

**WHOIS Policy Review Team**  
**Wednesday, 14 March – 08:00-17:00**  
**Costa Rica - Girasol**

Alice Jansen:Welcome to the WHOIS Policy Review Team session!

Lutz Donnerhacke:Welcome

Alice Jansen:WE are waiting for Members to join.

Alice Jansen:Morning, Lutz! Are you able to join the bridge?

Lutz Donnerhacke:I'll try soon.

Alice Jansen:Thanks, Lutz. Let me know when you are on the bridge.

Lutz Donnerhacke:Joined the bridge.

Alice Jansen:Ok thanks, Lutz

Alice Jansen:We have not started yet.

guillermo:thanks

Alice Jansen:we have just started.

Alice Jansen:The Review Team will reconvene at 10:15 CST.

Alice Jansen:will reconvene shortly. Apologies for the delay.

Alice Jansen:we are now reconvening.

Luc Seufer:If only registrars are authorized to provide proxy services, does this mean that registrants will be allowed to register their domain with Registrar X and hide their whois details with Registrar Z?

Luc Seufer:Won't it create room for horizontal-tying?

Kathy:there are no whois review team recommendations to restrict authorization of proxy services

Kathy:sorry, it starts ==> there are no whois review team....

Luc Seufer:Sorry Kathy, I believe my question was more, will accredited providers have an obligation to offer this service to any registrant or will they be entitled to reserve it to customers having their domain with them?

Kathy: sorry, will respond shortly....

Alice Jansen: We are now breaking for lunch. We will be back at 13:00 CST

Alice Jansen:We are running late

Alice Jansen:We are reconvening.

Luc Seufer:Me again, if only registrars are allowed to act as Privacy service providers aren't the due diligence checks on registrant contact redundant?

Kathy:I wish I fully understood the question.

Luc Seufer:Let me rephrase it then.

Kathy:I think the answer is no.

Luc Seufer:Registrars are already bound by the RAA to operate such checks

Kathy:both the privacy service data should be accurate, and the underlying registrant data, right?

Luc Seufer:yes

Kathy:so how would the two-tiered requirements be redundant?

Luc Seufer:Registrars as "registrars" will operate the details verification, so having them

operate the same checks as "Privacy Service provider" seems redundant to m  
Luc Seufer:e

Lutz Donnerhacke:Fine, I'm back at the right moment

SMC:Contractual compliance meeting link has not been provided. Can you tell what is the status of that meeting? Has it been cancelled?

Alice Jansen:@ SMC, unfortunately I do not have information to share on that particular session

Alice Jansen:Please contact Maguy Serad [maguy.serad@icann.org](mailto:maguy.serad@icann.org)

Kathy:@Luc - can we take this offline? I think there are several layers of obligations.'

Alice Jansen:To make WHOIS data more accessible for consumers, ICANN should set up a dedicated, multilingual website (like icann.org) to allow "unrestricted and public access to accurate and complete WHOIS information". Such website would provide access to WHOIS data, regardless of where it resides, for all gTLD domain names.

Alice Jansen:Lutz, would you like the floor?

Lutz Donnerhacke:yes

R C Hutchinson:I fear that the net effect of enforcing increasing data integrity on registrars, will result in protecting all WHOIS data with privacy/proxy services - thus nullifying all the WHOIS work, by hiding the data behind privacy protection walls -- thanks to all for the good work on this report

Lutz Donnerhacke:RC: If everybody is hiding from whois with good reasons within the borders of the policy and local laws, we have to accept this fact.

Lutz Donnerhacke:There is no "international law" requiring any whois service at all

Ibra Sylla:Thanks so much,from SENEGAL!

Alice Jansen 2:;-)

Alice Jansen 2:Lutz, do you have comments you would like to share?

Alice Jansen 2:The Team is wrapping up.

Lutz Donnerhacke:No, thanx

Alice Jansen 2:Thanks for your participation!

Alice Jansen 2:Rest assured that this chat transcript will be circulated to the Team.