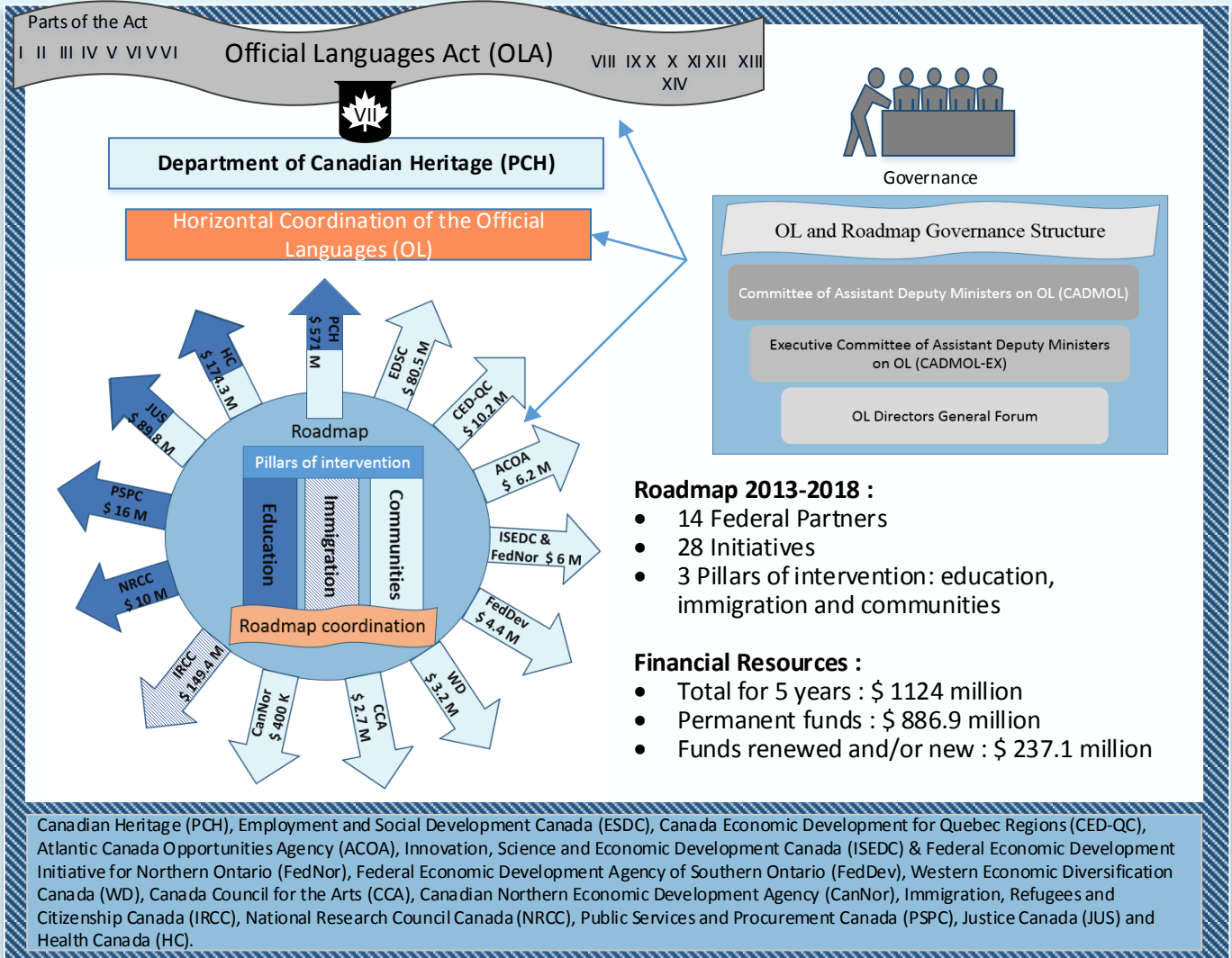


Horizontal Evaluation of the Roadmap for Canada's Official Languages 2013–2018: Education, Immigration, Communities

Description



Relevance



The Roadmap meets many of the needs of official language minority communities (OLMCs) and is consistent with departmental priorities.



Respond to the emerging needs of OLMCs and government priorities by focusing on programs/initiatives that can achieve the results of the next multi-year OL plan.

