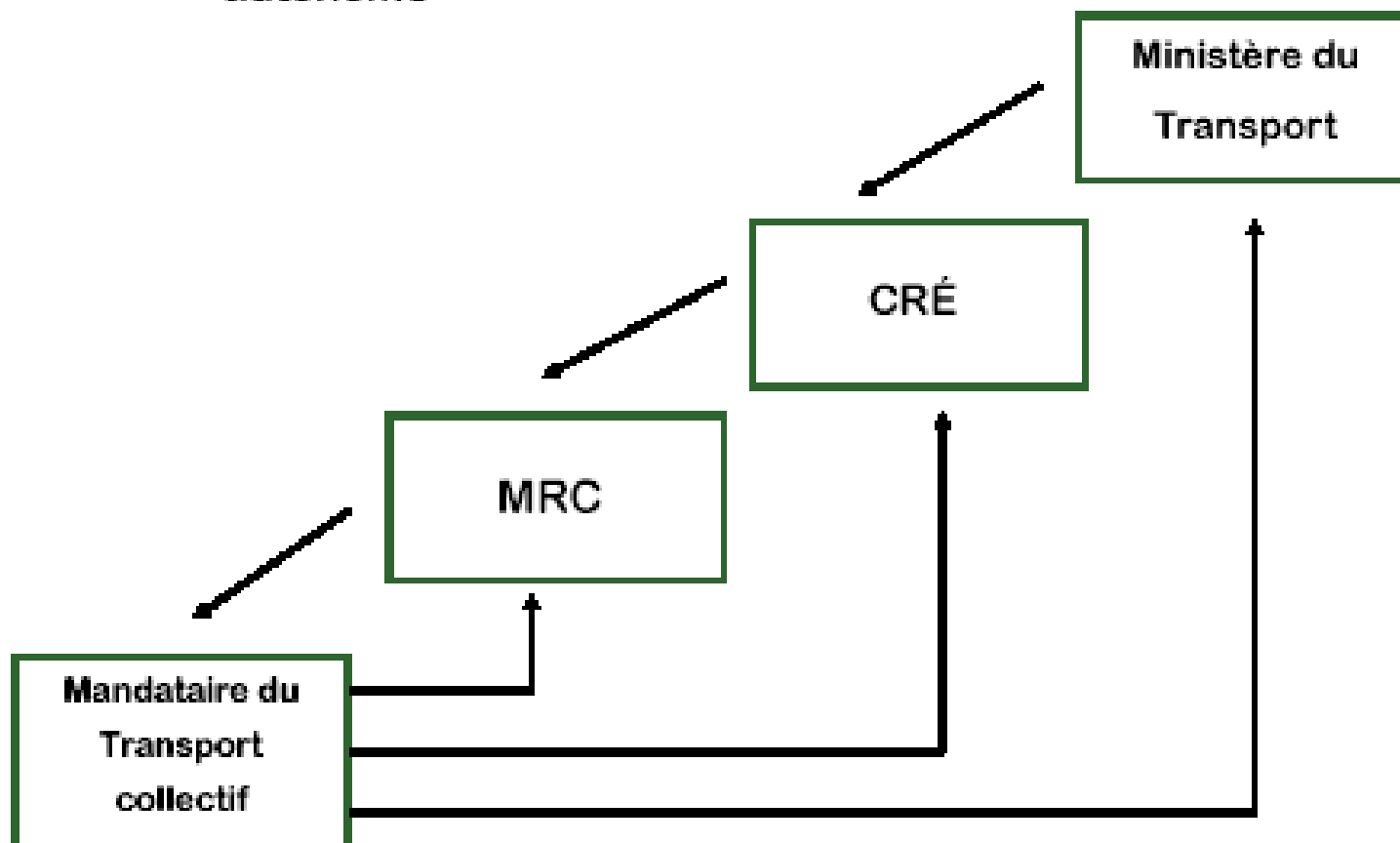




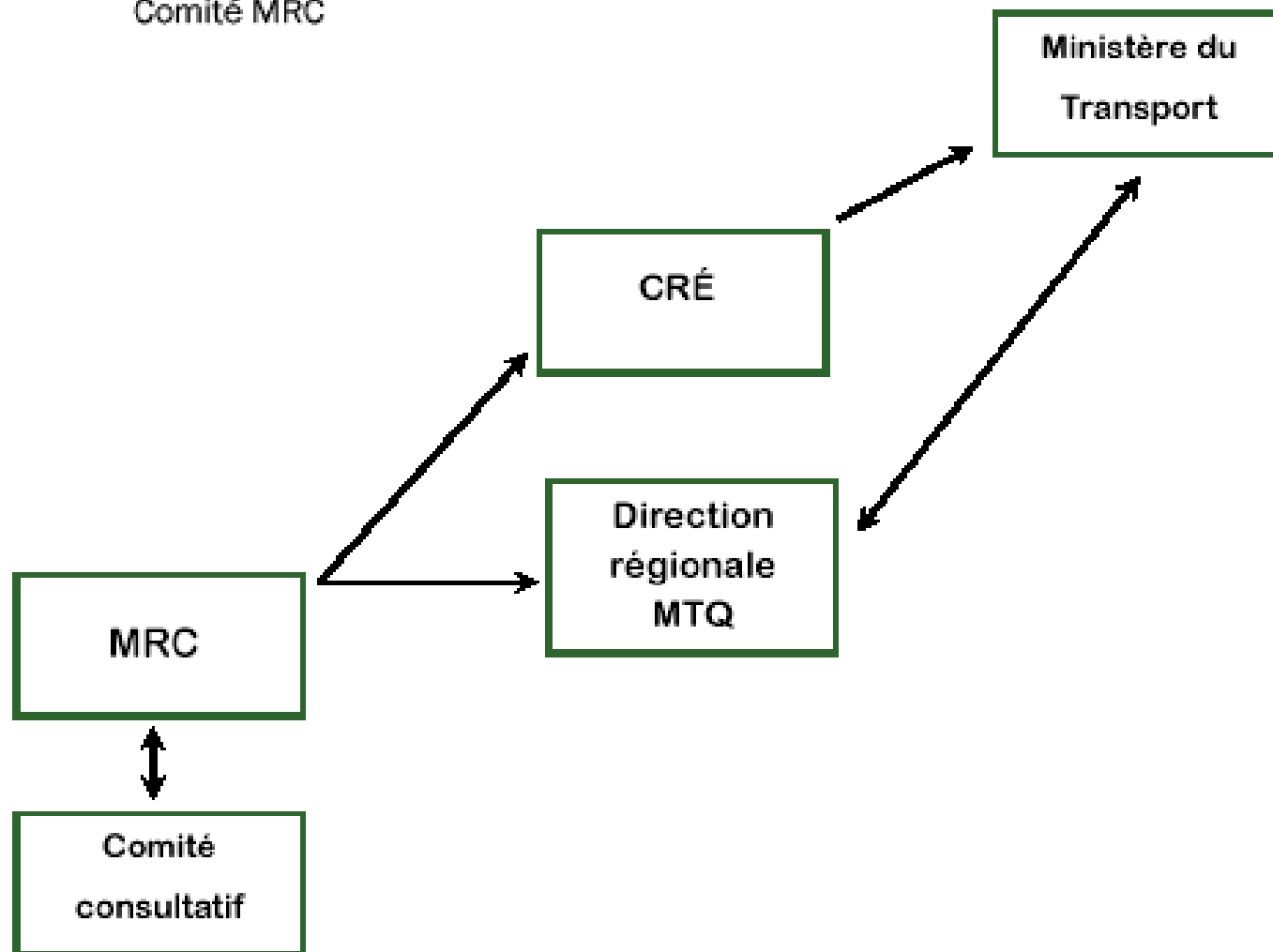
