



# Introduction to the Revised GNSO Policy Development Process

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# Background



- As part of GNSO Improvements: GNSO Council tasked to develop ‘a new GNSO policy development process that incorporates a working group approach and makes it more effective and responsive to ICANN’s policy development needs’
- Revised PDP Adopted by the ICANN Board in December 2011
- Revised PDP rules now applicable to all ongoing and new PDPs



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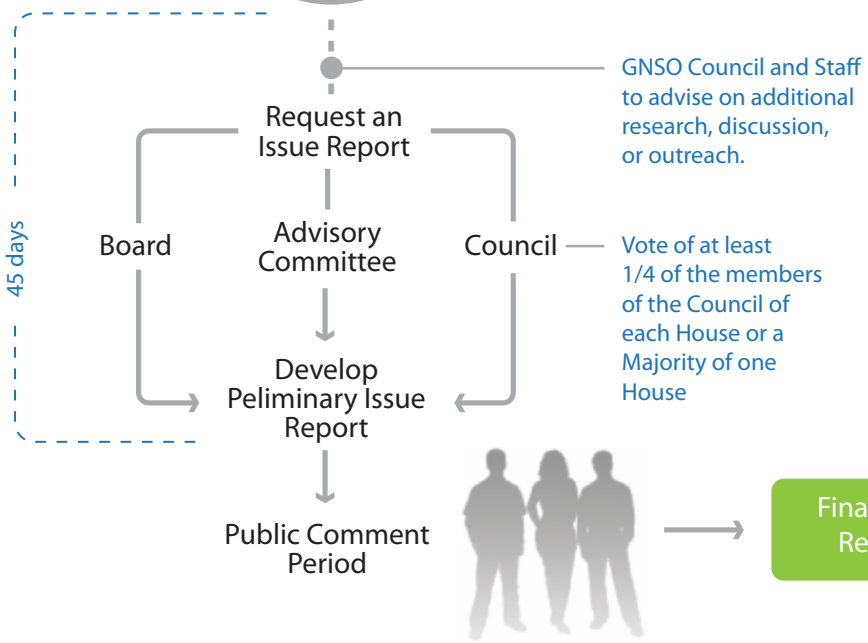
Is this issue intended to result in consensus policy?

Yes

No

Follow other GNSO Process  
Issues not intended to result in a Consensus Policy may be referred to another GNSO process by the GNSO Council.

(What is the Issue?)



(Moving ahead with a PDP or not?)

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No intermediate vote required for Issue Reports requested by the ICANN Board

Initiate PDP

Create a Drafting Team to develop the PDP WG Charter

Adopt a Charter.  
Same voting thresholds apply as for the Initiation of the PDP.

Council Vote  
YES NO

In Scope:  
1/4 of each house or 2/3 of one house in favor of initiating PDP

Out of Scope:  
GNSO Supermajority

Following rejection of a PDP requested by an Advisory Committee (AC), option to meet with AC representatives to discuss rationale for rejection, followed by possible request for reconsideration by AC

(Exploring the issue in depth and developing recommendations)

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Seek opinion of other ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations

- Compilation of statements
- Recommendations and level of consensus achieved
- Statement concerning impact of the proposed recommendations

Working Group Deliberations

Request for Stakeholder Group/ Constituency Statements

Publish WG Initial Report

Publish WG Final Report



Required Public Comment Period

WG Review and Analysis of Public Comments

WG Deliberations and Finalization of Report



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(Assess / Affirm WG recommendations)

GNSO Council considers recommendations (discouraged from itemizing or modifying)

Not Adopted

- If there are concerns / modifications, council is encouraged to send back to PDP-WG

Adopted, following voting thresholds\*

Council Recommendations Report to the Board

\* For voting thresholds, refer to Article X, Section 3(9) of the ICANN bylaws.



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(Final Approval)

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If the Board determines that the policy is not in the best interest of the ICANN community or ICANN, the Board can reject the GNSO Recommendation by a 2/3 vote of the Board (in case the PDP Recommendation was adopted by a GNSO Supermajority) or majority vote (in case the PDP recommendation was adopted by less than a GNSO Supermajority)

Board articulates the reasons for rejection and submits this Board Statement to the GNSO Council

GNSO Council to review statement by the Board and schedule meeting to discuss

Council shall meet to affirm or modify its recommendation and communicate that conclusion (the "Supplemental Recommendation") to the Board.

