

# Canada



Information sheet:

# **Action plan**

#### 1. Planning phase

Aim: to make members aware that bilingualism will be implemented on a step-by-step basis and to determine the resources available and the resources needed to reach the objectives

#### Activities:

- awareness-raising and recruitment of allies for the project
- monitoring and assessment of the current situation
- assessment of the resources, costs and effort required to deliver services in both languages
- adoption of a resolution establishing a language policy
- development and implementation of a communications plan designed to win the support of employees and members
- assessment of language training needs
- creation of committees and attribution of responsibilities (see "Assigning responsibilities" information sheet)

#### 2. Implementation phase

Aim: to set up the key structures, processes and activities needed in the move to bilingualism

### Activities:

- development and implementation of language measures and guidelines (see "Measures and guidelines" practical tool)
- delivery of services in both official languages (see "Winning strategies" section)
- creation of a bilingual image (logo, reception, etc.)
- production of bilingual documents
- provision of translation services
- introduction of language training
- meetings held in both official languages
- designation of bilingual positions
- provision of interpretation services
- incorporation of bilingualism costs into operating budget

# 3. Follow-up phase

Aim: to assess progress and plan next steps

## Activities:

- evaluation of results (see "Monitoring and assessment" practical tool)
- questionnaires to gauge satisfaction of members, employees and customers (see "Member satisfaction" practical tool)
- identification of corrective measures
- promotion of the successes and positive impacts of the project
- development of a follow-up plan