Welcome to the WHOIS Review Implementation Wiki!

On this space you will find information on the WHOIS implementation initiatives and activities.

The implementation of recommendations from the WHOIS Review Team (WHOIS) began as soon as ICANN’s Board of Directors accepted the Final Report. The Action Plan adopted by the Board provides specific information on how each of these recommendations were to be addressed.

For information on the implementation of the 16 recommendations, read the most recent implementation status report (December 2016): HERE.

Prior Status Reports:

- Implementation Report - June 2016
- Implementation Report - March 2016
- Implementation Report - December 2015
- Implementation Report - September 2015
- Implementation Report - June 2015
- Implementation Report - April 2015
- Implementation Report - February 2015
- Implementation Report - October 2014
- Implementation Report - August 2013

Executive Summaries
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- Executive Summaries - June 2016

Annual Reports on WHOIS Improvements

- 2016 Annual Report
- 2015 Annual Report
- 2014 Annual Report
- 2013 Annual Report

What is WHOIS Review Team?

Under the Affirmation of Commitments, ICANN is committed to:

"enforcing its existing policy relating to WHOIS, subject to applicable laws. Such existing policy requires that ICANN implement measures to maintain timely, unrestricted and public access to accurate and complete WHOIS information, including registrant, technical, billing, and administrative contact information."

ICANN organizes community reviews of the WHOIS policy and its implementation to assess the extent to which WHOIS policy is effective and its implementation meets the legitimate needs of law enforcement and promotes consumer trust no less frequently than every three years, consistent with section 9.3 of the Affirmation of Commitments.

The WHOIS reviews are performed by volunteer Community members and include the following (or their designated nominees):

- Volunteer community members representing the relevant Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees of ICANN;
- Exofficio members;
- Independent experts.
The first review completed under the AoC in 2012 contained 16 recommendations.

For more information on the WHOIS Policy, please visit ICANN’s WHOIS microsite.

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