
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM - *EU*

It is urgent for the Canadian community of science-based departments and agencies to stimulate more science and technology collaboration for mutual benefits with Europe as the window of opportunities could close rapidly as a result of the competing demands of EU integration and enlargement, the recent EU-Mexico Free Trade Agreement and deepening EU-US relations. This could be achieved by:

- identifying Canadian science and technology priorities with Europe;
- ensuring that federal R&D and S&T programs have an international component in order to enhance the relevance of Canadian research, accelerate the uptake of innovation by Canadians and contribute to global human development;
- making it easier and cheaper for Canadian researchers to network and team up with the best European teams, by supporting effective government-to-government coordination (dedicated national contact points, more regular JSTCCs, key implementing arrangements and synchronised calls for proposals, and a unique window for advising Canadians on public support for their participation in international research efforts).