



The Québec Experience of Implementing the
Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act
(R.S.Q., c. T-11-011)



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Two Basic Principles:

- The legitimacy of lobbyism
- The right for citizens to know who is attempting to influence public institutions

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A Normative Framework:

- A registry of lobbyists
- A new set of rules imposed by the Act and by the Code of Conduct for Lobbyists

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The Lobbyists Commissioner:

- An independent institution under the authority of the National Assembly
- Responsible for the monitoring and controlling of lobbyists
- Vested accordingly with the power to conduct inspections and inquiries

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The Objectives of the Institutional Strategy for the Implementation of the Act:

- Inducing lobbyists to comply with their statutory obligations
- Making public officials aware of the effects of the Act and of what is at stake
- Bringing about the appropriation by citizens of their new right to information

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**The Main Elements of the Institutional Strategy for the
Implementation of the Act:**

- Understanding the reality and practice of lobbying
- Activating in a systematic way the conduct of inspections and inquiries
- Favouring an educational approach with the various stakeholders

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The Core Issues:

- By bringing about the conditions for a democratization of influence
- By the setting up of rules of the game for the practice of lobbying
- Making a contribution towards the improvement of our democratic life
- And towards the strengthening of citizens' trust in their institutions

A photograph of four business professionals (two men and two women) standing in a row, looking out a large window in an office. They are dressed in professional attire. The window shows a modern building and greenery outside. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

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Ethics