

Thank you, Kurt, and hello fellow panel members.

I'm Mark Svancarek from Microsoft. (To avoid transcription problems, I am often "Mark from Microsoft" at ICANN or IGF. Inside Microsoft, I am usually "marksv".)

By training I am a computer engineer, though in 25 years at Microsoft I have had many roles. I was first introduced to privacy concerns 15 years ago, when Microsoft launched our Trustworthy Computing initiative while I was working on Windows product activation.

I was most recently part of our Customer and Partner Advocacy group, working with engineering teams to ensure their plans and priorities produced good partner and end user outcomes. I first came to ICANN 45 specifically to ensure that products and services teams at Microsoft were ready for the wave of gTLDs and IDNs that would be coming at them. Later, I joined the UASG because of the impact of Universal Acceptance on people and organizations everywhere on the planet. I'm currently a co-chair of UASG, and earlier this year we were proud to announce that Microsoft email products and online services can support EAI.

Once involved at ICANN, I also began following Whois and RDAP efforts and engaged with the internal Microsoft teams who used the dataset to detect digital crimes and protect trademarks. I helped redraft the RDS PDP problem statement (ICANN 55, I think) but was never very active in the PDP WG itself.

I have recently changed roles again. I am now a member of the Internet Technology Policy team in Microsoft's Privacy and Regulatory Affairs group, which means I can dedicate myself to UASG, RDAP and EPDP rather than working on them part time.

Microsoft believes that privacy is a fundamental human right, and we support GDPR as an important step forward for privacy rights in Europe and around the world. We also believe that there are legitimate purposes for which nonpublic portions of the dataset can be accessible under certain circumstances. I am looking forward to working with you all in this challenging but achievable effort to create policy which obeys both the letter and the spirit of GDPR while appropriately supporting those legitimate purposes, and working with Marc and the RDAP team to ensure that RDAP and EPDP outcomes remain compatible with each other.

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