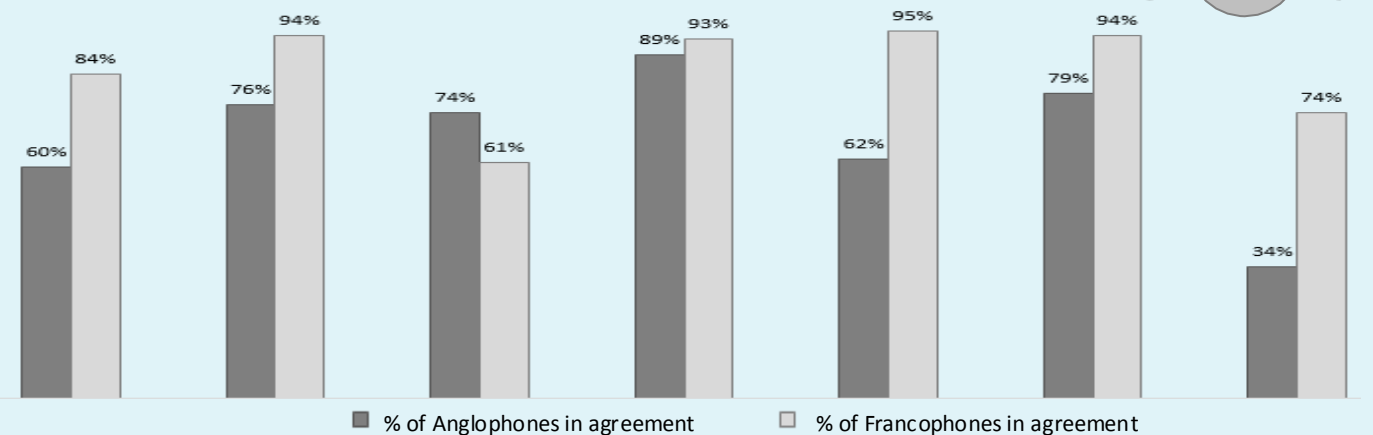


However, the Roadmap has to adjust to emerging needs:

- Early childhood and youth;
- Seniors;
- Newcomers;
- Official language linguistic minority media.

In general, linguistic duality is perceived as an asset for Canadians.

**Results of the 2016 pan-Canadian public opinion survey :
Appreciation and perception of the Canada's two official languages**