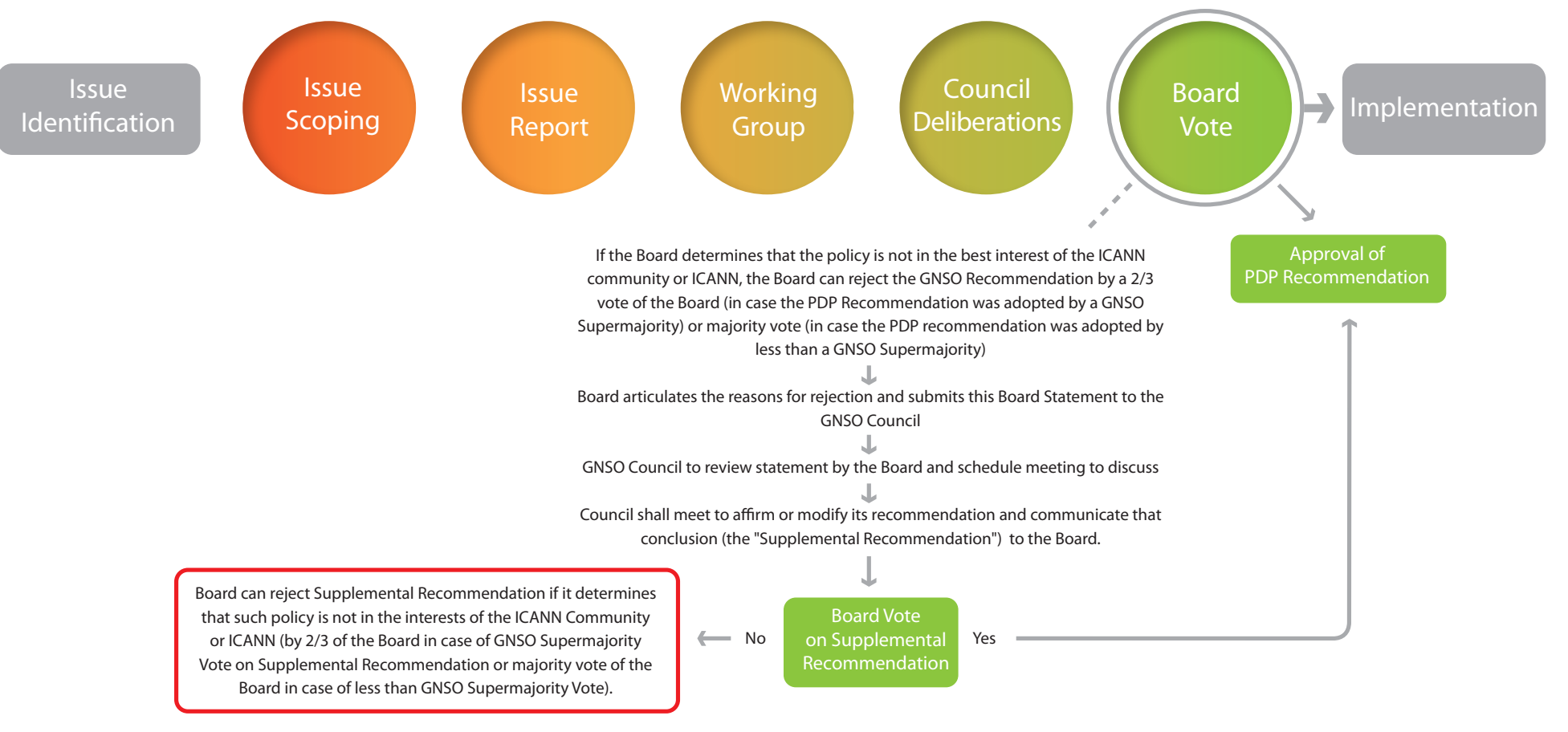
Approval of PDP Recommendation

Board can reject Supplemental Recommendation if it determines that such policy is not in the interests of the ICANN Community or ICANN (by 2/3 of the Board in case of GNSO Supermajority Vote on Supplemental Recommendation or majority vote of the Board in case of less than GNSO Supermajority Vote).

Board Vote on Supplemental Recommendation

No

Yes



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- Optional - Formation of Implementation Review Team to assist ICANN Staff in developing the implementation details for the policy.
- ICANN Staff should inform the GNSO of proposed implementation of a new GNSO recommended policy.
- Implementation must conform to GNSO recommendation

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# Questions



Thank You