

Policy Comment Updates

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At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) Call

Wednesday, 24 April 2019

19:00 UTC



Recently Ratified by the ALAC

- **Advice (sent to ICANN Board):** [GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration](#)

The ALAC provided advice to the ICANN Board, noting significant concern related to three aspects of the EPDP Report. Specifically, the ALAC is concerned not only with the outcomes, but with the process that was followed to address the issues. All three impact the ability to access registration data and the completeness of that data, specifically: “to identify the appropriate balance for a path forward to ensure compliance with the GDPR while maintaining the existing WHOIS system to the greatest extent possible”. The ALAC advises the ICANN Board to:

- *Request that the issue of Thick WHOIS be discussed during the EPDP Phase 2 in light of the new legal opinion;*
- *Request that the issue of geographic differentiation be re-opened during the EPDP Phase 2 in light of the new legal opinion and the lack of considering the competing needs of privacy vs the benefits of non-redaction on cyber-security activities and that the ensuing discussion factor in the needs of those using the data for cyber-security and other legitimate purposes;*
- *Request that the issue of legal/natural differentiation be discussed during the EPDP Phase 2 explicitly considering the competing needs of those using the data for cybersecurity and other legitimate purposes;*
- *Initiate independent studies related to the implementation of geographic and legal/natural differentiation as well as the impact of the Temporary Specification implementation on cyber-security, or request that the EPDP Phase 2 commission such studies. If the latter, the Board should ensure adequate funding for such work.*

Public Comment for Decision

- None

Current Statements (ALAC Advice, Comment or Correspondence)

Public Comment Name	Public Comment Close	Status	Penholders
Proposed Renewal of .org Registry Agreement	29 April 2019	DRAFTING	Greg Shatan* (NARALO) Judith Hellerstein (NARALO)
Proposed Renewal of .info Registry Agreement	29 April 2019	DRAFTING	Greg Shatan* (NARALO)
Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement	07 May 2019	DRAFTING	Maureen Hilyard (ALAC Chair)
Proposed Renewal of .biz Registry Agreement	14 May 2019	COMMENT	Greg Shatan* (NARALO)

*Greg Shatan volunteered to be penholder of an ALAC statement on all 4 Registry Agreement public comments.