

The IST-EC project



Fostering research & development collaboration between Canada and Europe in key areas of Information Society Technologies.



What is IST-EC?

- A project supported by:
 - The **European Commission**: Framework Programme 5.
 - A number of **key Federal and Provincial Canadian organizations** (DFAIT, CANARIE, CRC, etc...)
- The development of this project was facilitated by the **Canada-Europe Science & Technology Agreement**, a vehicle that enables Canadian research organizations, universities and companies to become involved in European RTD programs.
- **Duration**: 2 years. March 2002 - March 2004



IST-EC objectives

- **Mission:** To connect the European & Canadian research and business community in key areas of IST (Information Society Technology).
- **Key objective:** To foster R&D collaboration between European and Canadian companies, research centres and universities in key areas of information society technologies, with an accent on the domains of e-Learning, Culture and e-Content, e-Work and e-Commerce.



The IST-EC Approach

- IST-EC is based on a brokerage methodology to identify and match potential research partners.
- IST-EC uses two interactive tracks :
 - **Partner search inquiries through the IST-EC web site**
 - Euro-Canadian data base for searching partners
 - Useful information for potential proposers (funding opportunities)
 - **Europe Canada brokerage sessions**
 - Held at international conferences.
 - Presentation of project ideas / Bilateral meetings
 - support and guidance for successful participation in funding programs



Expected benefits

- Network between the European and Canadian RTD community
- New co-operations between European and Canadian organizations
- More joint participation in funding programs
- New business opportunities on both sides

Partners in Europe



- **BIT** (Bureau for International research and Technology cooperation/Vienna-Austria)/[www. www.bit.ac.at](http://www.bit.ac.at)
- **Essor Europe**/Paris-France/www.essoreurope.fr
- **GET** (The Group of Telecommunications Institutes)/Paris-France
- **Innova Spa**/Roma-Italy/www.innova-eu.net
- **Maplehurst Consultants**/Paris-France
- **SingleImage**/St-Ives-England/www.singleimage.co.uk
- **SINTEF** (the Foundation for Scientific and Industrial Research at the Norwegian Institute of Technology)/Trondheim-Norway/www.sintef.no
- **Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum**/Stuttgart-Germany/www.steinbeis-europa.de

Partners in Canada



- **DFAIT** (Department Of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada)/www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca
- **CANARIE**/Ottawa/www.canarie.ca.
- **CITO** (Communications and Information Technology Ontario)/Ontario/www.cito.ca
- **CRC** (Communications Research Centre)/Ottawa/www.crc.ca
- **CRIM** (Computer Research Institute of Montreal)/Montreal/www.crim.ca
- **INDUSTRY Canada**/Ottawa/www.ttcinfotech.ic.gc.ca
- **NRC-IRAP** (National Research Council Canada- Industrial Research Assistance Program)/Ottawa/www.nrc.ca/irap/
- **NRC-IIT** (National Research Council Canada- Institute for Information Technology-e-Business)/New Brunswick/www.iit.nrc.ca
- **NSERC** (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council)/Ottawa/www.nserc.ca
- **LICEF** (Research Centre -Télé-Université Québec)/Montréal/www.licef.teluq.quebec.ca

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