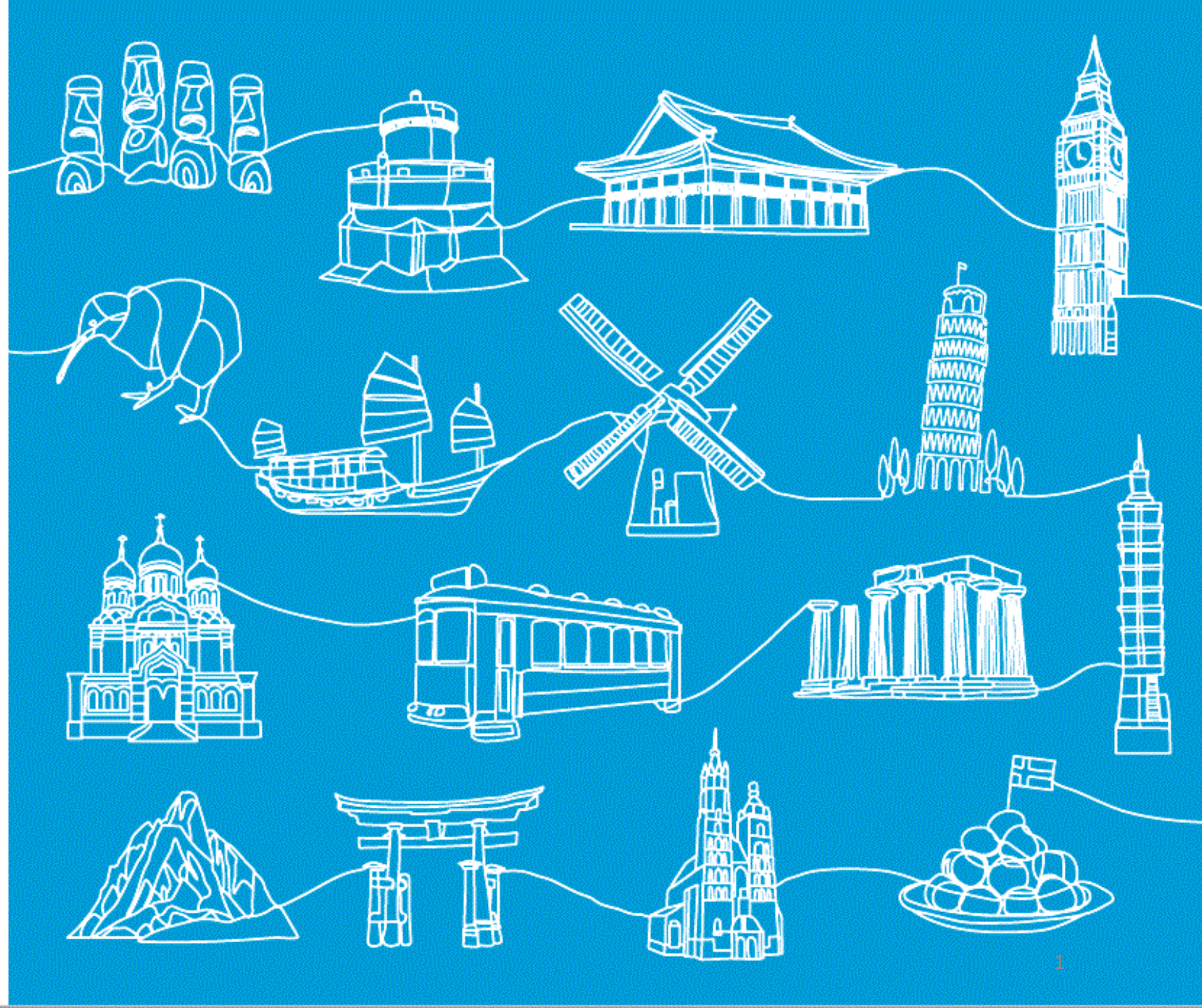


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**Overview of the IEC  
Program & Recognized  
Organizations**

**Languages Canada Conference  
Halifax, NS  
23 February 2023**





# Session Objectives

- Provide an overview of the International Experience Canada (IEC) Program
- Describe the role of IEC external partners (Recognized Organizations) in supporting the program mandate
- Discuss our common interests, and specific interest by Languages Canada members participating in an upcoming call for proposals for new IEC Recognized Organization partners.



