



Foresight in the Government of Canada

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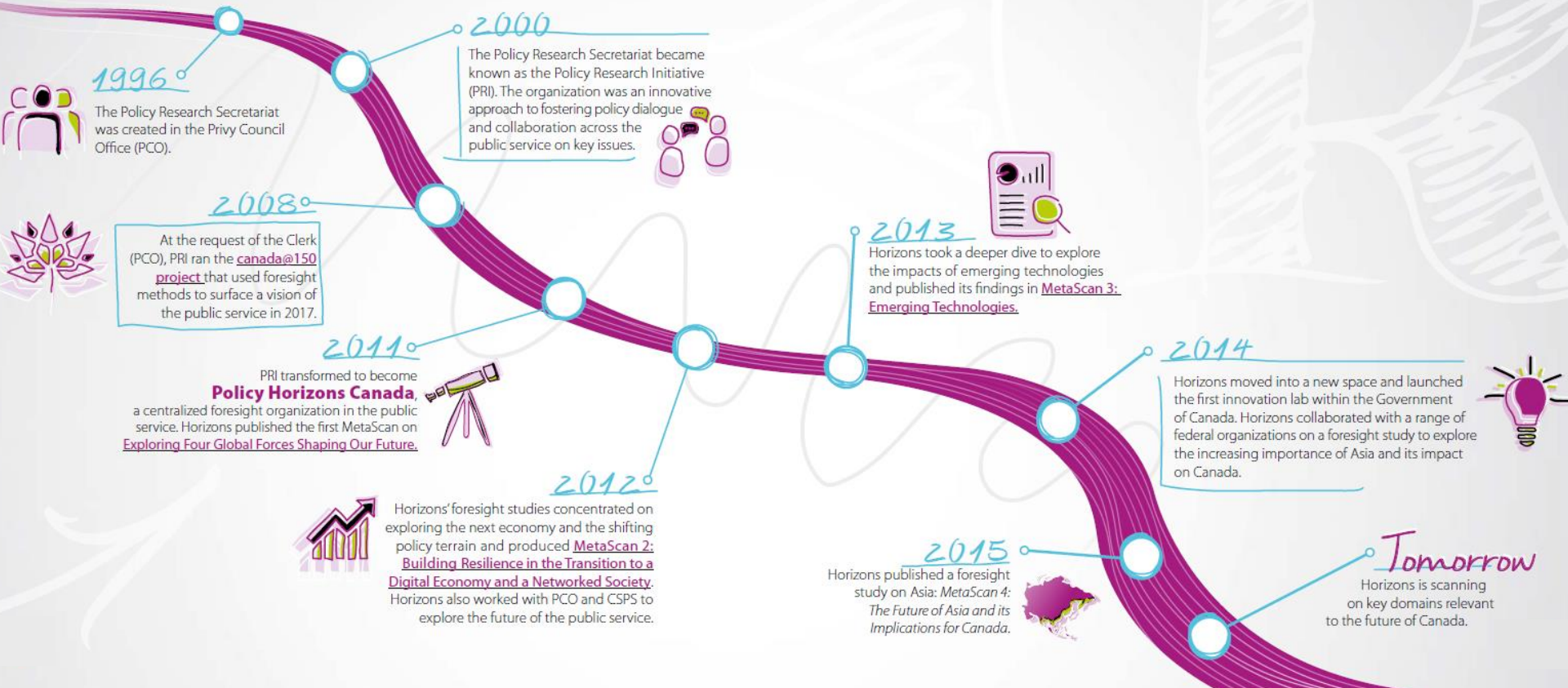
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Our Roots



HORIZONS IN 2016

- A foresight and behavioural insights corporate resource for the public service
- Co-creates knowledge through foresight across the public service and with partners
- Experiments with innovative tools and methods including serious games
- Shares knowledge and know-how by disseminating findings and promoting literacy and capacity in foresight
- Part of the Innovation Lab Network within the Federal Public Service



