

The EU and Canada agree, in the context of their 1996 Agreement for Scientific and Technical Co-operation, to identify, build on and enhance modalities for increasing science and technology collaboration, while working to make that collaboration relevant to trade, investment, regulation and broader policy. We likewise agree to identify and reduce barriers to co-operation.

14. Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises

Canada and the EU agree to explore ways to facilitate bilateral trade, investment, and technology transfer between Canadian and EU small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with the aim of including any appropriate provisions in this respect in the TIEA.

15. Civil Society Consultations

Both the EU and Canada have developed mechanisms for involving different non-state actors in governmental policy-making and have argued in favour of a greater role for civil society members in the WTO.

Therefore, the TIEA should ensure that civil society has a role to play in the bilateral trade and investment relationship. Building on each other's experience of consultation with civil society, the TIEA should establish a bilateral civil society dialogue, following the implementation of the Agreement. This may involve a variety of consultative mechanisms to encourage direct participation by representatives of non-governmental organisations, business associations, and other specific or sectoral stakeholders in discussions on a range of horizontal trade and related issues.

16. Dispute Settlement and Institutional Arrangements

Canada and the EU agree to discuss the appropriate institutional and dispute settlement provisions once the contours of a future agreement become more clearly defined.