
Expedited Policy Development Process: Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN63 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team will organize four meetings at ICANN63: 1) Saturday, 20 October from 08:30-18:30 (CEST); 2) Sunday, 21 October from 17:00-18:30 (CEST); 3) Wednesday, 24 October from 17:00-18:30 (CEST); and 4) Thursday, 25 October from 08:30-10:15 (CEST). Additionally, on Monday, 22 October, there is an EPDP High Interest Topic session from 15:15-16:45 (CEST). The EPDP Team plans to provide an update on its Initial Report and preview proposed recommendations with the ICANN community. The Initial Report is expected to be published after ICANN63.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The Board took this action to establish temporary requirements for how ICANN and its contracted parties would continue to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and community-developed policies relate to WHOIS, while also complying with the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Temporary Specification has been adopted under the procedure for Temporary Policies outlined in the Registry Agreement (RA) and Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA). Following adoption of the Temporary Specification, the Board “shall immediately implement the Consensus Policy development process set forth in ICANN’s Bylaws”. This Consensus Policy development process on the Temporary Specification would need to be carried out within a one-year period. At its meeting on 19 July 2018, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council initiated an EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data and adopted the EPDP Team Charter.

The EPDP Team consists of appointed representatives from GNSO Stakeholder Groups. In addition, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) have appointed members. The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) decided not to take part. Furthermore, the ICANN Board and ICANN organization have appointed liaisons to the EPDP Team. See membership details [here](#). The GNSO Council appointed Kurt Pritz as the Chair of the EPDP Team.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE EFFORTS?

The EPDP scope includes confirming, or not, the Temporary Specification by 25 May 2019 (the expiration date of the Temporary Specification). Additionally, the scope includes discussion of a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data. However, the discussion of a standardized access model will occur only after the EPDP Team has comprehensively answered a series of “gating questions”, which have been specified in the EPDP Team’s Charter.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Temporary Specification will expire on 25 May 2019. The EPDP Team has been tasked with working on issues and questions that the ICANN community has been unable to resolve in over ten years, under an aggressive timeline. If the EPDP Team does not complete its goal of confirming (or not) the Temporary Specification, it remains unclear what the consequence would be.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

Following the completion of its work on the **Triage Report**, the EPDP Team has now shifted its focus to the substance of the Temporary Specification. Inspired by the triage effort, the EPDP Team has categorized the issues as follows:

1. Sections affected by European Data Protection Board (EDPB) Advice
2. Sections where the EPDP Team indicated amendment to the Temporary Specification is desirable
 - a. Sections requiring changes to bring the specification into compliance with GDPR
 - b. Sections requiring less attention as issues are not expected to impact the Temporary Specification’s compliance with GDPR
3. Sections related to existing policies/procedures, such as transfers, Dispute Resolution Procedures (DRPs) (little/no change)
4. Background, rationale, justification, administration

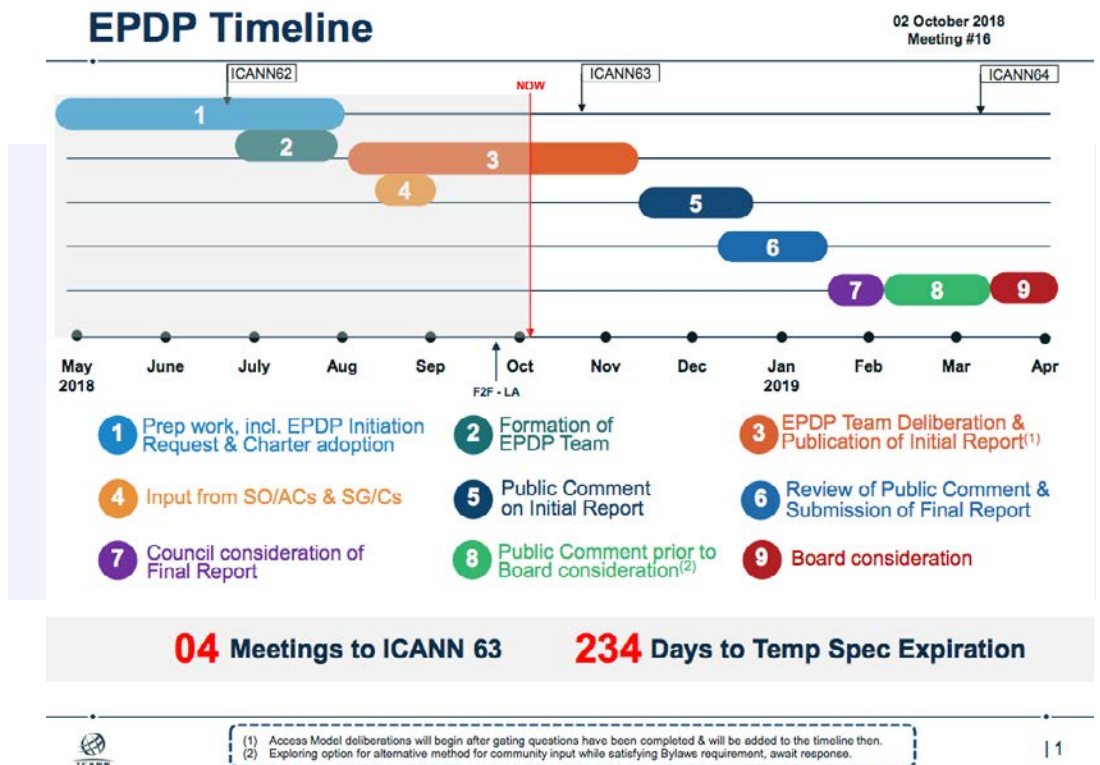
Items in category 1 and 2a must be addressed. Items in category 2b should be addressed, if time allows, but will be deferred if either no agreement is reached or more time is needed to address these issues. Items in category 3 are expected to be addressed fairly easily while items in category 4 may need to be updated following finalization of the other items but are not expected to rise to the level of policy recommendations.

To facilitate the EPDP Team deliberations on the different sections, **Discussion Summary Indexes (DSIs)** are created for each section. The DSIs provide an overview of all relevant information related to that section (triage input, EDPB advice, early input) as well as identify the related EPDP Team charter questions.

The EPDP Team is currently deliberating on items in category 1 and 2a.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

Under the EPDP Team’s project plan, the EPDP Team plans to publish its Initial Report shortly after ICANN63 to meet the timeline set out below.



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

One can become an observer of the EPDP Team mailing list on a read-only basis. Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/iZg5JWHOnERsoEMI2>. The names of mailing list observers will also be published on the [EPDP Workspace](#).

While participation on EPDP Team conference calls is restricted to appointed members and liaisons only, non-members are able to listen in real-time via an audio cast and observe with Adobe Connect. The audio cast will begin streaming a few minutes before the start of each conference call:

- Listen in via a web browser: <http://stream.icann.org:8000/stream01>
- Listen in via an application (such as iTunes):
<http://stream.icann.org:8000/stream01.m3u>
- Observe via Adobe Connect:
<https://participate.icann.org/gnso-epdp-observers>

MORE INFORMATION

- EPDP Webpage: <https://go.icann.org/2O8UTP6>
- EPDP Workspace: <https://go.icann.org/2LKujuF>
- EPDP Charter: <https://go.icann.org/2MsBAAx>
- EPDP Project Workplan: <https://go.icann.org/2nVanHD>
- EPDP Project Timeline: <https://go.icann.org/2wyqLDO>

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