

EU and Australia agree on a new bilateral relationship

A new Europe-Australia Partnership Framework has been endorsed by Foreign Minister Stephen Smith during the EU-Australia Foreign Ministers' Troika meeting in Paris on 29 October 2008. The new agreement is based on two existing bilateral relationship agreements which have been merged into a single new, more flexible and "modern Partnership Framework". The new document will place even more emphasis on cooperation in the field of environment, climate change and energy, amongst other things. The acceleration of the development, demonstration and deployment of carbon capture and storage is included in the implementation of the agreement's action plan.

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