ATRT2 Recommendation 4 Implementation
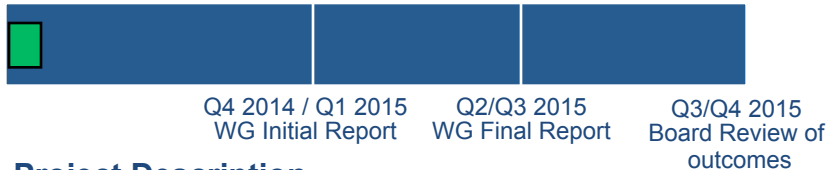## Policy/Implementation/Executive Function Distinction
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Major Milestone Timeline

Q4 2014 / Q1 2015
WG Initial Report

Q2/Q3 2015
WG Final Report

Q3/Q4 2015
Board Review of outcomes

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
Project Initiation Phase	✓
Planning Phase	✓
Execution Phase	
Operationalize Plans	

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

Project Status

The WG has approved its Working Definitions document and developed a draft set of Working Principles. The WG has begun to consider each of its other Deliverables under its Work Plan (see https://community.icann.org/x/rC_fAg). The WG is meeting weekly to continue its work on its various deliverables. It has completed its review of input obtained from a number of SO/AC/SG/Cs on its Charter, and has solicited feedback on new proposed policy guidance and input processes with a view toward producing a more detailed framework for community discussion at the LA meeting. The WG now commenced its deliberations on a framework for implementation related discussions associated with GNSO Policy Recommendations and criteria to be used to determine when an action should be addressed by a policy process and when it should be considered implementation.

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.

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