cultural industries. Exchanges between the two countries in the audio-visual field have led to film co-production agreements; private co-productions are numerous. Canada and France are the two chief architects of the international French-language channel, TV-5. They have co-operation agreements on museums and archives.

Canada participated in MILIA, a major multimedia trade fair, for the first time in 1997. Canada was also recognized at the EXPOLANGUES show in 1997 for excellence in language