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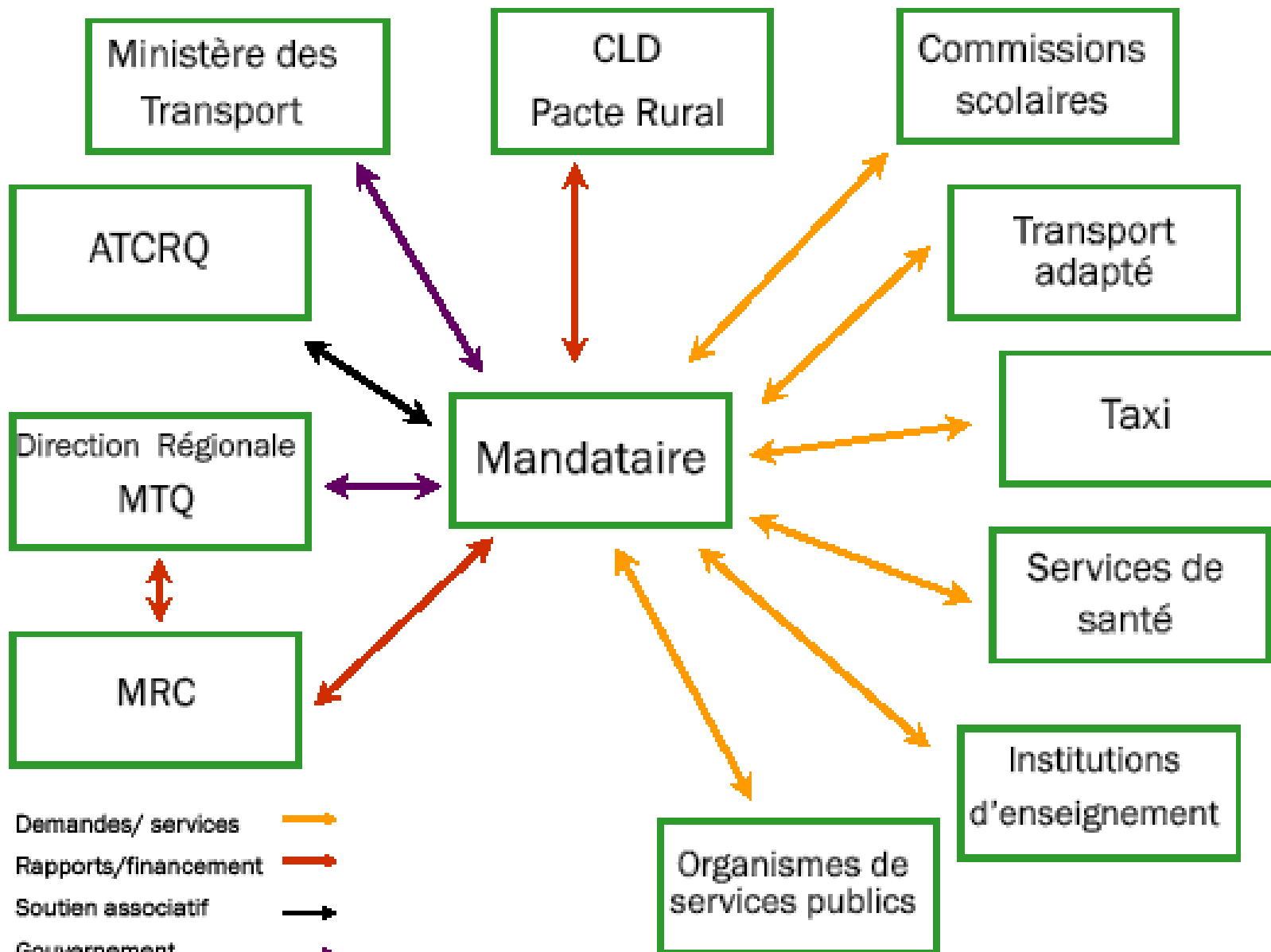
