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SHARED STEWARDSHIP OF RESEARCH DATA

CARL Portage: The Canadian Digital Research Infrastructure Landscape

Canadian Data Curation Forum
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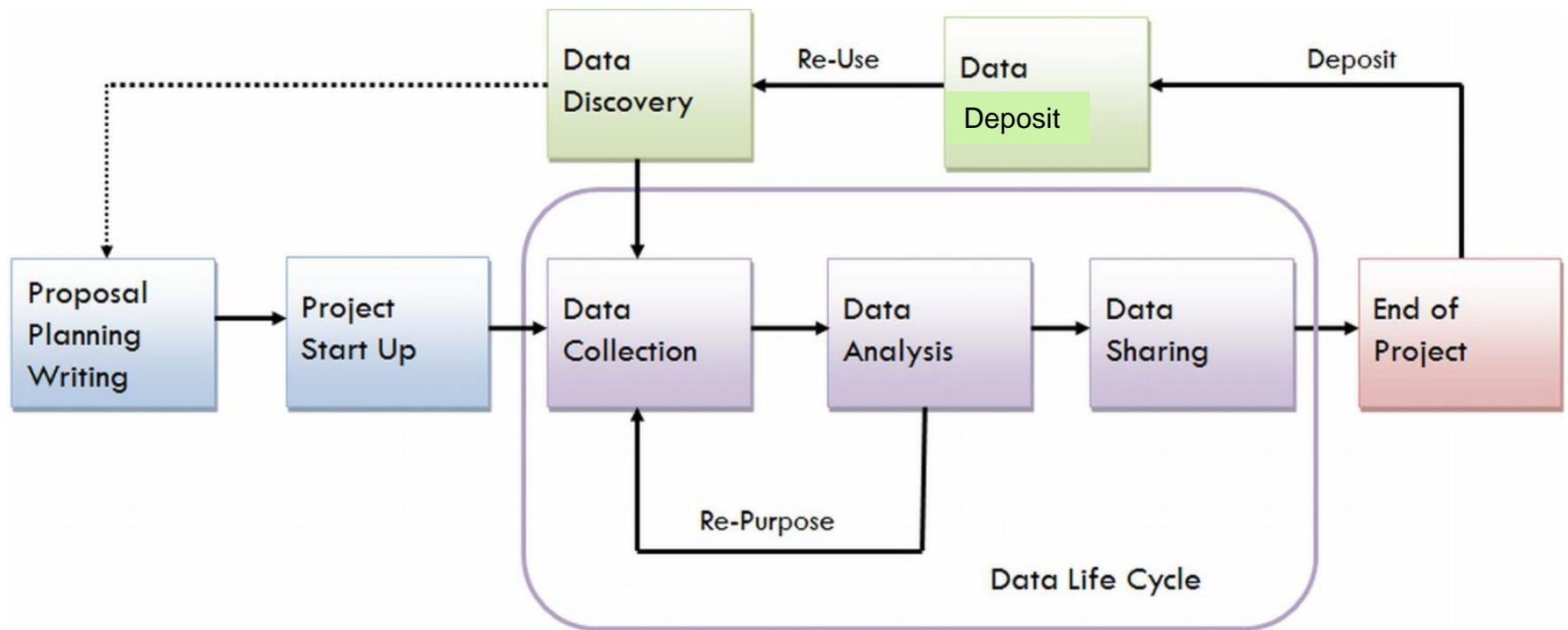
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Curation covers the entire research data life cycle...



