

# ATRT2 Recommendation 4 Implementation

## Policy/Implementation/Executive Function Distinction

30 June 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	✓
Submit Final Report to GNSO Council	WG	✓
GNSO Council consideration of recommendations	GNSO Council	✓
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

Following the publication of the WG's [Initial Report](#) for [community input](#) prior to the ICANN 52 meeting, the WG reviewed the input received and finalised its report for submission to the GNSO Council. The [Final Report](#), which was adopted by the GNSO Council during its meeting in Buenos Aires in June 2015, includes the following 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 (Recommendation #1).
- The WG proposes three new standardized processes for GNSO deliberations (Recommendation #2) regarding such issues as also outlined in the high level overview in Annex B, namely: GNSO Input Process (GIP); GNSO Guidance Process (GGP), and; GNSO Expedited Policy Development.
- The WG also recommends to add a provision to the GNSO Operating Procedures that clarifies that parallel efforts on similar / identical topics should be avoided. As the manager of the process, the GNSO Council is expected to resolve which process would be the most appropriate to use (Recommendation #3).
- 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)(Recommendation #4) 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 (Recommendation #5).

Following the adoption by the GNSO Council, the recommendations that involve changes to the ICANN Bylaws will now be submitted to the ICANN Board for its consideration.

## 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.