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Canada-EU Study Tour

The European Union and Canada have established a solid and valuable bilateral relationship particularly during the last decade. In this context, the European Commission dedicates great energy to further expand and develop the EU-Canada partnership and links. The European Commission is pleased to support the efforts of the European Studies Network and the important contribution of *The Study Tour*. The internship aspect of this project is to be recognized for its role in developing a cohort of students with an enhanced understanding of the EU and an appreciation for the significance of the EU-Canada relationship.

Each year, these students have the opportunity and capacity to engage in scholarships and public diplomacy activities, reflecting their knowledge and experience and sharing it with other Canadians. The academic program, in which political and administrative representatives of the EU participate, brings to life the issues studied in the classroom and gives students in Canada a first hand appreciation of what it is to be part of the European project.

We hope that they will return to Canada with an enhanced knowledge of the EU and that this knowledge will be conveyed to their Canadian counterparts.

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