Linguistic duality is a source of cultural enrichment

Knowledge of both languages improves the chances of finding a job

Government effectively protects both official languages

Francophone/Anglophone immigrants are welcome in communities

High school graduates should have a working knowledge of both official languages

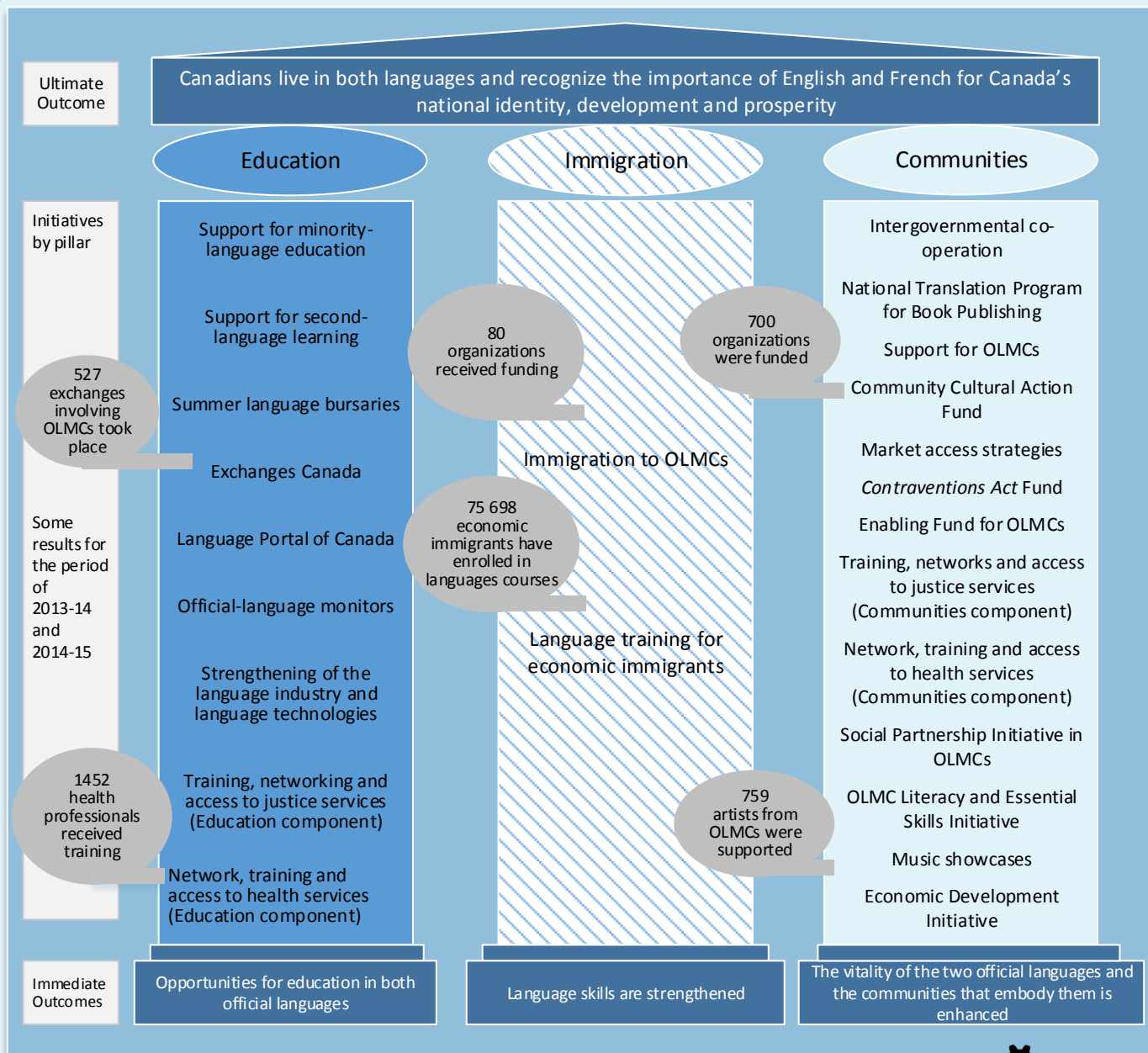
Learning both official languages contributes to a better understanding among Canadians

The future of French is under threat

Effectiveness



Some notable results per initiative :



Little complementarity between initiatives. Only some of the federal partners are of the opinion that the Roadmap contributes to a wider impact than the sum of its components;



Better define results and common horizontal indicators to demonstrate a wider impact than the sum of its components.



The grouping of initiatives by pillar aims at enabling partners to work on achieving common results, but in fact the current structure favors silo work;



No indicators and data collection for common results by pillar and for the ultimate outcome.

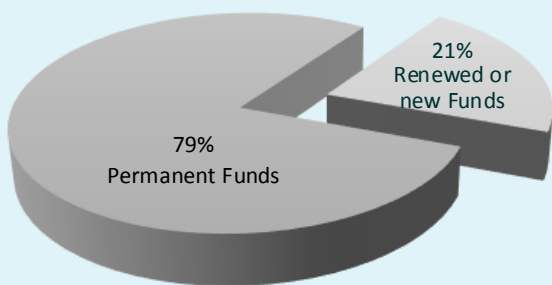


Conduct ongoing research in support of the initiatives of the next OL plan and on a broader scale for the development and vitality of OLMCs.



Lack of detailed data to better identify needs for intervention and understand the impact of programs on OLMCs (measuring results).

