



**ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
ON COOPERATION
WITH HORIZON 2020 PROJECT CONSORTIA**

The European Commission and the Government of Canada desirous to foster cooperation between the European Union and Canada in the framework of the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada, signed in Halifax on 17 June 1995, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement'),

Have reached the following understandings:

Purpose

The purpose of this Administrative Arrangement is to provide a mechanism to:

- a. address and acknowledge the Government of Canada specific cooperation approach towards the Union research programme, i.e. Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) (hereinafter referred to as 'Horizon 2020'); and
- b. facilitate Canada's cooperation such that the Government of Canada Science-Based Departments and Agencies (SBDA) and Granting Agencies (GA) can cooperate with Horizon 2020 project consortia in areas of common interest, where no funding is exchanged.

Scope

This Arrangement concerns those Horizon 2020 project consortia, in which the Government of Canada Science-Based Departments and Agencies and Granting Agencies (SBDA-GA) are unable to participate either as a beneficiary (having signed the Horizon 2020 Grant Agreement) or as a third party involved in the action (see Purpose a and b). Both sides understand that Horizon 2020 Grant Agreements are not International Treaties.

Mechanism

- The European Commission services intend to help communicate to the relevant European stakeholders the Government of Canada's specific cooperation approach and continues to encourage the Horizon 2020 project consortia to collaborate with Canada, as appropriate, as per the scope noted above.
- The European Commission services intend to communicate that Canadian SBDA-GAs are unable to sign or accede to the following legally binding documents in relation to Horizon 2020 projects, namely to Grant Agreements and the Declaration of Honour.

- Working outside the framework of the respective Horizon 2020 Grant Agreement, Canadian SBDA-GAs intend to cooperate with ongoing Horizon 2020 project consortia or future Horizon 2020 project consortia. Accordingly, the European Commission services intend to include relevant information in Horizon 2020 Work Programmes or calls for proposals under preparation.
- The Canadian lead SBDA-GA intends to approach the relevant Horizon 2020 project consortia and concur with them to work on the cooperation in line with the framework of the Horizon 2020 Grant Agreement.
- Any Horizon 2020 project consortium should be able to identify in the proposal, the Canadian SBDA-GA with which it intends to cooperate in the course of the project.
- The Canadian lead SBDA-GA and the EU project consortium or its coordinator should be able to formalise in writing the content and modalities of their cooperation.
- The European Commission and Canada services intend to identify potential cooperation priorities in the context of their Science and Technology cooperation activities under the Agreement and if possible in advance of the release of any final Work Programme. If feasible, the draft Work Programme should be shared with Canada for information as early as possible.

Information exchange and publicity

The Government of Canada intends to notify the European Commission about any arrangement concluded with successful Horizon 2020 Project Consortium and the European Commission also intends to share regular statistical information with Canada. Both sides intend to publish the cooperation activities between Horizon 2020 project consortia and Canadian SBDA-GAs and acknowledge them within the framework of the Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee.

Other Provisions

This Administrative Arrangement is not binding and does not create rights or obligations under international law.

Duration


This Administrative Arrangement is intended to commence upon signature by both sides. It is to remain operative for as long as the Horizon 2020 remains in force or until a side discontinues its participation in this Arrangement. If one side intends to discontinue its participation in this Arrangement, it should endeavour to provide 90 days' advance writing notice of its intent to the other side.

This Administrative Arrangement may be amended at any time, by mutual consent through an exchange of letters between services.


Signed at Brussels, on 14 June 2016, in duplicate, in the English language.

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