

- In the justice and home affairs sector, Canada and the EU are strengthening their common efforts to combat transnational organized crime, illegal immigration, terrorism, and drug trafficking.
- The Canada–EU Program for Co-operation in Higher Education and Training benefits more than 125 post-secondary institutions in Canada and Europe and more than 1,000 students. It aims to facilitate student mobility, encourage exchange programs, and support education, training and internship.

Trade and investment

- Under the EU-Canada Trade Initiative, Canada and the European Union are working to improve market access and economic co-operation. Issues include regulatory co-operation, services, government procurement, intellectual property, competition issues, cultural co-operation, business-to-business contacts, and electronic commerce. The initiative also calls for both parties to consult on multilateral trade issues.
- The trade initiative has created the Canada–Europe Round Table for European and Canadian firms with a strong commitment to transatlantic business. The round table provides a structure for business leaders to develop their views on government policies affecting their interests. It also introduces members and other interested firms to business opportunities in other countries.
- As with any extensive economic relationship, trade irritants can be found in the Canada–EU relationship. Some examples include genetically modified organisms, hormone-treated beef, pinewood nematode and liquor boards. Efforts are continuing to address these and other issues.
- Canada–EU two-way trade totalled nearly \$56 billion in 2000.
- Canadian exports to the EU were valued at \$19 billion in 2000 and consisted mainly of pulp and paper, transportation products, and machinery and mechanical appliances.
- Second only to the U.S., the EU is consistently the most important destination for Canadian exports. Leaving aside exports to the U.S., the EU's share of Canada's remaining exports has averaged about 33 per cent between 1996 and 2000. Canada's exports to the EU in 2000 represented 4.6 per cent of Canada's total exports of \$412.2 billion and 1.8 per cent of the EU's global imports.