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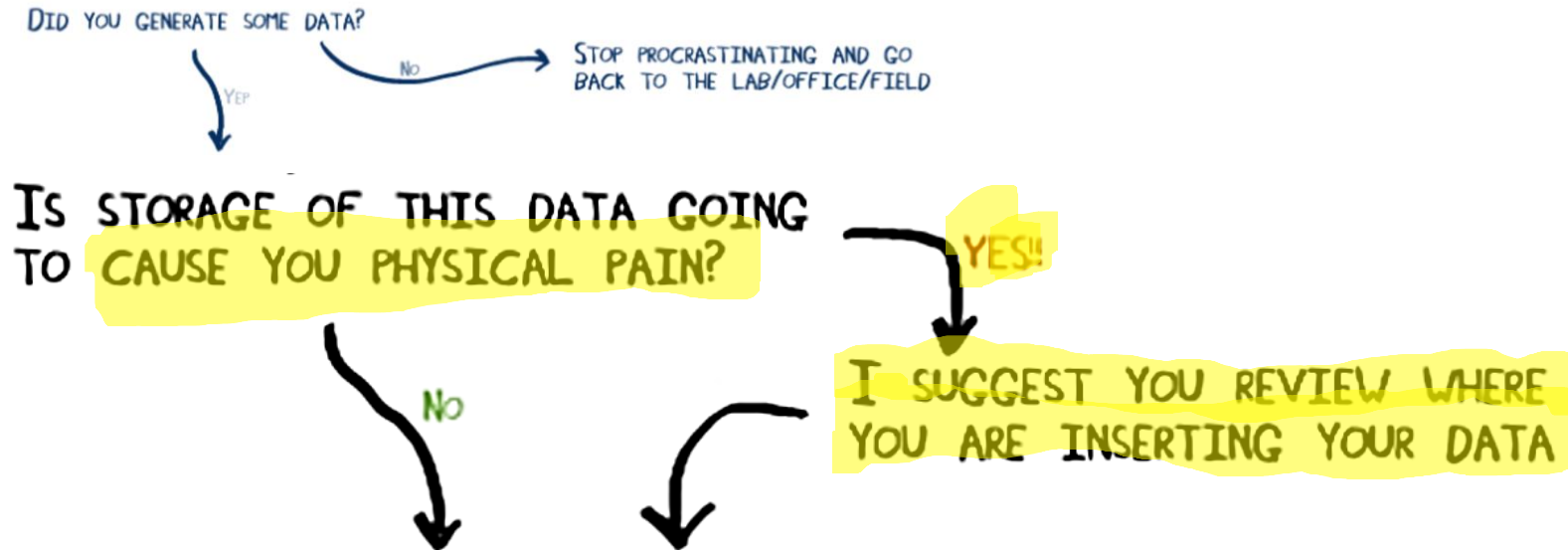
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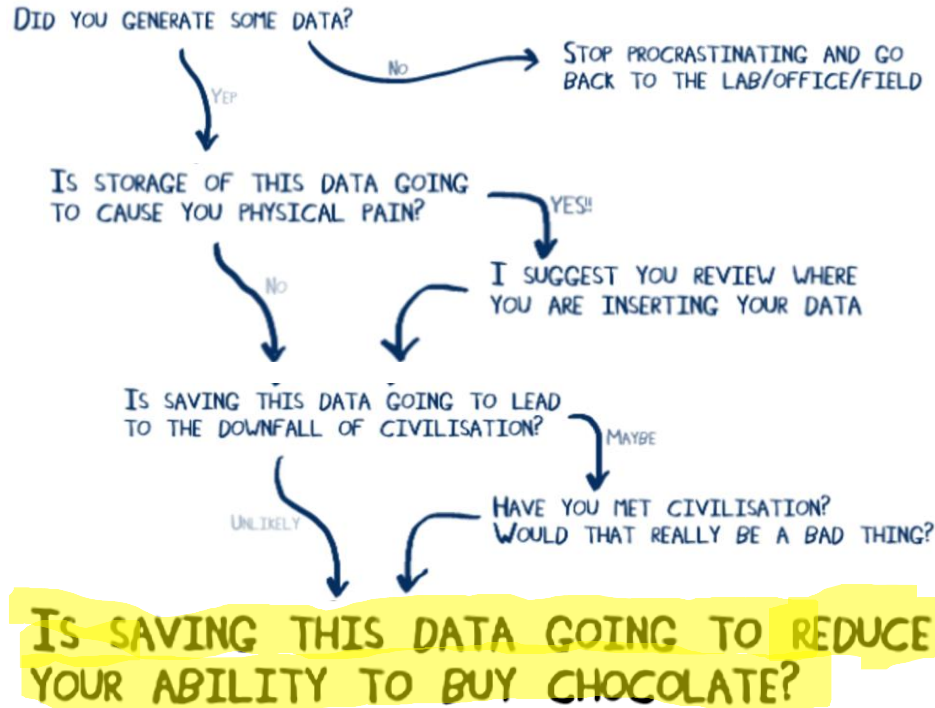
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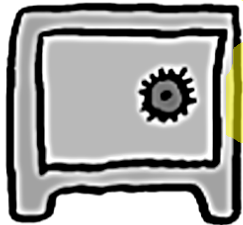
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CURATE YOUR DATA

*and METADATA
and Code*

Many reasons to curate [manage] research data...

Reproducibility

Verification of results

Extending research

Discoverability

Encouraging

Compliance

incentives

FAIR Principles

Avoiding duplication

Aligning with international best practices & standards

Making efficient and effective use of public funds

What keeps me up at night...

Avoiding domination by
commercial Interests



Preventing loss of data



SPRINGER NATURE

Data Curation



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11 ways to avert a data-storage disaster

Hard-drive failures are inevitable, but data loss doesn't have to be.

Jeffrey M. Perkel
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Against this backdrop

2013

Capitalizing on Big Data: Toward a Policy Framework for
Advancing Digital Scholarship in Canada

2016

Tri-Agency Statement of Principles on Digital Data Management

2017-2019

Draft Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy

Institutional
Strategy




DMPs



Deposit



2014

 Government of Canada
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SEIZING CANADA'S MOMENT:

