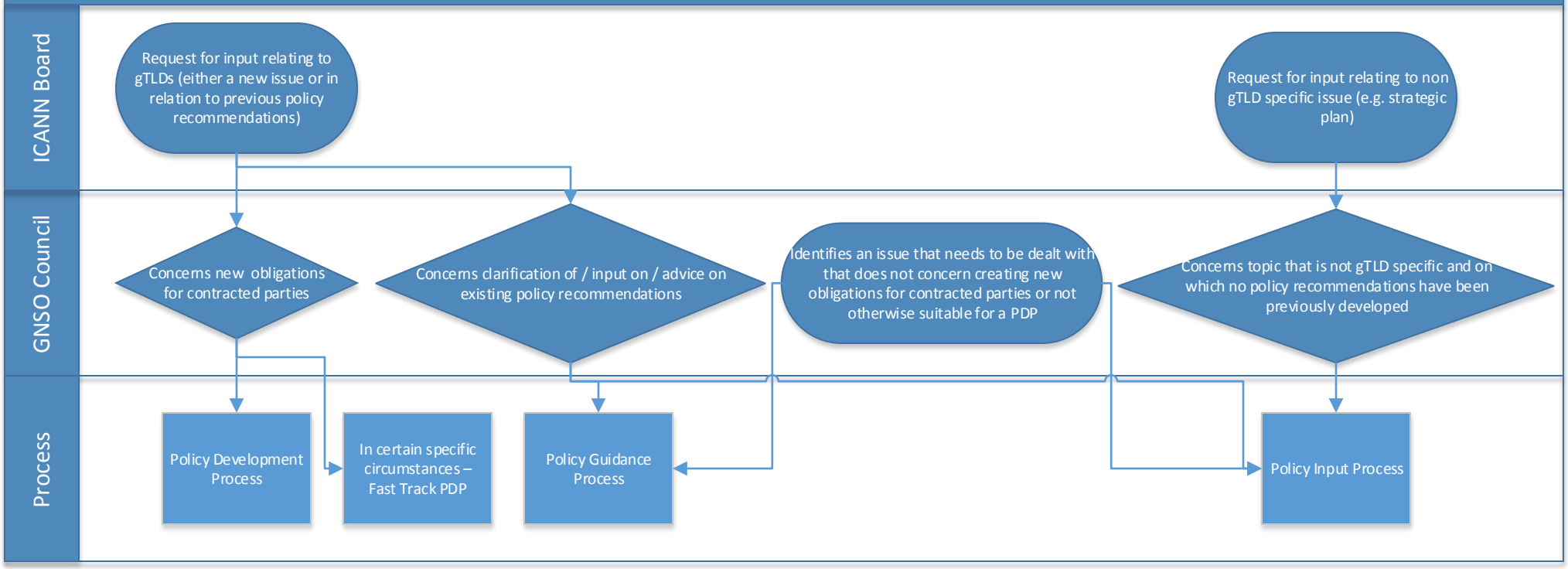
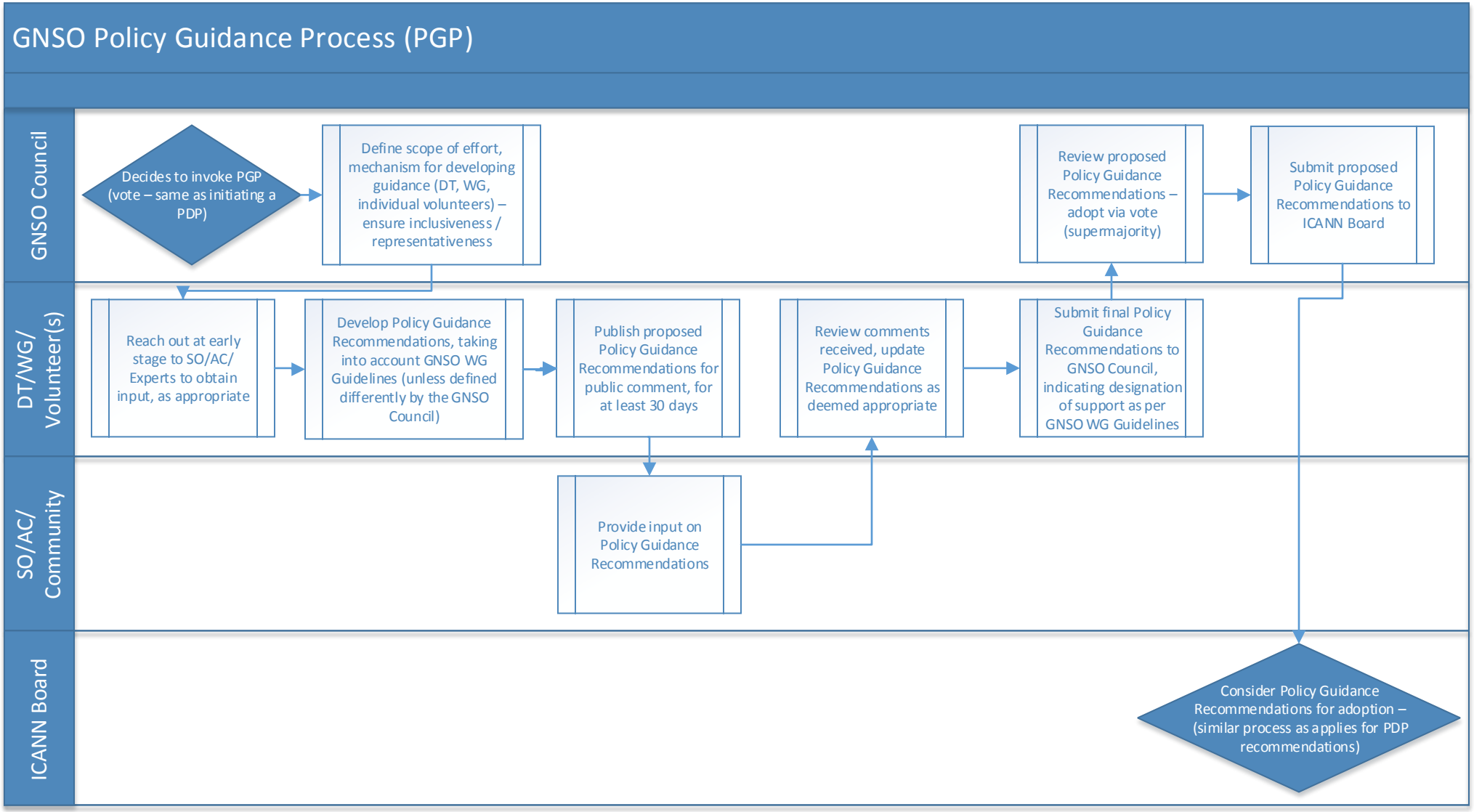
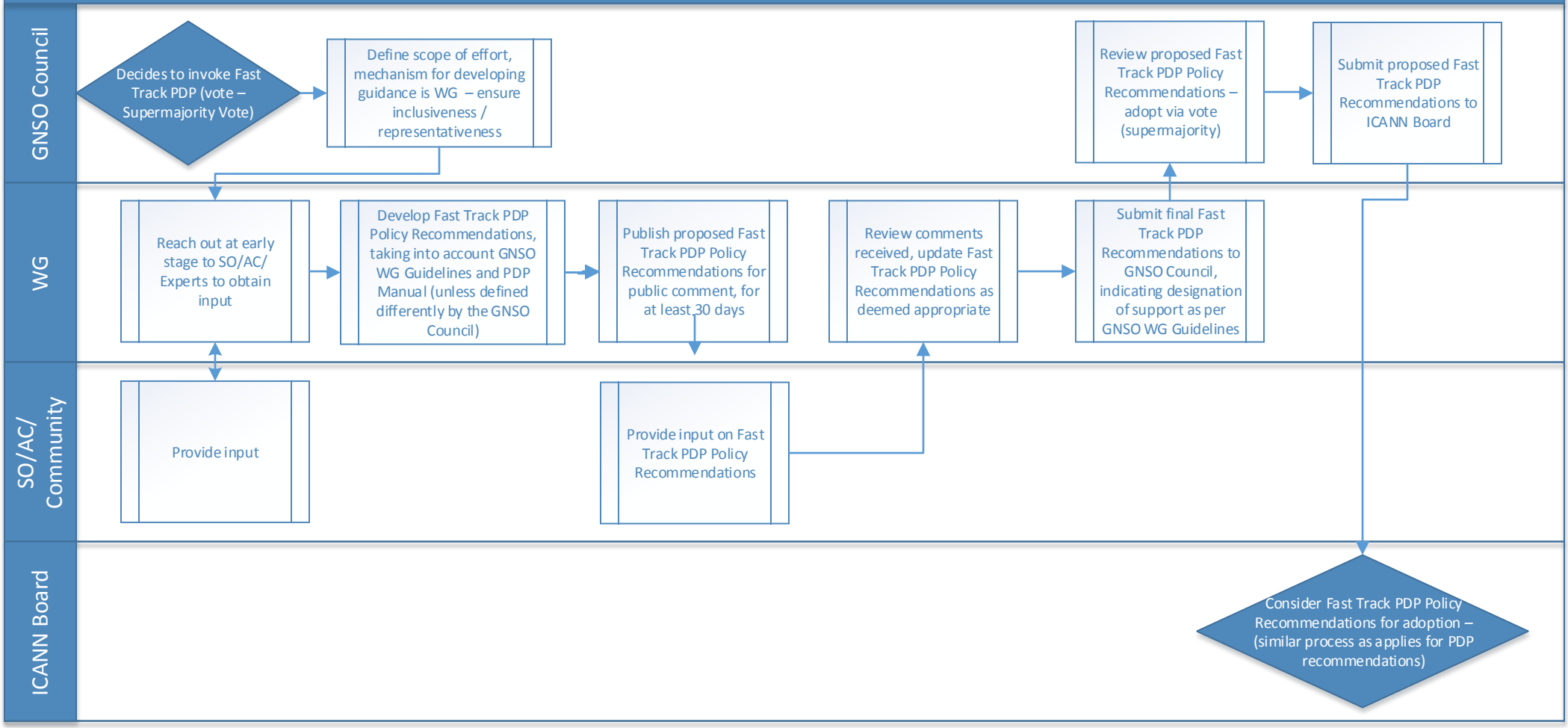
GNSO Policy Process Options

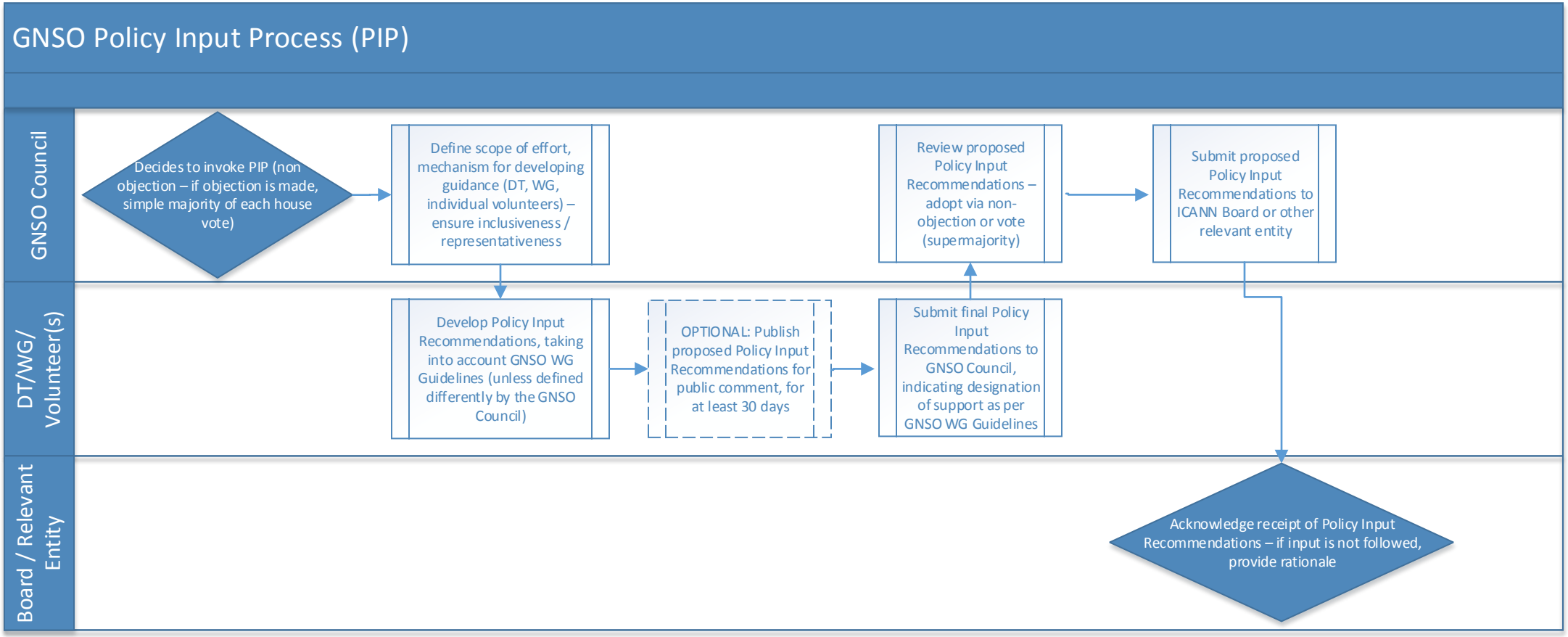



GNSO Policy Guidance Process (PGP)
GNSO Council
DT/WG/ Volunteer(s)
SO/AC/ Community
ICANN Board
Decides to invoke PGP (vote – same as initiating a PDP)
Define scope of effort, mechanism for developing guidance (DT, WG, individual volunteers) – ensure inclusiveness / representativeness
Review proposed Policy Guidance Recommendations – adopt via vote (supermajority)
Submit proposed Policy Guidance Recommendations to ICANN Board
