

# ATRT2 Recommendation 4 Implementation

## Policy/Implementation/Executive Function Distinction

29 January 2015

### Major Milestone Timeline



### Project Description

Recommendation 4 addresses supporting cross-community engagement aimed at developing an understanding of the distinction between policy development and policy implementation. Work is actively under way in the GNSO where a [working group](#) has been formed to develop recommendations in relation to a set of principles that would underpin any GNSO policy implementation related discussions.

### Status of Deliverables

	Status
WG Initial Report	✓
Opening of public comment period	✓
WG Final Report	●
GNSO Council consideration	●
ICANN Board consideration	●

- ✓ = complete
- = on schedule
- = behind schedule, expect to recover
- = behind schedule, do not expect to recover

### Project Status

The WG published its Initial Report for community input prior to ICANN 52 <http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/policy-implementation/pi-wg-initial-recommendations-19jan15-en.pdf> the public comment forum is open and may be viewed at <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/policy-implementation-2015-01-19-en>).

The report includes proposed recommendations in relation to the charter questions the WG was asked to address namely:

1. A set of principles that would underpin any GNSO policy and implementation related discussions, taking into account existing GNSO Operating Procedures.
2. A process for developing gTLD policy, perhaps in the form of "Policy Guidance", including criteria for when it would be appropriate to use such a process (for developing policy other than "Consensus Policy") instead of a GNSO Policy Development Process;
3. A framework for implementation related discussions associated with GNSO Policy Recommendations; Criteria to be used to determine when an action should be addressed by a policy process and when it should be considered implementation, and;
4. Further guidance on how GNSO Implementation Review Teams, as defined in the PDP Manual, are expected to function and operate.

### Implementation Notes

The implementation of this recommendation requires substantial involvement from stakeholders, and volunteer fatigue and prioritization efforts must be considered. Implementation plans depend on the outcomes of the GNSO WG work, with the Board awaiting these outcomes before deciding whether additional work is needed.

