

Appendix A

2023–2027 Strategic Cooperation Plan

Priority areas of focus and related actions for achieving the strategic objectives for cooperation set out in this memorandum of understanding

This strategic plan is based on the work plans submitted by the subcommittees. It may be supplemented by proposals made by the subcommittees at meetings of the Joint Commission and therefore be subject to regular updates. Without limiting in any way the freedom of each of the subcommittees to develop an annual work plan in support of their areas of focus, the following themes were selected to be translated into projects and initiatives relevant to promoting and developing regional cooperation.

1. Economic and Sustainable Development

- Develop networks and facilitate partnerships in economic matters (meetings with entrepreneurs and economic networks, participation in economic conferences, participation in the economic component of the Congrès mondial acadien, etc.)
- Develop cooperation and partnerships in tourism (ecotourism, cultural tourism and the cruise sector)
- Green economy
- Blue economy
- Develop cooperation in agriculture, in particular between farmers from the archipelago and Atlantic Canada, and in aquaculture
- Foster cooperation in vocational training

2. Societal Matters

- Develop projects that contribute to the cultural richness of the territories, particularly in the context of strengthening ties between Saint-Pierre and Miquelon and Acadia in Atlantic Canada (presence at major events, partnering, artist exchanges, etc.)
- Promote agreements in the education sector and forge ties with French-language or English-language universities and educational institutions
 - Engage in discussions for the mutual recognition of qualifications
 - Promote vocational training for youth from the archipelago in the Atlantic Provinces
 - Have teachers in the Atlantic Provinces and the archipelago share practices
- Strengthen language exchanges for youth and adults
- Develop connections and actions in sport

3. Environment and Science

Protect the environment and combat climate change:

- Promote renewable energies
- Coastal erosion and protection of the coastline
- Research actions on environmental, economic or societal issues of common interest
- Protect biodiversity:
 - Boreal forest health monitoring
 - Dealing with aquatic invasive species
 - Monitoring of marine and terrestrial biodiversity
- Encourage innovative initiatives, particularly in agriculture, fisheries and waste management

4. Security

- Continue cooperative efforts in police and customs matters (regular communications between the various security officials, common training, joint checks and surveillance, combatting drug trafficking and illegal immigration)
- Continue cooperation in maritime rescue (organization of joint exercises)
- Combat marine pollution
- Further work on emergency relief

With the support of the Administrative Committee, specific working groups may also be established for cooperative actions on other topics or to address specific issues (e.g., health and sanitary issues).