



## COMMUNIQUÉ

### **13th Meeting of the EU-Canada Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee (JSTCC) of the Bilateral Agreement on Science and Technology between the European Union and Canada**

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The 13th Meeting of the EU-Canada Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee (JSTCC) was hosted by the European Commission in Brussels on 14th June, 2016. The meeting took place in the context of 20 years of cooperation under EU-Canada Science and Technology Agreement and 40 years since the opening of EU diplomatic representation in Ottawa. During this whole week several EU- Canada S&T related side meetings will take place.

The large and high level Canadian delegation was led by Louis Marcotte, Director General Investment and Innovation for Global Affairs Canada and comprised representatives from a large number of Canadian governmental Departments and various S&T related agencies or actors like Global Affairs Canada, Mission of Canada to the European Union, Consortium for Aerospace Research and Innovation in Canada (CARIC), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), National Research Council (NRC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Defense Research and Development Canada (DRDC), Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Québec Government office in Brussels, Polar Knowledge Canada and Canadian Institutes for Advanced Research (CIFAR).

The European delegation was led by Maria Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation, Directorate General of Research and Innovation, and was comprised of representatives of the Directorate Generals for Research and Innovation; European External Action Service, Communications Networks, Content & Technology; Education and Culture and Migration and Home Affairs.

Both parties recognized the importance of reinforcing the links between industry and research and fostering the innovation process to stimulate job creation, economic growth and social welfare.

Both delegations agreed to continue and foster cooperation in key areas like Marine and Arctic research, Health Research, Aeronautics and ICT research, Agricultural research as

well as cooperation on Research Infrastructures. As a new area for cooperation, security research has been agreed and Climate Change will be further exploited between the services involved.

Both parties agreed to continue developing common principles and adequate framework conditions needed to create a level playing field for researchers from Canada and the European Union to cooperate with each other on the basis of trust.

At the end of the meeting, both delegations reaffirmed the importance of Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation in addressing shared economic, environmental and societal challenges within the context of the overall EU-Canada relations.

Both sides signed the same day an Administrative Arrangement. The purpose of this Administrative Arrangement is to facilitate cooperation between Canadian governmental departments and agencies and Horizon 2020 projects.