

PROGRAM TO STIMULATE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION WITH WESTERN EUROPE

(FISCAL YEAR 1994-95)

BACKGROUND

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The Europe 1992 segment of the Going Global trade strategy, announced by the government in 1989, is intended to further the long-term economic development of Canada particularly by reinforcing the Canadian infrastructure for international cooperation in science and technology (S-T). For this purpose, a program was initiated in 1990 to stimulate S-T cooperation with Western Europe.

In the first year, primary emphasis was given to studies and workshops which would facilitate the development of recommendations to government in order to strengthen and better focus Canadian S-T ties with Western Europe. Additionally, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada administered a competition open to researchers from Canadian universities.

In the following years of operation, contributions were made to public and private sector initiatives primarily aimed at exploring and establishing joint projects in technological research and development with European partners. A portion of the fund was used to help consolidate ongoing cooperative projects.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications may be submitted by researchers and consultants resident in Canada, Canadian businesses or organizations such as universities, science-based departments or agencies in the various levels of government, public and private applied research centres, and Canadian professional or industrial associations.

Contributions are generally intended to defray the incremental costs associated with international research and technology development initiatives involving European partners. Activities eligible for funding include travel, and organizing studies, workshops and missions in Europe.

Beneficiaries of this program or their organization normally assume responsibility for one-third or more of the actual cost of the proposed activity.

Payments are made once the activity has taken place, based on the presentation of a claim accompanied by the relevant invoices and documentation. In some cases, an advance payment of up to 25 per cent of the total contribution may be available.