Efficiency



Difficulty in attributing the contribution of new investments to the achievement of results

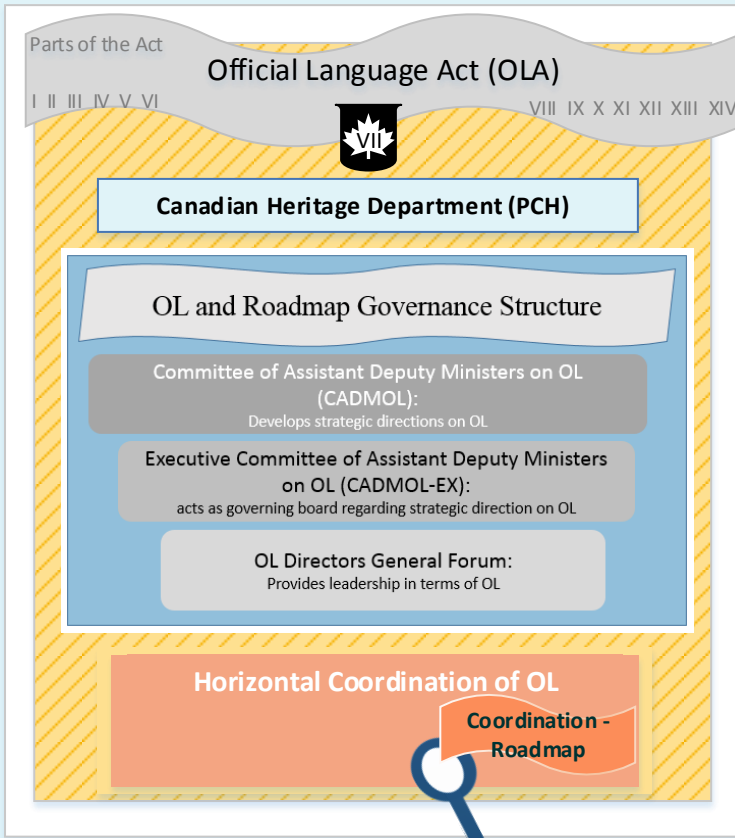


Confusion between existing programming versus new initiatives or renewed funds or new funds.



Establish a monitoring mechanism to distinguish the results achieved through new investments.

Evaluation of the Official Languages Coordination Program— Part of the Horizontal Coordination of the Roadmap for Canada’s Official Languages 2013-2018: Education, Immigration, Communities



Description

HORIZONTAL COORDINATION OF THE ROADMAP

- Is part of the Official Languages Coordination Program;
- Coordinates, among others, the work of 14 federal partners responsible for the implementation of the des 28 initiatives de la FdR.

ITS ACTIVITIES CONSIST, AMONG OTHERS, TO :

- Plan and coordinate the governance, accountability and reporting of Roadmap partners;
- Support decision-making;
- Strengthen governance.

ULTIMATE OUTCOME :

Canadians live and flourish in both official languages and recognize the importance of English and French for Canada’s national identity, development and prosperity.

Relevance



Meets the needs of Roadmap partners;
Is consistent with OL government priorities.



Further articulate OL governance.



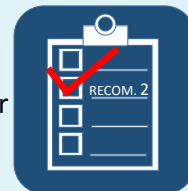
Needs to further harmonize with roles and responsibilities:

- Roadmap partners do not distinguish between the horizontal coordination functions of OL and the Roadmap and the rest in terms of OL;
- Roadmap is perceived as the government initiative in terms of OL; however, most of Roadmap initiatives take only in account part VII of the OLA;
- Since 2015, there has been no OL Minister, but the PCH Minister has been assigned to this role even if her mandate is directly related to part VII of the OLA.

Effectiveness



The template and indicators developed for partner accountability have been simplified;
Roadmap partners are satisfied with the support received;
Reporting feeds the information provided to PCH Minister and other Minister partners.



Strengthen the capacity of partners to report on their contribution to horizontal results.



Partners do not report on common indicators;
Difficulties in distinguishing the indicators and results from the Roadmap coordination and those of the OL coordination;
Roadmap partners noted that there isn’t sufficient detailed information exchange on results achieved.

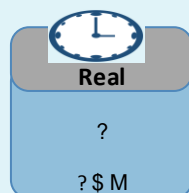
Efficiency



No systematic data on the effectiveness of Roadmap coordination function;
The human and financial resources allocated to Roadmap coordination cannot be clearly identified.



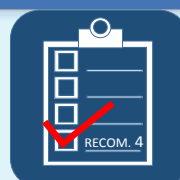
Establish a resource tracking mechanism.



Other : communication



Lack of communication on the expected results of the Roadmap to the multiple stakeholders.



Implement other ways to communicate more detailed information on the achievement of the expected results of the next plan.