

Summary – Canada/EU Regulatory Cooperation Initiative

1. Chapter 21 of the Canada-E.U. CETA lays out the framework through which the Parties will carry out regulatory cooperation activities.
2. The establishment of a new Regulatory Cooperation Forum (RCF) with the mandate of facilitating and promoting regulatory cooperation.
3. TBS issued a notice on February 10, 2018 in the *Canada Gazette*, Part 1 seeking input and suggestions for regulatory cooperation.
4. As outlined in the notice, the Government of Canada is seeking input from stakeholders on potential areas for regulatory cooperation with the E.U.
5. This input may include proposing to align or streamline existing regulatory systems, or to work collaboratively in new sectors that are not yet regulated. These new areas could offer the unique opportunity for Canada and the E.U. to develop aligned frameworks together.
6. Stakeholder input is instrumental in providing practical recommendations for cooperation and/or alignment opportunities and priorities, as well as possible pilot projects.
7. It is important to note that regulatory cooperation and alignment is voluntary and is about working together where it is mutually beneficial.
8. Canadians, businesses and other stakeholders are encouraged to submit suggestions for regulatory cooperation items for consideration by **April 11, 2018**. TBS is interested in hearing from stakeholders in both Canada and the E.U. regarding the future of the RCF.

For more information on how to submit suggestions, please refer to the notification which can be found here: <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2018/2018-02-10/html/notice-avis-eng.html#ne9>

For more information on the Canada-E.U. RCF, please visit <http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/agr-acc/ceta-aecg/text-texte/21.aspx?lang=eng>