# International Experience Canada

- International Experience Canada (IEC), part of the Government of Canada, manages **reciprocal youth mobility** arrangements with **over 30 countries and foreign territories** that make it easier for youth to get a work permit to work and travel abroad or in Canada, for an extended period of time
- Work permits can be valid for up to **two years, for youth aged 18-35** (Country-specific requirements apply.). Three categories of participation are available (subject to specific youth mobility arrangements):
  - Working Holiday Program (open work permit)
  - Young Professionals (employer-specific, career path)
  - International Coop (employer-specific, full-time student internship)
- Self-directed program, but IEC partners with Recognized Organizations

# IEC Partner Countries/Territories

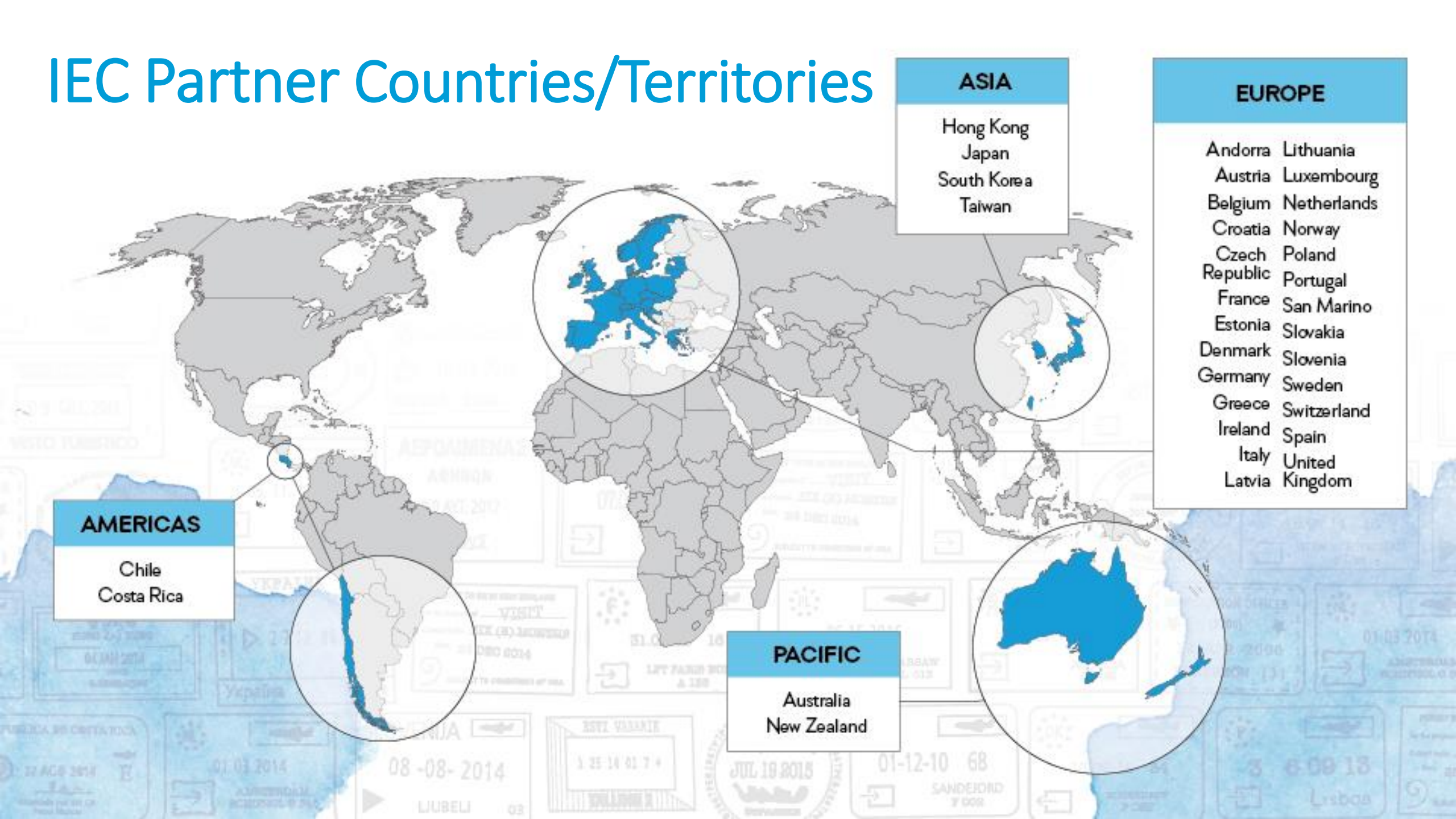
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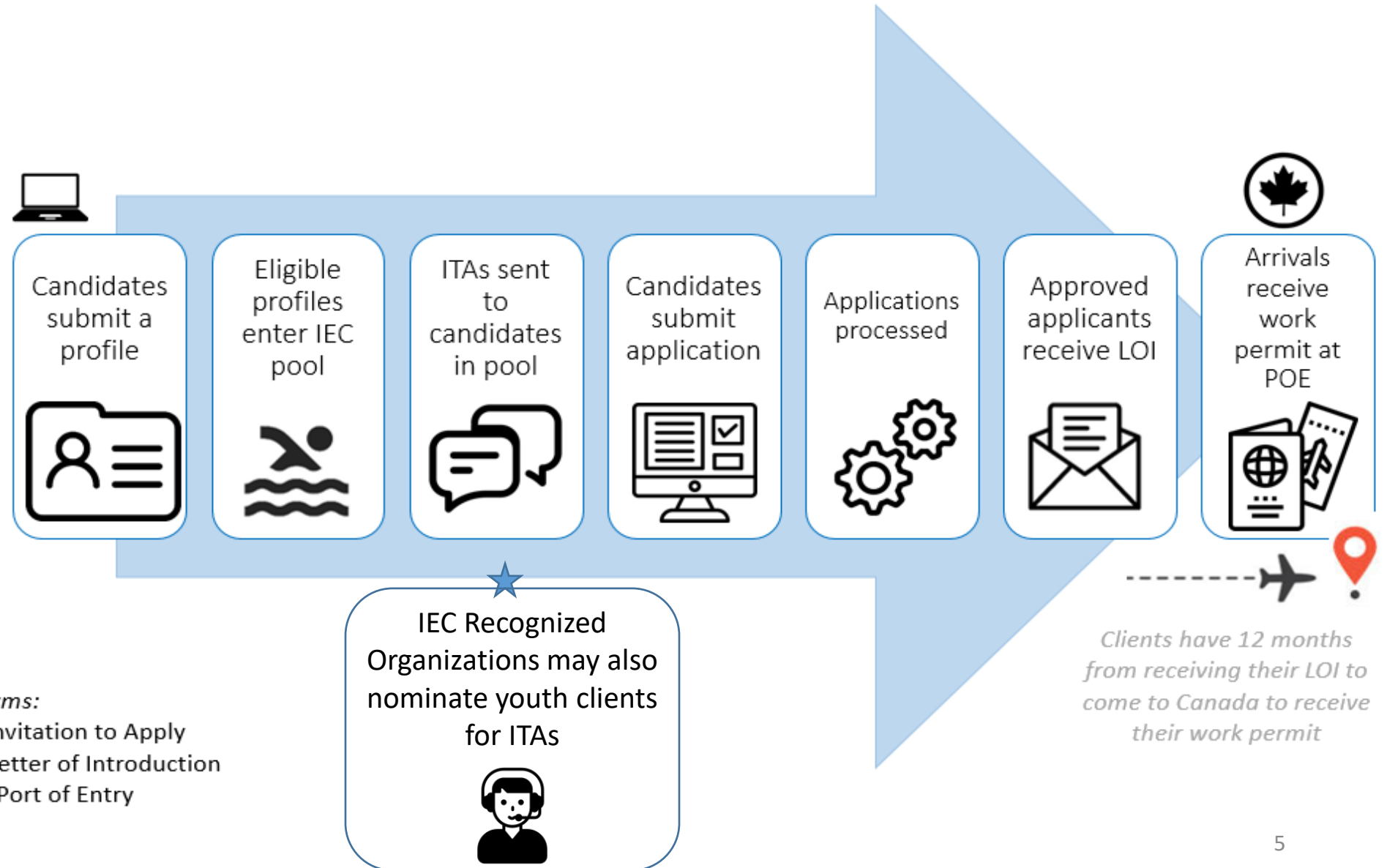
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Denmark	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Sweden
Ireland	Switzerland
Italy	Spain
Latvia	United Kingdom

