

# The Francophone Immigration Support Network in Kingston and the surrounding area



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Association of Ontario

**French Employment  
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### **Who are we?**

The Francophone Immigration Support Network in Kingston and the surrounding area is an association of local community organizations working collaboratively to develop strategies that will help attract, settle and integrate immigrants in minority Francophone communities in Kingston and surrounding area.

### **Our mission :**

Our network aims to support the implementation of the 2006 "Strategic Framework" submitted by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), Francophone Minority Communities Steering Committee and its five objectives:

- Increase the number of French-speaking immigrants to give more demographic weight to Francophone minority communities,
- Improve the capacity of Francophone minority communities to receive Francophone newcomers and to strengthen their reception and settlement infrastructures,
- Ensure the economic integration of French-speaking immigrants,
- Ensure the social and cultural integration of French-speaking immigrants
- Foster the regionalization of Francophone immigration outside Toronto and Vancouver.

Basically, our role is to gather local intelligence on the immigration requirements of our community and propose relevant projects to the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

*"Given the fact that immigration is an important factor in the growth of Canada's population, it should benefit the country's two linguistic communities equally. Measures should be developed to help the Francophone and Acadian communities profit more from immigration to mitigate their demographic decline. They would benefit from the economic and cultural spin-offs of the arrival of immigrants in their communities and make up for lost time." Extract from the Strategic Framework to Foster Immigration to Francophone Minority Communities established by CIC.*

### **History :**

In 2002, CIC established the Francophone Minority Communities Steering Committee to monitor the successful implementation of the Strategic framework in Eastern Ontario. In 2006, the CESOC (Economic and Social Council of Ottawa-Carleton) was retained by CIC to coordinate the Strategic Framework in Eastern Ontario. This led to the creation of the East Network in 2007. The Kingston network now comprises the region of Kingston, Quinte and Rideau, Haliburton, Belleville, Cobourg and Peterborough.

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