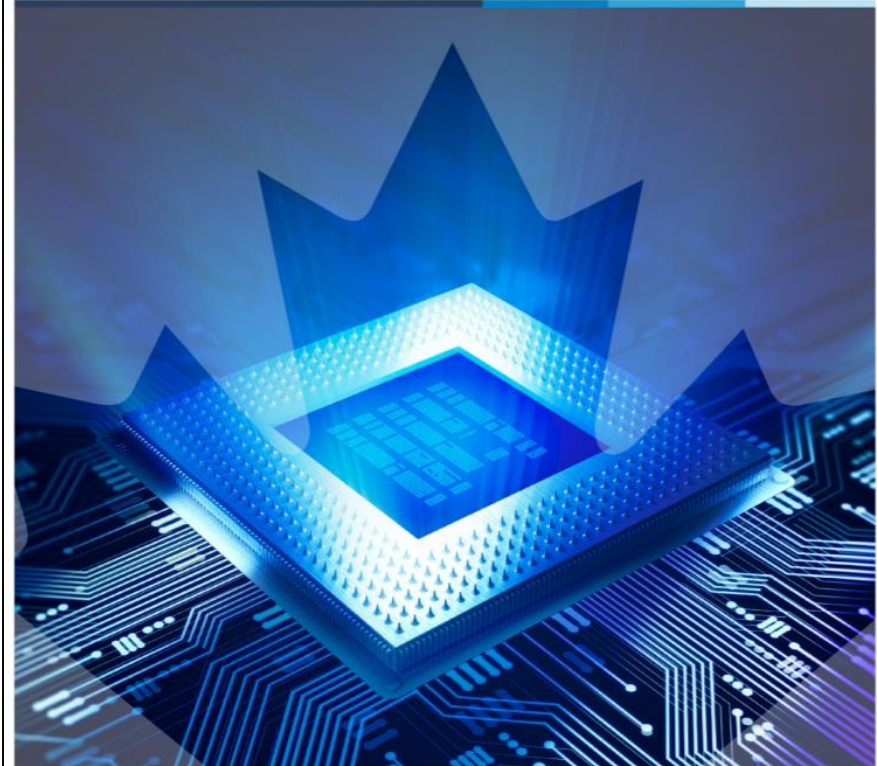
MOVING FORWARD IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION 2014

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2015

 Industry Canada
Industrie Canada



CONSULTATION: DEVELOPING A DIGITAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

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2017: Data Management and ARC position papers



Data Management Position Paper

For Innovation, Science, and
Economic Development Canada

2017-08-31



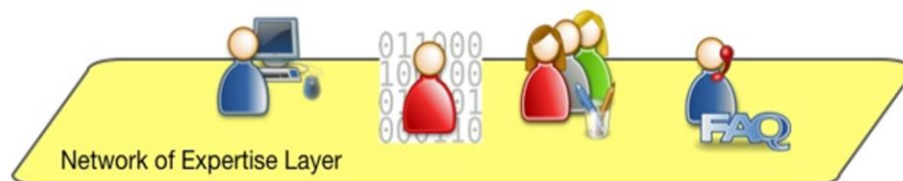
Advanced Research Computing (ARC) Position Paper

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The Portage Network is a national initiative of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), with the goal of **building research data management (RDM) capacity in Canada** through a **network of experts** in a **growing community of practice**.

Network of Expertise



- Pan-Canadian network of RDM expertise
- Contribute to development of RDM resources, tools, training, and policy

Infrastructure Platforms



- Working with library consortia, institutions, and other infrastructure partners to develop & deploy essential RDM infrastructure and service components

