

4 - Working Group

Title: Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification on gTLD Registration Data – Phase 2 (EPDP_P2)

Description & Scope: Following the adoption by the ICANN Board of a temporary specification on gTLD Registration Data to enable contracted parties to continue to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and with community-developed policies as they relate to WHOIS, while also complying with the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), a one-year policy development process was initiated to confirm whether or not the temporary specification should become a consensus policy. The GNSO Council adopted the Final Report during its Special Council meeting on 4 March 2019 and provided its non-objection to the commencement of Phase 2. The scope for EPDP Phase 2 includes (i) discussion of a system for standardized access/disclosure to nonpublic registration data, (ii) issues noted in the [Annex to the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#) (“Important Issues for Further Community Action”), and (iii) issues deferred from Phase 1, e.g., legal vs natural persons, redaction of city field, et. al.

Composition:

Chair(s):	Janis Karklins
Council Liaison:	Rafik Dammak
Staff:	M. Konings, C. Tubergen, B. Cobb
# Participants:	31 Members + 19 Alternates (link)
# Observers:	195
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter 19 July 2018

Project Management:

Who holds token?	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
WG	04 Mar 2019	04 Mar 2019	210	30 Apr 2020	TBD

Progress	Status	Condition

STATUS: Planned On-schedule Revised schedule Behind schedule Target will be missed On-hold

CONDITION: On-Target At-Risk In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan ([link](#)):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Project Start	Mar-19	✓
Chair Janis Karklins appointed	Apr-19	✓
1st Plenary meeting	May-19	✓
Project Plan, Work plan, & Fact Sheet	Aug-19	✓
Issue Deliberations	Oct-19	
Face-to-face #1 – Marrakech	Jun-19	✓
Deliberate Priority 1	Oct-19	
Face-to-face #2 – Los Angeles	Sep-19	✓
Assemble initial conclusions	Oct-19	
Populate 1.0 draft paper w/ findings & potential recs.	Oct-19	
Discuss/approve findings and interim recs.	Oct-19	
Consolidate interim recommendations and findings	Nov-19	
Face-to-face #3 – Montreal	Nov-19	
Build Draft Report for public comment	Dec-19	
Issue report for public comment	Dec-19	
Face-to-face #4 – Los Angeles	Jan-20	
Review public comment input	Feb-20	
Deliberate Priority 2 items	Mar-20	
Face-to-face #5 – Cancun	Mar-20	
Determine consensus levels on recommendations	Apr-20	
Finalize Report	Apr-20	
Adopt final recommendations and report	Apr-20	
Send final report to GNSO Council	Apr-20	
GNSO Council adoption of consensus recs.		
Issue public comment for Board consideration		
ICANN Board adoption of consensus recs.		
Prior period % Complete	23%	

Status/Condition Rationale:

- The EPDP’s work plan was reviewed by the Council and the EPDP leadership confirmed its timeline for delivery of an Initial Report based on outcomes from the LA F2F; unplanned activities have not yet approached the EPDP, but risk remains moderate based on other unresolved RDS policy issues. Subsequently, [a request](#) for additional resources was sent to the ICANN Board from the GNSO Council on 2 Sep 2019.
- The project is On-Schedule and On-Target; [Summary Timeline & Factsheet](#)

Current Activities:

- The EPDP team is reviewing both Demand-side and Supply-side [building blocks](#) of a Standardized System for Access and Disclosure; each block consists of a working draft documenting the policy deliberations, findings and preliminary agreements.
- [Legal Committee](#) activities continue in the analysis of Batch #1 questions sent to outside counsel and currently reviewing a possible second batch of legal questions requiring analysis.
- The EPDP is preparing a 1.0 draft for the early November 2019 meeting in Montreal (travel coordination and planning in progress); consisting of [working definitions](#), [use cases](#), [zero-day draft](#) + [process](#), and [building blocks](#) culminating into an Initial Report.

Planned Activities:

- Prepare 1.0 draft for Montreal with the intent to conclude on as many building blocks as possible

Open Issues, Risks & Mitigation Plan:

- A number of Priority 1 policy issues require deliberation to meet the target for the Initial Report; the EPDP has increased to two meetings per week.

Completed in prior period(s):

- A review of next steps for Priority 2 items was completed with primary deliberations postponed until delivery of an Initial Report on policy topics of the SSAD.
- Completed the cursory review of Early Input provided by SO/AC/SG/Cs on SSAD.
- The EPDP-P2 leadership team submitted an overall work plan on 13 Aug reviewed by the GNSO Council.
- The EPDP team completed its review of primary use cases synthesized into five groups to identify trends that produced a working Day-Zero draft of potential policy options or text for discussion during the next EPDP Team’s face-to-face meeting.
- EPDP Team’s F2F meeting was held in Los Angeles from 9 – 11 Sep 2019.
- Deliberations continued on building blocks from the zero draft.
- The EPDP met with ICANN’s CEO and the Strawberry team for updates with the future engagement with European Data Protection Agencies based on the work of the Technical Study Group.