

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) POLICY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

January 2023 Update to PSCIOC

Background

The FPT ICT Policy Community of Practice was established at the direction of the Public Sector Chief Information Officer's Council (PSCIOC) representing all federal, provincial, and territorial governments. This forum enables participating governments to exchange information, policies, and best practices related to ICT Policy. In February the PSCIOC approved transiting the Policy group to a Community of Practice from its initial Working Group status (2014)

The ICT policy community of practice operates on the belief that active collaboration among all members will enable the development of policy instruments that will be informed by, and when possible, aligned to the work of our colleagues across the country. In turn, this should result in more opportunities to share approaches or even federate services to promote a more Pan-Canadian approach to policy development and delivery.

In addition, through active collaboration, members also enjoy having an extended network of policy contacts across the country with whom they can informally connect to discuss challenges and approaches.

Membership

Through a gradual recruitment process from 2014 onward, our membership had grown to include representatives from eight provinces, two territories, and the federal government.

In March 2022, the community of practice started a membership verification process to confirm representatives named for each jurisdiction. For those jurisdictions where membership could not be verified, the Chair and Vice-Chair will be contacting ICCS to see if jurisdictions wish to name new members.

The current ICT policy community of practice membership includes representation from the following jurisdictions:

1. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, Government of Canada (Pending verification)
2. Alberta (Confirmed membership)
3. British Columbia (Confirmed membership)
4. Manitoba (Vacancy)
5. New Brunswick (Confirmed membership)

6. Newfoundland & Labrador (Confirmed membership)
7. Nova Scotia (Confirmed membership)
8. Ontario (Confirmed membership)
9. Prince Edward Island (Confirmed membership)
10. Quebec (Vacancy)
11. Saskatchewan (Confirmed membership)
12. Northwest Territories (Confirmed membership)
13. Nunavut (Vacancy)
14. Yukon (Vacancy)

ICT Policy Community of Practice Objectives

- To share information, best practices, research, and to discuss national, provincial, and territorial goals, positions, and priorities for ICT policy in each jurisdiction, and to test their interoperability.
- To maintain the highest standards of policy analysis.
- To provide a forum for discussion to improve ICT policy and management by fostering innovation in research, analysis, and education.
- To create an approach to ICT policy that builds on the existing strengths of member governments - to increase their capacity to take advantage of opportunities and respond effectively to the challenges of new technologies; and
- To assist the PSCIOC membership with addressing any common policy issues.

Meeting Frequency

The ICT policy working group meets quarterly or ad hoc, as needed. The group aims to hold meetings March, June, September, and December.

Highlights

- January 17, 2023, Membership Meeting Agenda Topics
 - Presentation by Omar Bitar, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat
 - Directive on Automated Decision-Making and
 - Algorithmic Impact Assessment
 - Membership discussion of Federal Bill C-27 Digital Charter Implementation Act
- There was one jurisdictional question sent to the ICT CoP members during this period
 - What other province's school boards and schools' efforts are around cyber security for kindergarten/maternelle up to and including secondary/secondaire?

What investments has the province made in cyber security since 2019 to further strengthen cyber security in kindergarten/maternelle to and including secondary/secondaire?

What investments in cyber / online safety since 2019 to strengthen student cyber / online safety in kindergarten/maternelle to and including secondary/secondaire

Do schools in your jurisdiction use student cyber safety monitoring technology?

What improvements in online privacy for minors has the province made since 2019 (e.g., legislation, policies, implementation of new controls, etc.)?

Appendix A – FPT ICT CoP Member.xlsx