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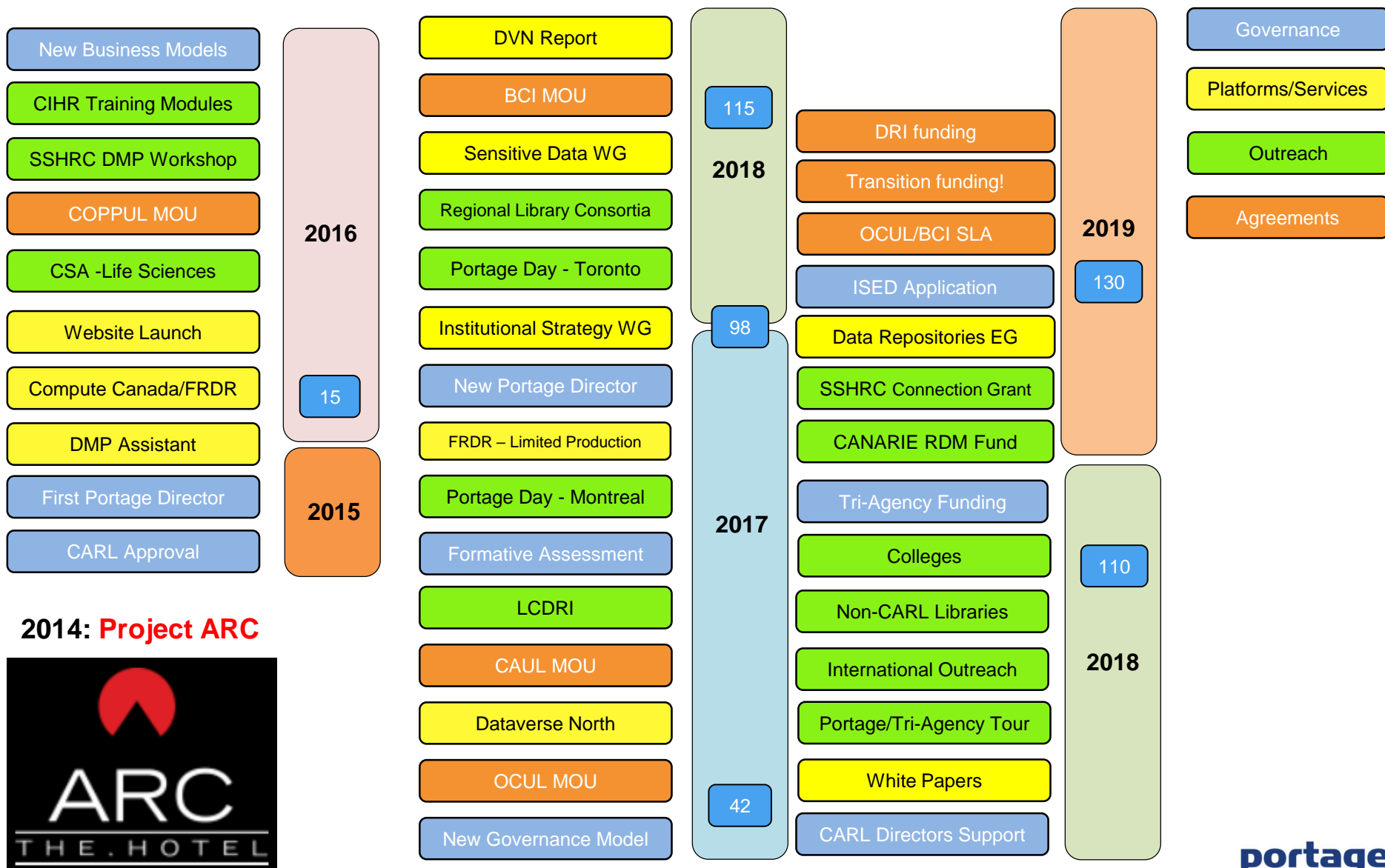
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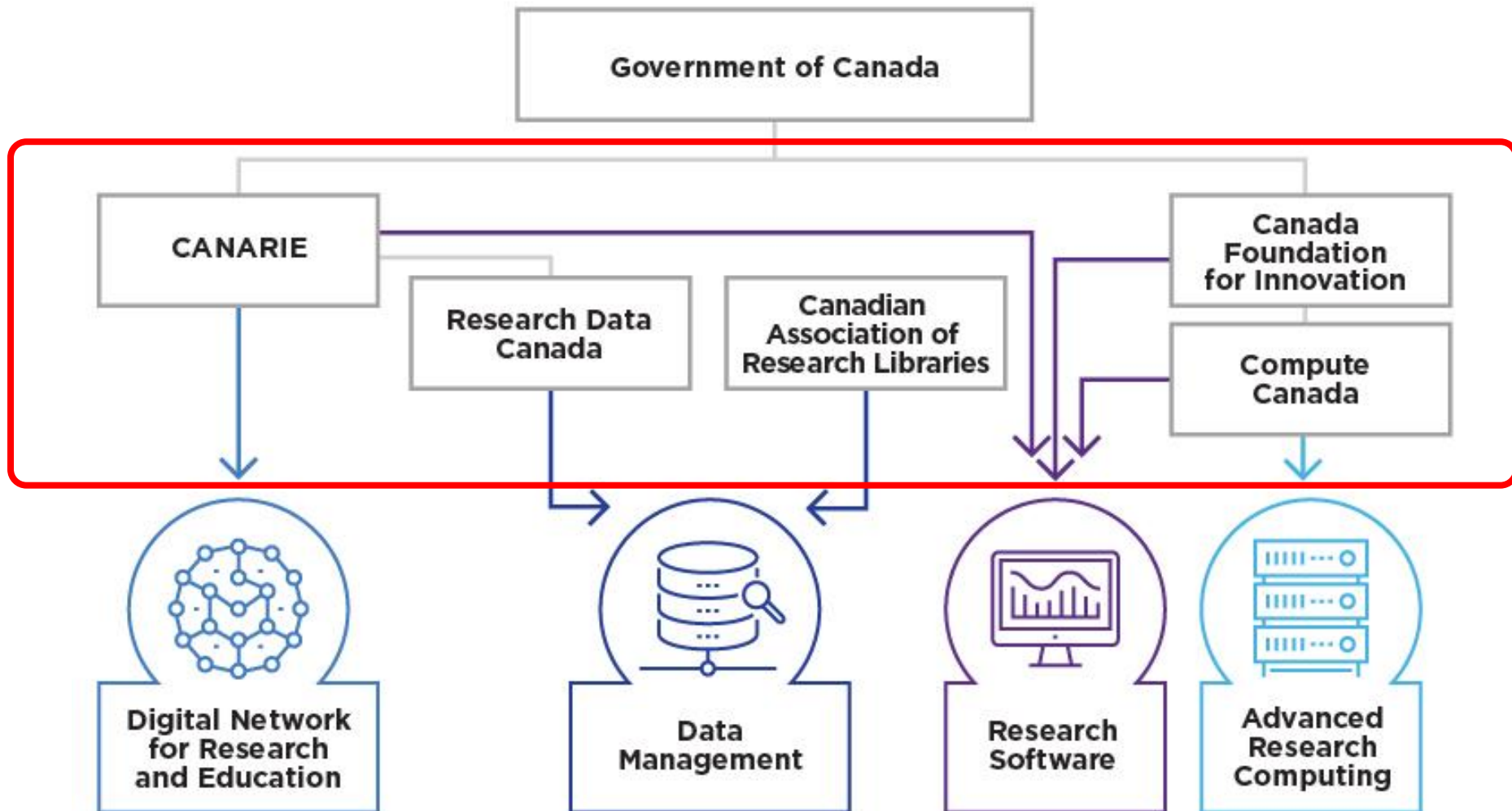
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The Portage Network has been busy!!



