

# The EU-Australia Leadership Forum



*Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Julie Bishop MP and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini at the Brussels launch of the EU-Australia Leadership Forum on 8 September, 2016.*

The EU-Australia Leadership Forum is an innovative project funded by the European Union and supported by the Australian Government that aims to broaden and deepen the existing ties between the EU and Australia. In so doing, the project helps shape the vision of the partnership, based on the EU-Australia Framework Agreement and the forthcoming negotiations for an EU-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

## **Defining and shaping the EU-Australia relationship**

The cornerstone activities of the project are a Senior Leaders Forum and an Emerging Leaders Forum, held back-to-back, alternately in Australia and Europe.

The Senior Leaders Forum brings together key European and Australian Leaders from government and opposition, business, media, education, science and civil society to collaborate on new ideas to promote and deepen the relationship between the European Union and Australia.

The Emerging Leaders Forum supports young and energetic professionals, politicians, academics and policy makers from both Australia and Europe to engage in discussions around the future of the EU-Australia relationship, and contribute their ideas and recommendations to the Senior Leaders Forum.

The project also conducts Sectoral Policy Workshops ahead of regular officials-level EU-Australia Sectoral Dialogues. These workshops bring together policy experts and practitioners to provide critical, analytical and innovative thinking to inform the officials-level dialogues and assist the strategic discussions of the Senior and Emerging Leaders fora.





*Celebrating the Australian launch of the EU-Australia Leadership Forum at Parliament House on 19 October, 2016.*



*More than 50 emerging leaders from Australia and Europe attended the first Emerging Leaders Forum in Sydney from 2-6 June, 2017.*

### Leading the discussion

The EU-Australia Leadership Forum produces press releases, articles, opinion pieces and interviews on the benefits and opportunities of the EU-Australia relationship, as well as of the place and role of the EU in the region and in the world. The project has also carried out a baseline study to evaluate public perceptions of the EU and Australia.

### Expert guidance

The EU-Australia Leadership Forum receives guidance from a Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee comprising leaders from Europe and Australia across all sectors including government, industry, academia, NGOs and interest groups.

### Get involved

For more information about the EU-Australia Leadership Forum – and to find out about opportunities for participation:

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### Project team

The project is funded by the European Union through the Partnership Instrument. The contract is managed by a consortium led by Stantec, in partnership with the Australian Institute for International Affairs (AIIA), the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (GACIC) and Agriconsulting Europe (AESA).



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*Participants at the first Sectoral Policy Workshop 'Digital Development: ICT as a Development Enabler' which was held in Canberra on 28 March, 2017 in the margins of the EU-Australia High Level Development Dialogue.*



*The first Senior Leaders Forum took place in Sydney from 2-6 June, 2017 and attracted attendance from 120 senior leaders from across Australia and Europe.*