At-Large Capacity Building Webinar – Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS

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What is the relationship of the GDPR to the RDS Policy Development Process (PDP)?

1. The Goal of the RDS PDP
2. Current status of the RDS PDP
3. How the PDP relates to the GDPR
This PDP has been tasked with defining the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to gTLD registration data and considering safeguards for protecting that data.

The charter organizes this WG’s tasks into three phases:

**Pre-PDP WG Steps**
- Phase 1: Policy Requirements Definition
- Phase 2: Policy Functional Design
- Phase 3: Implementation Guidance

**Post-WG Steps**

Tasks to be completed BEFORE a PDP WG is formed:
- Requirements that establish **IF & WHY** a Next-Gen RDS is needed
- Policies that detail **WHAT** a Next-Gen RDS must do
- Guidance on **HOW** a Next-Gen RDS should implement policy

Tasks to be completed AFTER the WG’s final report:
- Approvals
- IRT Formation
- Implementation
During Phase 1 of this PDP, the WG will

- Attempt to reach consensus on the following questions (*at a minimum*):
  - **What are the fundamental requirements** for gTLD registration data? When addressing this, the PDP WG should consider, at a minimum, *users and purposes and associated access, accuracy, data elements, and privacy requirements*.  
  - **Is a new policy framework and next-generation RDS needed to address these requirements?**
    - If yes, what **cross-cutting requirements** must any next-generation RDS address, including *coexistence, compliance, system model, and cost, benefit, and risk analysis requirements*.
    - If no, does the current WHOIS policy framework sufficiently address these requirements? If not, what revisions are recommended to the current WHOIS policy framework to do so?
Next Steps

- Finish deliberating on charter questions 1-5
- Answer Foundational Question
- First Initial Report
- Modify Phase 1 Work Plan
- Deliberate on charter questions 6-11
- Second Initial Report
- Final Report for Phase 1

If a next-gen RDS is needed:

- Phase 2 (Policy Development)
- Phase 3 (Implementation and Coexistence Guidance)
How does the GDPR relate to this PDP?

• This bottom-up multi-stakeholder process will take multiple years
• The PDP must address global data protection requirements, not just those from Europe
• The GDPR is an excellent example of data protection and privacy requirements for handling natural persons’ personal information
• Work now being done on GDPR compliance for today’s WHOIS will be used by the PDP WG as applicable
• Any Next Gen RDS would be the long-term solution for handling privacy & data protection requirements and is the only way to change registration data requirements in registry and registrar agreements, except for any emergency policy changes that the ICANN Board may implement
• Any such emergency policy changes will NOT predetermine the recommendations of the RDS PDP WG, unless they are supported by the PDP WG, following the Policy Development Process
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