WHERE HORIZONS HAS IMPACT

DEPARTMENTS

Workshops

Build capacity and
foresight literacy

PUBLIC

Citizen engagement

Increase foresight literacy

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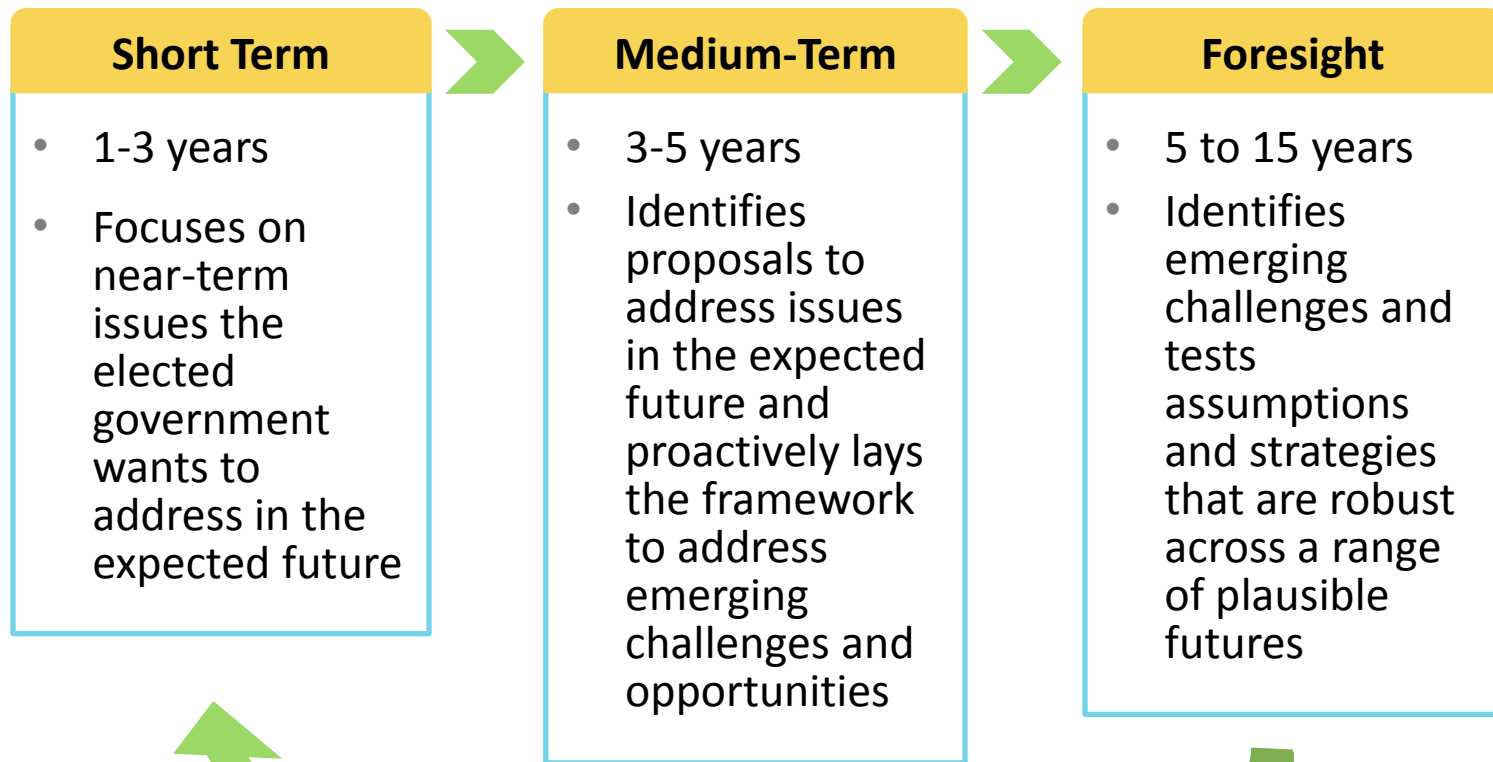
SENIOR OFFICIALS

Provide advice

Deputy Ministers Policy Committees

- Economic Trends and Policies
- Climate Change, Energy and the Environment
- Social Trends, Policies and Institutions
- Global Trends, Foreign Affairs and Defence Issues
- Policy Innovation

FORESIGHT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE POLICY / PLANNING PROCESS



Foresight can provide a context to improve near and medium term thinking

ADVANTAGES AND CHALLENGES OF FORESIGHT WITHIN GOVERNMENT

ADVANTAGES

Enduring

Consistency

Relationships

Capacity

Advice respected

Broad spectrum of
clients

CHALLENGES

Budget

Crisis/near term focus

Ideology

Speed



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As part of Horizons foresight effort, we conduct regular, ongoing environmental scanning to identify weak signals of possible change that have the potential to disrupt our current systems.

Below is an evergreen inventory of weak signals across a broad range of fields organized by category (social, technology, economy, environment, governance and security). This material is not predictive, rather it is meant to alert the reader to interesting indicators of possible change within or across various domains.

Each weak signal posted to the inventory includes a concise description of what it is and why it is seen as important, as well as a link to the original source. Horizons encourages those individuals involved in the formulation of policies to read and make use of these weak signals to help inform their work. After all, insightful scanning is the foundation for good foresight.



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