

# ERA-Can+ twinning programme

## Call text

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### About ERA-Can+

[ERA-Can+](#) promotes cooperation between the European Union (EU) and Canada across the science, technology and innovation chain to support and encourage their mutual prosperity, address common societal issues and meet global challenges in the most effective and efficient way possible.

It is a 36-month project, led by APRE together with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada in concert with sector leaders in the Canadian academic and business communities - Public Policy Forum (PPF) and Universities Canada - and leading organizations for research and innovation development across Europe: the Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) in Austria, the National Centre of Scientific Research (CNRS) in France and the Project Centre at the German Aerospace Centre (PT-DLR) in Germany. The project is structured around three interlocking pillars:

- Enriching the EU-Canada policy dialogue by identifying areas of mutual interest and targeted opportunities and by developing implementation plans for collaboration
- Stimulating transatlantic cooperation between researchers and innovators by raising awareness of the opportunities available and through networking activities
- Enhancing coordination among Canadian federal and provincial program owners, sector leaders and networks and their counterparts at the European level and in European Member States

The pillars are linked, all focused on a number of global and societal challenges identified through the policy dialogue as areas of mutual interest for Europe and Canada. In this way, ERA-Can+ offers a strong and sustainable structure for advancing cooperation with tangible benefits for Canadians and Europeans.

### Twinning programme objectives

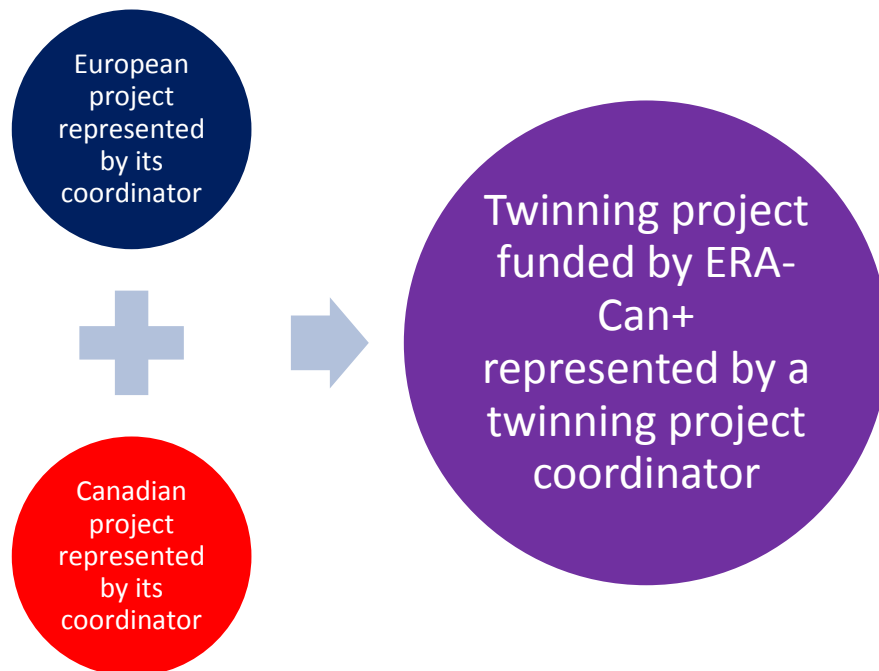
The twinning programme aims to foster the development of new strategic, long-term international partnerships between EU and Canadian research and innovation communities. The programme will support the pairing of European-funded projects and Canadian-funded projects so that project partners may undertake new networking and research collaborations.

### Eligibility criteria

Each twinning project should consist of at least one EU-funded project consortium (FP7 or Horizon 2020), and one Canadian project funded either at the federal or provincial level. Canadian project participants may include researchers and innovators from universities, research institutes and from the private sector. Both projects should be either running or have been completed less than two years prior to the proposal submission deadline.

The European and Canadian partners may participate in no more than one submission to the competition.

The European-Canada consortium must choose **one twinning project coordinator** who will formally submit the proposal. The twinning project coordinator will also be responsible for all communications with the Call Secretariat.



### **Thematic framework**

Applications may align with any thematic area, however, priority will be given to the following key cooperation areas which have been jointly identified by the European Commission and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD): aeronautics, space, the Arctic, health, ICT, marine and maritime research, food security and sustainable agriculture.

### **Eligible activities**

The following activities will be eligible for funding:

- Exchange visits in Europe and Canada
- The organisation of up to three joint workshops and meetings
- Joint literature reviews
- The development of analytical methods and databases
- The exchange of data, information, knowledge and materials

### **Project duration**

The selected twinning projects will be funded from January 15, 2016 until July 31, 2016.

