

ATRT2 Recommendation 4 Implementation

Policy/Implementation/Executive Function Distinction

9 April 2015

Implementation 4 Timeline



November 2015
Operationalized

Recommendation 4 Implementation 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. Following the completion of this work, the Board will evaluate whether this work which is specifically focused on GNSO policy and implementation, or parts of it, could also be applicable to non-GNSO environments.

Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
Working Group Initial Report posted for public comment	WG/Staff	✓
Close of public comment period		✓
Review of public comments	WG	April 2015
Submit Final Report to GNSO Council	WG	May 2015
GNSO Council consideration of recommendations	GNSO Council	June 2015
Public comment forum prior to Board Consideration	Staff	July – Aug 2015
ICANN Board consideration	Board	Sept/Oct 2015
Commence implementation of recommendations	Staff	November 2015



Complete

Planned/In Process

Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan

Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

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Project Status

The GNSO WG published its [Initial Report](#) for [community input](#) prior to the ICANN 52 meeting. The report includes the following preliminary recommendations in relation to the charter questions:

- A set of principles that would underpin any GNSO policy and implementation related discussions, taking into account existing GNSO Operating Procedures, the WG recommends adhering to the principles outlined in section 4 of the Initial Recommendations Report when policy or implementation related issues arise in the implementation phase (Preliminary Recommendation #1).
- The WG proposes three new standardized processes for GNSO deliberations (Preliminary Recommendation #2) regarding such issues as also outlined in the high level overview in Annex B (Recommendation #2), namely: GNSO Input Process (GIP) – to be used for those instances for which the GNSO Council intends to provide non-binding advice, which is expected to typically concern topics that are not gTLD specific and for which no policy recommendations have been developed to date; GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) – to be used in those instances for which the GNSO Council intends to provide binding guidance to the ICANN Board, but which is not expected to result in new contractual obligations for contracted parties, and; GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process – to be used in those instances in which the GNSO Council intends to develop recommendations that would result in new contractual obligations for contracted parties that meet the criteria for "consensus policies"¹ as well as the qualifying criteria to initiate an expedited PDP.
- The WG recommends that the Policy Development Process Manual be modified to require the creation of an Implementation Review Team following the adoption of PDP recommendations by the ICANN Board, but allow the GNSO Council the flexibility to not create an IRT in exceptional circumstances (e.g. if another IRT is already in place that could deal with the PDP recommendations). (Preliminary Recommendation #3) and the adoption of the implementation review team principles as outlined in Annex H are followed as part of the creation as well as operation of IRTs (Preliminary Recommendation #4).

The WG is now in the process of reviewing the comments received and intends to finalise its report for submission to the GNSO Council by May/June 2015. For further details please see <https://community.icann.org/x/y1V-Ag>.

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.

The current timeline for this effort is determined by the GNSO Policy and Implementation Working Group as part of its work plan (see https://community.icann.org/x/rC_fAg).