

Public Grant Opportunity for Research and Publication

The future of free trade agreements in times of global trade war - how to strengthen the economic cooperation between Canada, Europe, and Germany. The Agenda of Canada and Germany in comparison with CETA and CUSMA?

Konrad Adenauer Foundation Canada Office, Ottawa, May 2025

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Process:

1. What does Konrad Adenauer Foundation Canada Office Offer?

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- address one or more of the topics underlined in the document as priority
- demonstrate a clear link to security, defense and emerging disruptive technologies
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And show evidence of:

- high quality research and development with clear resources,
- realistic objectives and results
- solid timelines, and deliverables,
- fair budget distribution to the research that is made and reflects the nature of the work and guarantees substantial involvement of researchers from both Canada and one EU member state

-collaboration between researchers, regular updates about the research and potential end-users of the results.

2. Budget Range

While the hard limits for the budget of different research can be discussed with KAS Canada office, a typical 6-month research project are in the 10,000-20,000CAD range. If your project requires more than 20,000CAD, please write an additional one-page abstract of your proposal justifying how the funds would be used with an estimated budget, to evaluate whether such a project fits in the overall portfolio of #KAS4Security before a full application is developed.

3. Who can apply?

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Topics, Benefits:

1. Application and Evaluation

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2. Project Plan

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Contract Award and Finances:

1. Approval and Award

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2. Reporting

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3. Timeline assessment and payment

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