DRI & RDM

Current DRI Landscape



2018: Federal Budget



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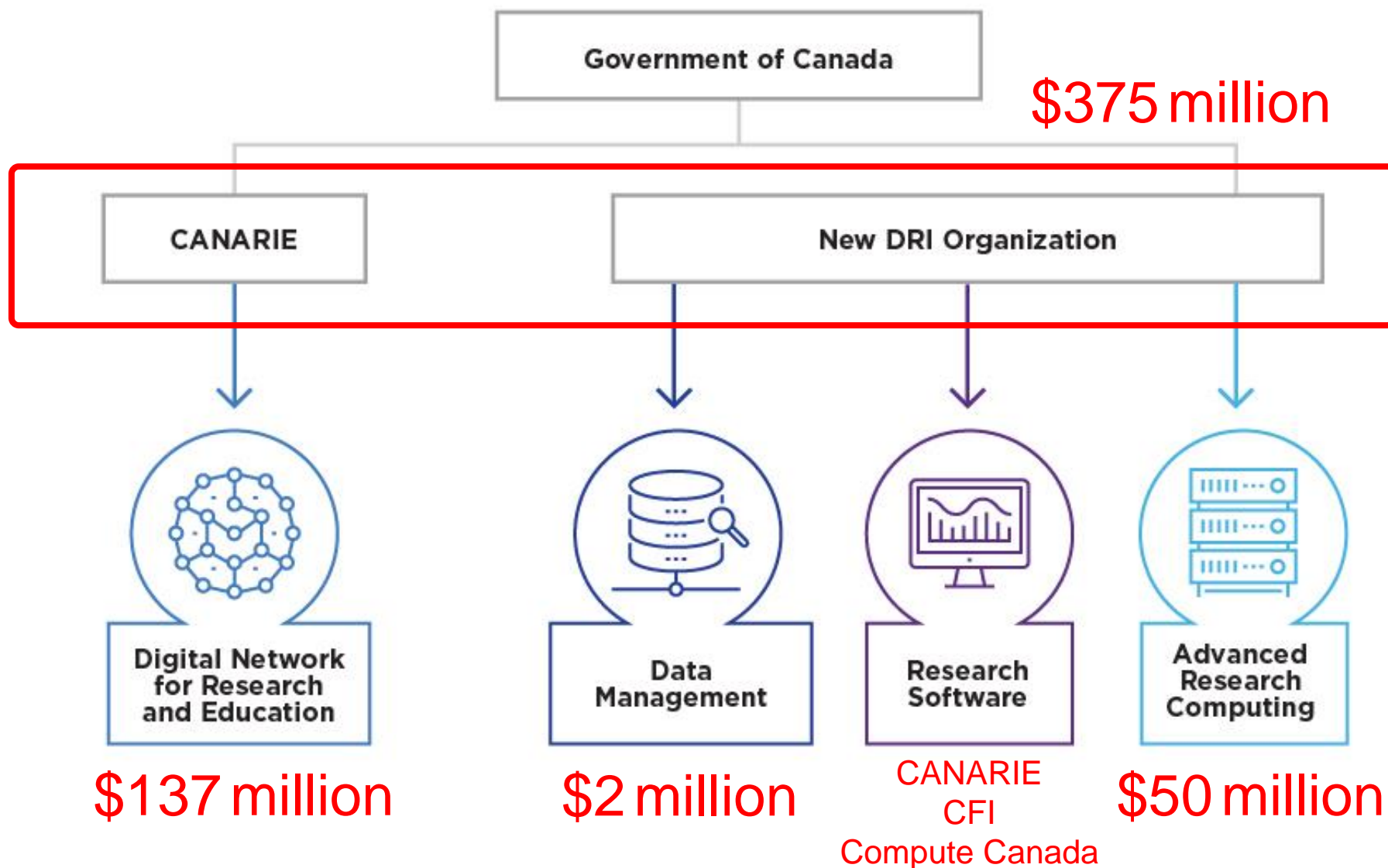


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Harnessing Big Data

“The Government proposes to provide **\$572.5 million** over five years, with \$52 million per year ongoing, to implement a **Digital Research Infrastructure Strategy** that will deliver more open and equitable access to advanced computing and big data resources to researchers across Canada.”

