

Western Europe is also the second-largest and fastest-growing source of foreign investment in Canada. Direct investment from the European Community in Canada reached an estimated \$19.9 billion in 1987, up more than 50 per cent since 1980. This represents close to 80 per cent of the non-U.S. direct investment in Canada.

Science and technology relations

Canada has six bilateral agreements covering science and technology co-operation with Western Europe. In addition to the 1976 Framework Agreement with the European Community, there are agreements with France, Germany and Belgium, and Exchanges of Letters with Britain and Norway. In view of the necessity of taking advantage of new opportunities which will be created by the completion of the Single European Market in 1992, and the Free Trade Agreement in North America, the general objective in Canada's science and technology relations with Western Europe is to establish technological and trade bridges through research co-operation that would bring economic and industrial benefits. The Department facilitated private-sector exploration of research co-operation in EUREKA projects. The first instance of full participation of a Canadian company at project level was achieved in 1988. Four very active bilateral programs of science and technology co-operation are administered by the Department. Their accomplishments rest largely on the active collaboration and support from the federal science and technology agencies and the provinces.

Immigration

Most Canadian missions in Western Europe placed special emphasis on enforcement-related issues in 1988/89. With the full co-operation of airlines and airport officials throughout Western Europe, Canadian missions in the area spent significant time trying to stem the flow of illegal immigrants seeking to enter Canada by using false visas or forged travel documents. In addition, missions such as Bonn, Brussels and The Hague spent much effort following up on leads and rumours of possible boat departures of illegals destined for Canada.

With funds from Investment Canada, Canadian missions participated with the provinces in promotional campaigns to encourage the immigration of entrepreneurs and investors to Canada. These efforts were again quite successful and attracted 536 immigrant entrepreneurs/investors, who invested some \$3.14 billion in Canada. This represented a 305 per cent increase over the previous year.

With 33 490 visas issued to potential immigrants from the area, Western Europe was the second-largest source of new immigrants to Canada. In addition, 64 713 visas were issued to visitors, students and temporary workers.

A number of missions such as Athens, Ankara, Rome and Bonn contributed to Canada's general refugee program by issuing some 8 129 visas to refugees from Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East, almost doubling the figure for the previous year.

Table 5
CANADIAN EXPORTS TO WESTERN EUROPE BY COUNTRY
(thousands of dollars)

	Exports 1986	Per cent share	Export 1987	Per cent share	Export 1988	Per cent share	Per cent change 88/87
Belgium and Luxembourg	846 044	8.9	1 167 460	10.6	1 173 822	9.0	0.5
France	1 012 839	10.7	1 086 753	9.8	1 221 258	9.4	12.4
Germany, West	1 309 065	13.8	1 606 265	14.5	1 773 251	13.6	10.4
Italy	711 705	7.5	868 968	7.9	1 034 565	7.9	19.1
Netherlands	1 009 728	10.7	1 071 659	9.7	1 436 411	11.0	34.0
United Kingdom	2 731 894	28.9	3 029 691	27.4	3 561 717	27.3	17.6
Ireland	91 470	1.0	145 294	1.3	217 478	1.7	49.7
Denmark	111 811	1.2	115 354	1.0	136 667	1.0	18.5
Greece	66 155	0.7	68 000	0.6	61 058	0.5	-10.2
Portugal	154 745	1.6	174 026	1.6	169 002	1.3	-2.9
Spain	138 468	1.5	217 520	2.0	245 696	1.9	13.0
Gibraltar	118	0.0	158	0.0	204	0.0	29.1
Malta	1 131	0.0	1 833	0.0	1 787	0.0	-2.5
Austria	52 391	0.6	95 788	0.9	108 755	0.8	13.5
Finland	85 870	0.9	101 902	0.9	176 752	1.4	73.5
Iceland	7 627	0.1	12 780	0.1	12 829	0.1	0.4
Norway	319 841	3.4	321 188	2.9	489 069	3.7	52.3
Sweden	247 645	2.6	266 744	2.4	328 185	2.5	23.0
Switzerland	353 424	3.7	437 091	4.0	712 327	5.5	63.0
Turkey	202 980	2.1	266 577	2.4	181 667	1.4	-13.9
TOTAL	9 454 950	100.0	11 055 053	100.0	13 042 500	100.0	18.0