



Canadian Bureau for
International Education

“Shared Values, Shared Futures: A New Ambition for EU-Canada Higher Education Collaboration”



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Shared Values, Shared Futures



Foundations of Partnership

Canada and Europe share commitments to openness, academic freedom and multilateral cooperation.

Complementary Strengths

Canada's inclusion, bilingualism, and intercultural competence complement Europe's research excellence and regulatory sophistication.

Ethical Global Leadership

This partnership fosters values-based leadership focused on trust, civil commitment and shaping a stable, inclusive future.

Higher Education as Catalyst

Higher education partnerships drive human-centered innovation, democratic resilience, and empower future generations.



Co-Creation is the New Frontier



Beyond Student Mobility

Student exchange alone is insufficient to solve today's complex global challenges; deeper academic collaboration is imperative.

Shared Academic Ecosystems

Co-creation involves jointly designed curricula, cross-border credentials and research partnerships leveraging strengths from both continents.

Creating Global Public Goods

Collective effort and coordination across institutions is essential for developing solutions for crises like climate change and digital transformation.

Equity and Long-Term Impact

Co-creation builds equitable partnerships, strengthens networks, and prepares globally competent leaders for the future.



Education as Democratic Infrastructure



Universities as Democratic Pillars

Higher education institutions foster critical thinking, civil engagement and respect for human rights, strengthening democracy.

Challenges to Democracy

Misinformation, polarization, declining youth trust, and academic freedom threats challenge democratic resilience worldwide.

Canada-EU Education Collaboration

Joint initiatives like digital literacy and civil education programs safeguard democratic societies across continents.

Education for Civic Responsibility

Internationalization links institutions and students to promote inclusive, research-informed democratic renewal and stability.



Talent is the New Diplomacy



Talent as Diplomatic Bridges

Learners, researchers, and educators form enduring transatlantic connections that strengthen understanding, collaboration, and long-term partnerships between Canada and Europe.

Alumni Impact on Global Networks

Alumni become leaders embedding cross-cultural trust in government, science, industry and civil society.

Talent Circulation and Innovation

Responsible talent mobility builds shared research capacity, bridges linguistic and cultural divides, and drives collaborative innovation in an interconnected world.

Soft Diplomacy through Student Mobility

Student mobility builds resilient, long-term relationships beyond formal agreements through soft diplomacy.



Ethical Internationalization



Ethical Internationalization Framework

Academic environments that showcase the value of tolerance, solidarity, collaboration and respect for diversity, equip learners, researchers and students to build durable and productive transatlantic diplomatic bridges.

Address Talent Imbalances

Avoid brain drain in low- and middle-income countries by fostering equitable and sustainable student mobility.

Support Student Well-being

Enhance mental health, housing and integration services to prioritize student success and dignity abroad.

Strengthen Global Partnerships

Focus on capacity-building initiatives to empower global partners and reduce dependency.



Call to Action: Values-Based Global Leadership



Human-Centered Values

Canada and Europe lead with trust, inclusion, academic excellence and social cohesion as core strengths.

Collaborative Knowledge Creation

True partnership promotes co-creation of knowledge and ethical internationalization in higher education.

Addressing Global Challenges

Coordinated leadership tackles climate change, AI governance, demographic shifts, and geopolitical instability.

Moral Commitment to Future

Our partnership is a moral commitment to a just, peaceful and inclusive global education ecosystem.



Thank you/Merci

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