Moving toward a new DRI organization



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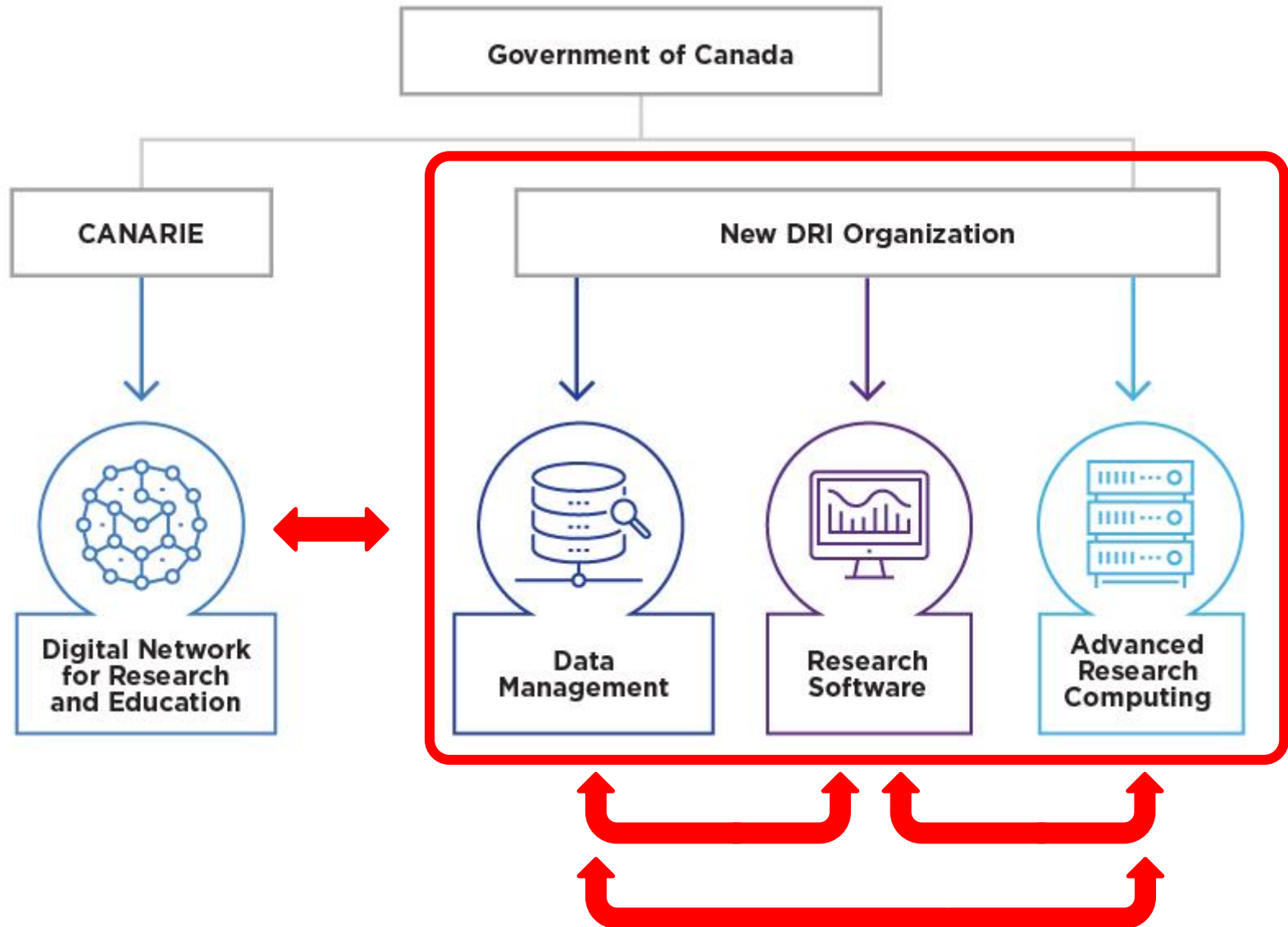
On August 22, the 'Applicant Board' was announced

New DRI Organization

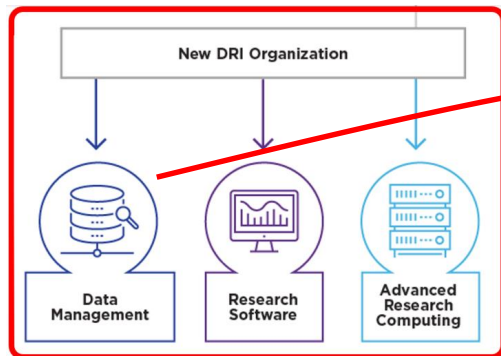
An applicant board has been established to undertake the work necessary to incorporate the new organization, including ongoing community consultations to address a number of outstanding governance issues prior to the establishment of the inaugural board in the new year.

- **Dr. Guillaume Bourque**, Director of the Canadian Centre for Computational Genomics, Professor, Human Genetics, McGill University,
- **Ms. Barbara Kieley**, ICD.D, Retired Partner Ernst & Young focus on public sector digital service transformation projects,
- **Mr. Peter MacKinnon** OC, QC, President Emeritus of the University of Saskatchewan, and former interim president of Dalhousie University and Athabasca University, and;
- **Ms. Lori MacMullen**, Executive Director, Canadian University Council of Chief Information Officers (CUCCIO).

Creating a new not-for-profit organization...



Converging streams of activity...



Forging a new Digital Research Strategy for Canada

Helping institutions and researchers address the challenges of RDM

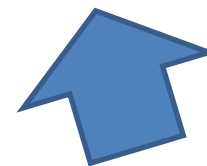
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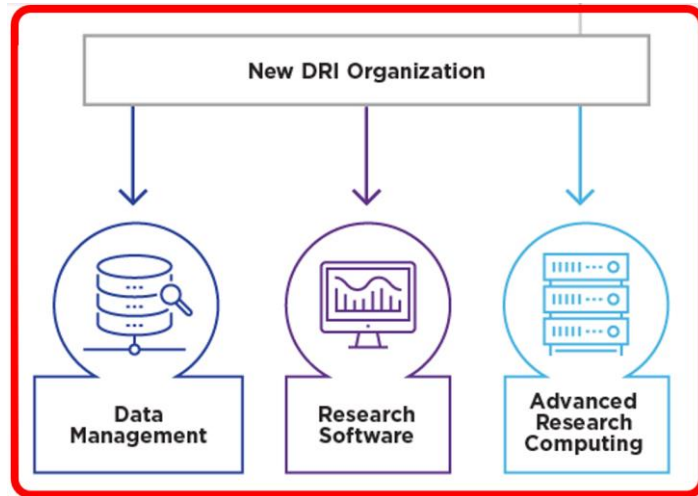
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**All this was successfully launched ahead of the
September 10 election call...**



Progress toward the New DRI Organization...