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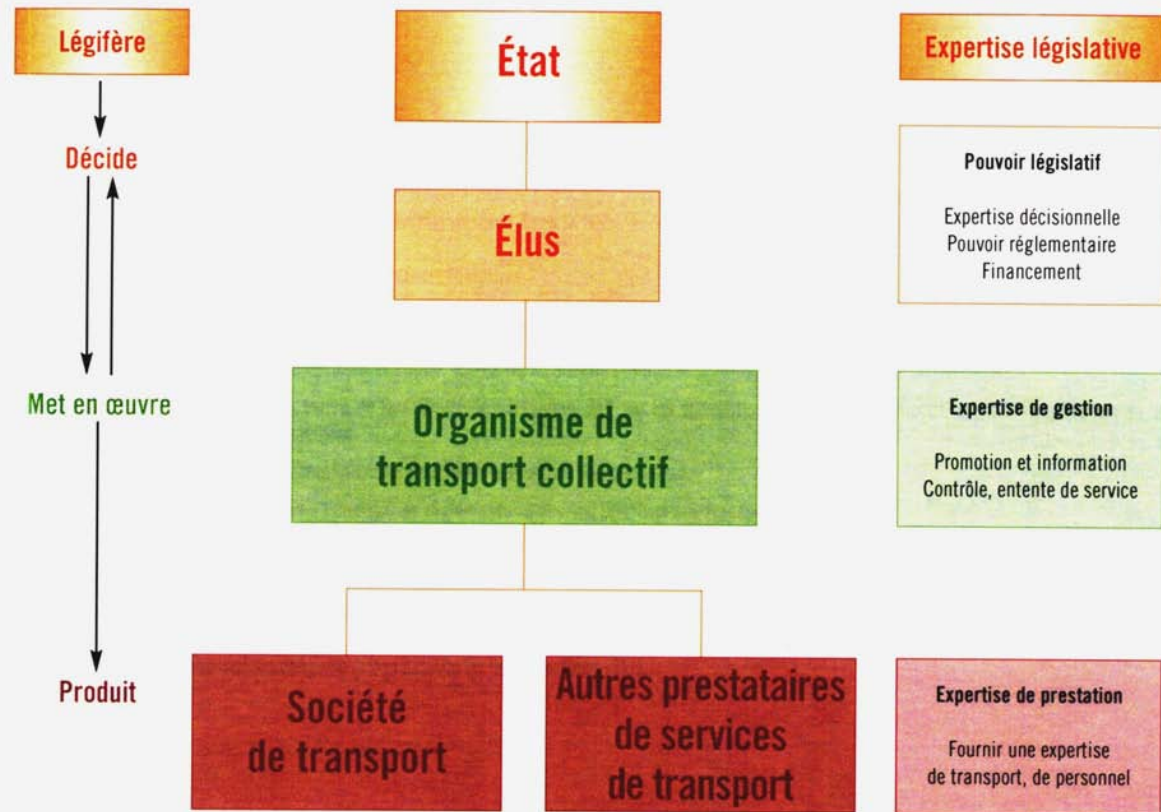