Reach out at early stage to SO/AC/ Experts to obtain input, as appropriate
Develop Policy Guidance Recommendations, taking into account GNSO WG Guidelines (unless defined differently by the GNSO Council)
Publish proposed Policy Guidance Recommendations for public comment, for at least 30 days
Review comments received, update Policy Guidance Recommendations as deemed appropriate
Submit final Policy Guidance Recommendations to GNSO Council, indicating designation of support as per GNSO WG Guidelines
Provide input on Policy Guidance Recommendations
Consider Policy Guidance Recommendations for adoption – (similar process as applies for PDP recommendations)

GNSO Policy Guidance Process (PGP) with supermajority vote or Fast Track PDP

Only available for limited set of circumstances (1) concerns specific issue identified following adoption of PDP recommendations by ICANN Board, 2) concerns an issue that has already been scoped as part of earlier PDP or related effort




GNSO Policy Input Process (PIP)
GNSO Council
DT/WG/ Volunteer(s)
Board / Relevant Entity
Decides to invoke PIP (non objection – if objection is made, simple majority of each house vote)
Define scope of effort, mechanism for developing guidance (DT, WG, individual volunteers) – ensure inclusiveness / representativeness
Develop Policy Input Recommendations, taking into account GNSO WG Guidelines (unless defined differently by the GNSO Council)
OPTIONAL: Publish proposed Policy Input Recommendations for public comment, for at least 30 days
Submit final Policy Input Recommendations to GNSO Council, indicating designation of support as per GNSO WG Guidelines
Review proposed Policy Input Recommendations – adopt via non-objection or vote (supermajority)
Submit proposed Policy Input Recommendations to ICANN Board or other relevant entity
Acknowledge receipt of Policy Input Recommendations – if input is not followed, provide rationale