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Government Approval



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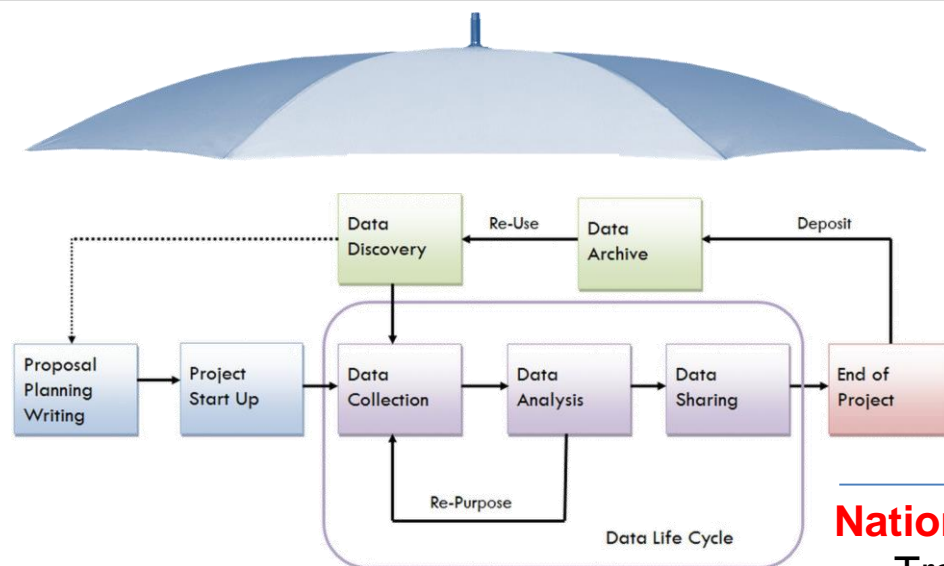


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2021?

...and progress on the RDM front



Helping
Researchers achieve
FAIR Principles
throughout the
Research Life Cycle

In partnership with our
Network of Experts and growing
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**Institutional partners
are also key to our
progress**

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Project



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- Use-case narratives for Dataverse, FRDR, & domain repositories
- Improving metadata for FRDR discovery layer
- Expanded metadata harvesting to expand discovery

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Project

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DMP Assistant
Sign In Sign Up



- **Migration to DMP 2.0 (DMP Roadmap) promises to improve researcher experience**
- **DMP Exemplars for disciplines – opt-in to share**
- **APIs to facilitate sharing among systems will help reduce administrative burden on researchers**

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- Glossary of Research Management Information (RMI) terms

- Interoperable DMP template(s)

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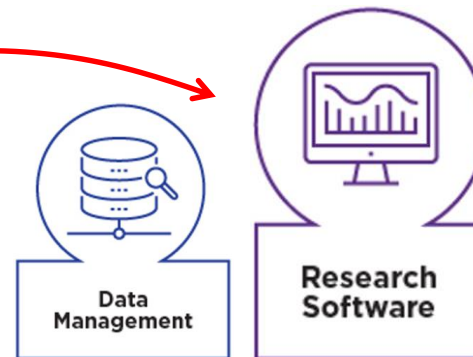
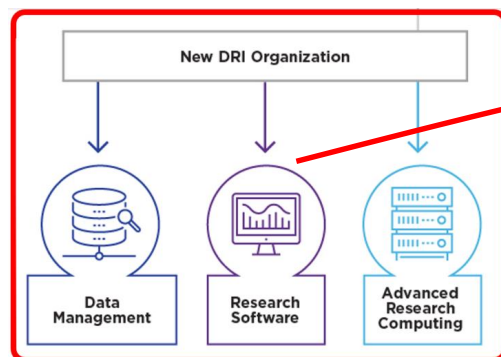
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Portage is also working closely with RDC...