### **Funding modalities**

#### **Available budget**

The overall budget available for this call is 30,000€. Applicants may seek up to 6,000€ per project.

#### **Funding framework**

Eligible costs are:

- Travel costs: economy/second class tickets
- Subsistence costs: accommodation, meals and local transportation on the basis of the maximum reimbursement rates detailed in Annex 1 of the present call text
- Event organisation costs: they will be reimbursed based on actual expenses incurred. They include workshop costs (catering, rent for the event location, etc.) and consortium partner meeting costs (other experts may be invited if they are named in the proposal). A maximum of 300€ may be claimed for workshops/meetings that have up to 10 participants and 500€ for workshops/meetings of more than 10 participants.

Personnel costs (either for permanent or temporary staff) are not eligible.

The estimated cost of each activity (in Euros) must be detailed in the proposal's budget. All funded activities must be completed by July 2016.

### **Reimbursement modalities**

Travel and subsistence costs will be reimbursed directly to the person participating in the exchange/event upon provision of all the original travel and subsistence documents, including flight tickets and boarding passes or train tickets depending on the means of transportation used. Original receipts for meals, taxis, local transportation and accommodation must also be provided. Travel and subsistence costs will be reimbursed as soon as all necessary documents are submitted to APRE.

Event organization costs will be reimbursed at the end of the project, once the final report is submitted to APRE. Original receipts and the event attendance sheet(s) must be submitted with the report.

### **Evaluation**

Applications will be evaluated by a Selection Panel composed by three European and three Canadian evaluators. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Relevance to the call
- Relevance to thematic priorities
- Motivation (rationale for cooperation)
- Strategy for funding future common initiatives

All evaluation criteria will be given equal weighting.

### **Submission procedure**

Proposals must be submitted by January 4, 2016 as a pdf document to [pachkoff@apre.it](mailto:pachkoff@apre.it) Proposals may be submitted in either English or French.

Only applications using the attached application form and financial plan will be accepted. The twinning project coordinator must formally submit the proposal on behalf of the EU-Canada consortium. Proposals submitted after the deadline and incomplete applications will not be considered.

### **Reporting**

All selected twinning projects will be required to submit a brief final report by August 15, 2016.

### **Call Secretariat**

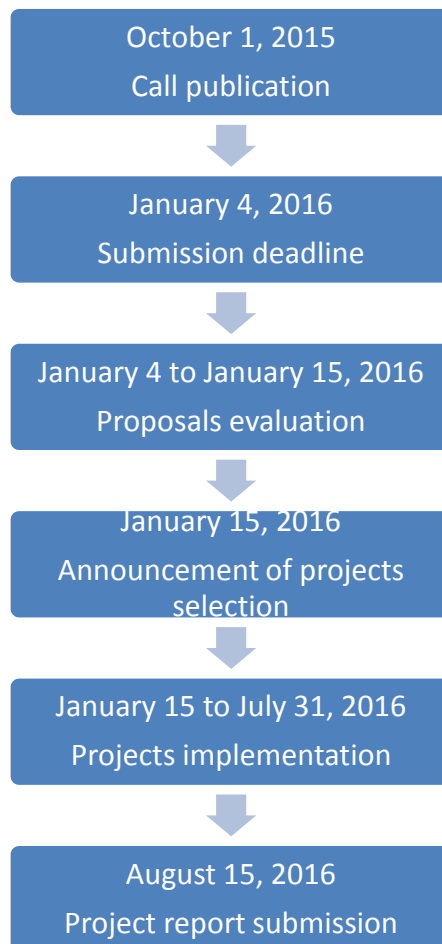
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## Timeline



## Annex 1: Maximum rates for subsistence costs<sup>1</sup>

Country	Maximum daily subsistence costs (daily allowance + accommodation) in euros
Albania	210
Austria	225
Belgium	232
Bosnia and Herzegovina	200
Bulgaria	227
Cyprus	238
Czech Republic	230
Denmark	270
Estonia	181
Finland	244
France	245
Germany	208
Greece	222
Hungary	222
Iceland	245
Ireland	254
Israel	315
Italy	230
Latvia	211
Lithuania	183
Luxembourg	237
Malta	205
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	210
Moldova	250
Montenegro	220
Netherlands	263
Norway	220

<sup>1</sup> Based on the European Commission flat rates for daily allowances :  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/fp7/89566/flat-rates-subsistence\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/fp7/89566/flat-rates-subsistence_en.pdf)

Country	Maximum daily subsistence costs (daily allowance + accommodation) in euros
Poland	217
Portugal	204
Romania	222
Serbia	220
Slovakia	205
Slovenia	180
Spain	212
Sweden	257
Switzerland	220
Turkey	220
Ukraine	270
United Kingdom	276
Canada	230