



QUEBEC'S APPROACH TO REGIONAL GOVERNMENT: An Overview and Critical Reflections

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ABSTRACT

Regional government models across Canada provide both challenges and opportunities for rural areas. This webinar will discuss the regional county municipalities (RCM) model currently employed in Quebec. Panellists will give an overview of the RCM model including their history and details regarding roles, powers, governance, funding frameworks and relationships with the Quebec Government. Panellists will also discuss ways in which these RCMs have contributed to efficiency, democracy and citizen engagement, economic development and rural policy initiatives (along with much more!).

PRESENTERS

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