Comité MRC





Organisation du transport collectif de personnes au Québec



Organization of public transportation



In Quebec, public transportation is
Divided into 3 levels of government

- ❑ Decision-making level
- ❑ Organizational level
- ❑ Operational level

Decision-making Level



Officials making political and economic decisions + planning

- ❑ Define a vision + a mission
- ❑ Make funding available
- ❑ Make a decision on planning + organization
- ❑ Choose + supervise network management agencies



Organizational Level

Officials managing the organization + offering mobility to people

- ❑ Offer organizational expertise + planning (support the decision-making level)
- ❑ Develop an expertise in setting up the offer
- ❑ Propose the tools needed to produce the offer of mobility



Operational Level

Official producing the tools +
transportation delivery services relating to
the offer of mobility



6 roles of the players

□ Decisional

- ✓ Make political, economic, social decisions
- ✓ Mobility planning

□ Funding

- ✓ Grants for public transportation
- ✓ Involvement/work of funding committees

□ Organizational

- ✓ Organization + mobility management



6 roles of the players

□ Legislative

- ✓ Drafting or application of legislation relating to transportation

□ Informational

- ✓ Source of relevant information
- ✓ Identification of needs

□ Operational

- ✓ Delivery of services



Municipal Jurisdiction

According to the Quebec public transportaton policy of June 2006:

- Responsible for public transportation
- Power to define the said transportation
- Plan its organization



RCM Jurisdiction

According to the Quebec public transportation policy of June 2006:

- Responsible for coordinating the use of existing resources
- Maintaining these resources



CRÉ Jurisdiction

According to the Quebec public transportation police of June 2006:

- Development of public transportation projects
- Managing these projects based on the pooling of existing resources within its territory



CRÉ

Jurisdiction

- ❑ Foster cooperation among partners in a given region
- ❑ Advise the Minister on the development of the region
- ❑ Evaluate the agencies responsible for planning + local and regional development
- ❑ Develop and implement the five-year development plan
- ❑ Conclude specific agreements with multiple governmental/other partners



Five-year Plan

- Economic development + employment
- Social development + health
- Environmental protection
- Regional planning
- Development of transportation
- Culture, recreation + health
- Education, research + science



Summary

3 levels of governance

- Decisional:
government + municipalities
- Organizational
public transportation agencies
- Operational
transportation companies,
service providers



Summary

Quebec public transportation policy

- Municipalities + RCM
 - ✓ Power to plan the organization
 - ✓ Financial support

- CRÉ
 - ✓ Coordinates the RCM services (region)
 - ✓ Pools a region's economic resources



Types of funding

Generally, there are four types of funding available:

- ❑ Regular operations
- ❑ Regular for certain customers
- ❑ One-time for certain programs and customers
- ❑ Business contracts



Regular operations

Grants apply to all of the organization's activities

- Department of Transportation program
- RCM



Regular for certain customers

Grants apply for specific customers or needs:

- ❑ Partnership with educational institutions, companies, community organizations, service organizations, etc.
- ❑ Volunteer transportation (recognized organization)
- ❑ Québec en forme



One-time for certain programs

Grants apply for specific customers or needs:

- ❑ Rural pact
- ❑ New horizons
- ❑ Various departments depending on customers
- ❑ Families



Continued

- ❑ Secrétariat à l'action communautaire
- ❑ Municipalité amie des aînés
- ❑ Conférence régionale des élus (agreement)
- ❑ Local job centre
- ❑ Local development centre
- ❑ Local agencies



General findings

There are an impressive number of funding sources for public transportation organizations in the rural environment.

The transportation offer is based on specific clientele.

Managers must invest time and energy to ensure the viability and sustainability of their organization.