**PACIFIC**  
Australia  
New Zealand



# Inbound Program – How it Works (Foreign Nationals)



**Acronyms:**

- ITA – Invitation to Apply
- LOI – Letter of Introduction
- POE – Port of Entry

# Outbound Programs – How they Work



Canadians select a country from IEC website



Review country-specific eligibility criteria



Submit application to country  
some online, many in-person at Embassy/Consulate



Or use an "IEC Recognized Organization" to apply



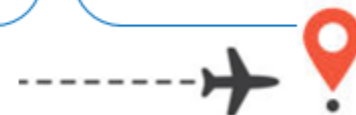
Application processed



Visa or work permit granted



Canadians go abroad for international experience



# Considerations for IEC Partnerships



Safety



Time



Finances



Supports



Employment



Information



# Recognized Organizations (ROs)

IEC partners with external organizations (Recognized Organizations, or ROs) that provide support to participant youth for travel and work-abroad opportunities between Canada and other IEC countries/territories.

ROs support Canadian AND foreign national youth participation by:

- providing support services to youth for IEC work and travel experiences, including orientation; job finding; and other logistical support;
- promoting IEC to youth and related networks; and
- supplying IEC with information on youth experience, including testimonials as well as barriers.





## Recognized Organizations (ROs) (2)

In exchange, ROs receive:

- Dedicated quota spaces to nominate their foreign national clients outside of IEC's random invitation selection process;
- Direct access to and support from the IEC RO team for specific case issues; and,
- Visibility/credibility for their organization (on the IRCC website, social media, etc.).

Partnerships are via three-year, non-monetary Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). ROs may be for-profit, non-profit or educational institutions. Consortiums are permitted.

In **Spring 2023**, IRCC will launch a call for proposals (CFP) for new Recognized Organization partners.



## Recognized Organizations (ROs) (3)

Applications will be assessed against standard criteria, and applicants will have to demonstrate experience and/or capacity to:

- Provide work/travel or similar international program assistance to both foreign national **AND** Canadian youth;
- Detail the types and extent of services provided to youth, including use of affiliate partners abroad;
- Promote IEC to youth networks;
- If applicable, explain how client fees are charged to youth clients; and,
- Help IEC better understand the outcomes of youth international experience.



# How can we work together?

- Specific questions about IEC are welcome!
- Is there potential alignment between IEC work-travel and language learning programming in Languages Canada member post-secondary or private learning institutions?
- Do you already receive youth as students from IEC YMA countries/territories?
- Is there the potential that your institution would have interest in sending language learners (or instructors) abroad on IEC to work and travel while broadening their language skills?
- Would you like to be added to our CFP 2023 contact list?

# Thank you



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