

- Canada and the EU support the same issues in over 90 per cent of their votes at the UN General Assembly. Close historical and cultural ties, as well as common respect for effective multilateralism, are the foundations of the partnership.
- Canada and the EU co-operate in the North in the areas of science and technology, research, health, and environment issues. Canada encourages joint efforts to increase exchanges between students and young people.

Canada-EU summits

- Canada-EU summits are held twice a year during each rotating presidency of the European Union. Ireland holds the presidency until June 30, 2004. The Netherlands will take the presidency for the following six months.
- In Ottawa in March 2004, leaders will consider a range of issues, including transatlantic relations, trade and investment relations, effective multilateralism, innovation and competitiveness, the Middle East, Afghanistan, and weapons of mass destruction.
- At the Canada-EU Summit in Ottawa in December 2002, leaders discussed enhancing co-operation and agreed to launch a comprehensive review of their relations. This review has led to the Partnership Agenda, which aims to improve international security and effective multilateralism, global economic prosperity, justice and home affairs, responses to global and regional challenges, and links between the people of the European Union and Canada.
- In Ottawa in 2002, leaders also agreed to design a modern trade and investment enhancement agreement that — combined with the results of the World Trade Organization's Doha round of negotiations — would offer more benefits than a classic free trade pact.
- Trade ministers are to present a framework for the Canada-EU Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement at the Canada-EU Summit in Ottawa on March 18, 2004. Negotiations are expected to begin later in 2004 and conclude once the results of the WTO Doha round of negotiations are known.
- The framework includes trade and investment facilitation, competition, financial services, science and technology, and mutual recognition of professional qualifications.