National Data Services
Framework Summit 2021

National Data Services
Framework 2019

National Data Services
Framework Summit 2017

Webinars

...and collaborating
on other training
initiatives

2018

**CANARIE Launches Funding Call for Research Data Management
Software**

Posted on May 8, 2018 in Press Releases

2019

RDM Competitive Funding Call 2

**Evolution of Existing RDM Platforms, Repositories, and Services
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back to RDM
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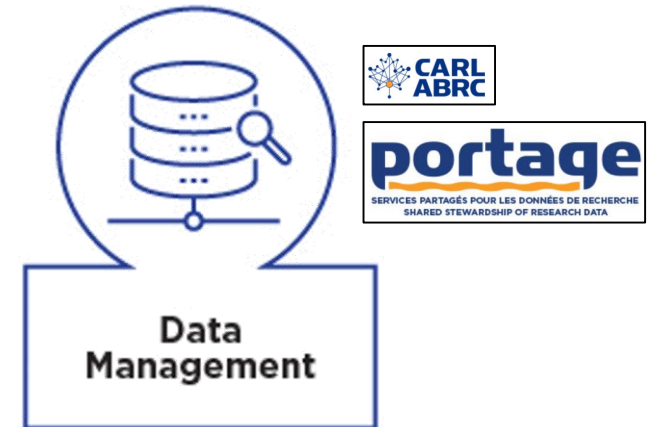
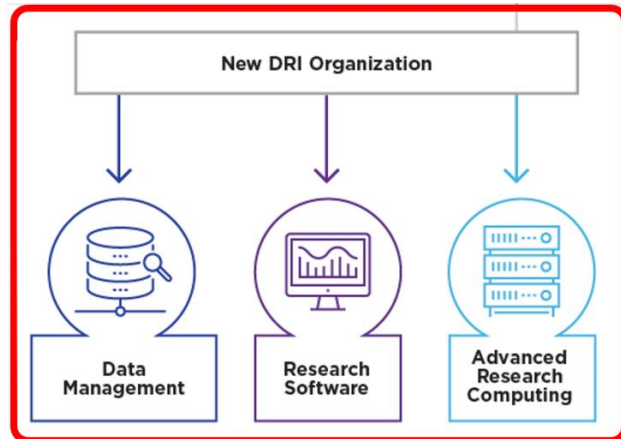
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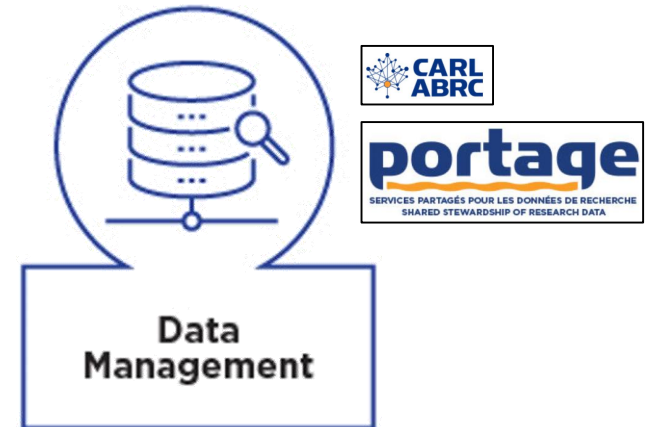
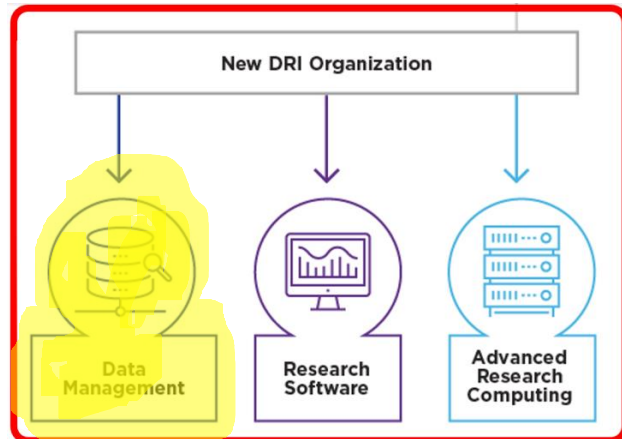
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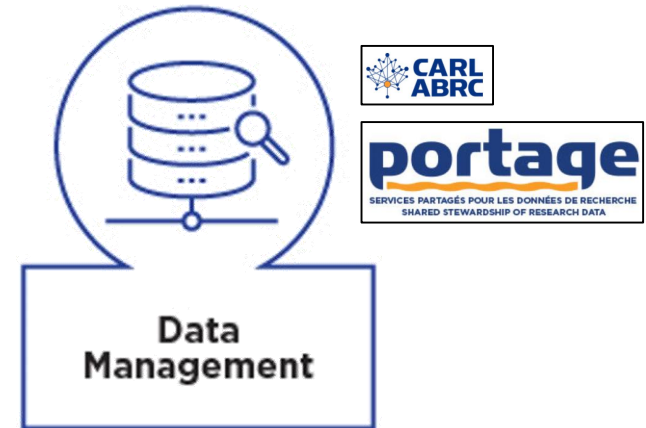
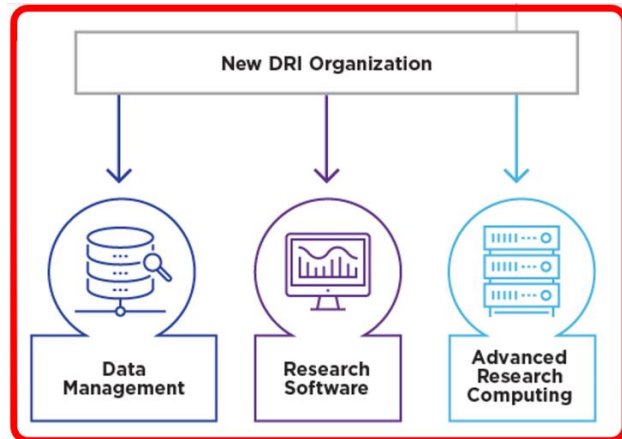
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