Expedited Policy Development Process: Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data - Phase 2

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN69 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

Under its current work plan, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team is not planning to meet during ICANN69.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data to allow contracted parties to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements while also complying with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This Board action triggered the GNSO Council initiation of the PDP on 19 July 2018. The PDP was conducted in two phases: Phase 1 aimed to confirm, or not, the Temporary Specification by 25 May 2019; Phase 2 discussed, among other elements, a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data. **Learn More**
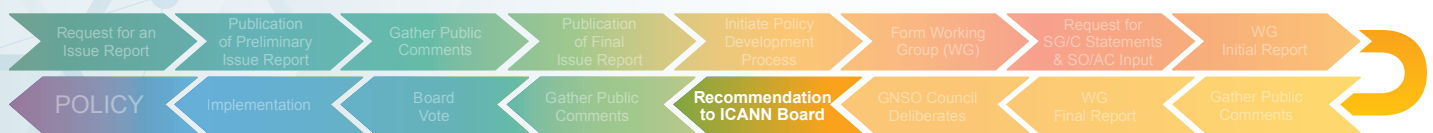
WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

Following a careful review of all public comments received on its **Initial Report** and **Addendum Report**, the EPDP Team submitted its **Phase 2 Final Report** to the GNSO Council on 31 July 2020. A **webinar** on the Final Report was held for Councilors on 3 September 2020.

The Final Report sets out the EPDP Team's recommendations for a System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to nonpublic gTLD registration data as well as recommendations and conclusions for the so-called "Priority 2" topics.

The 18 SSAD-related policy recommendations broadly address, among others, the following areas:

- Accreditation of SSAD requestors, including governmental entities

- Required criteria and content of SSAD requests

- Response requirements

- Required Service Level Agreements (SLAs)

POLICY

Request for an Issue Report · Publication of Preliminary Issue Report · Gather Public Comments · Publication of Final Issue Report · Initiate Policy Development Process · Form Working Group (WG) · Request for SG/C Statements & SO/AC Input · WG Initial Report

Implementation · Board Vote · Gather Public Comments · **Recommendation to ICANN Board** · GNSO Council Deliberates · WG Final Report · Gather Public Comments

- Automation of SSAD processing

- Terms and conditions of SSAD

- Logging, auditing, and reporting requirements

- Implementation of a GNSO Standing Committee, which is a committee charged with evaluating SSAD operational issues and proposing recommendations for improvement to the GNSO Council

It is important to note that the EPDP Team considers the 18 SSAD-related recommendations as interdependent, and, as a result, the team recommends that these recommendations be considered as one package by the GNSO Council and subsequently the ICANN Board.

The EPDP Team also put forward four Priority 2 recommendations related to the following topics:

- Display of information of affiliated privacy/proxy providers

- City field

- Data retention

- Purpose 2

The GNSO Council approved the Phase 2 Final Report during its meeting on 24 September 2020 and achieved the required GNSO supermajority threshold. As part of its approval, the GNSO Council agreed to request a consultation with the ICANN Board to discuss the financial sustainability of SSAD and some of the concerns expressed within the different minority statements, including whether a further cost-benefit analysis should be conducted before the ICANN Board considers all SSAD-related recommendations for adoption.

During the same meeting, the GNSO Council also considered **next steps** in relation to the remaining Priority 2 issues, namely legal vs. natural, the feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address, and data accuracy. The GNSO Council is expected to confirm how to proceed during its October 2020 meeting. However, general support was expressed for the proposed immediate actions and subsequent next steps as outlined in the document pertaining to the next steps.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
The GNSO Council will submit the GNSO Council Recommendations Report pertaining to the EPDP Phase 2 final recommendations to the ICANN Board for its consideration, together with a request to commence the proposed consultation to discuss the financial sustainability of SSAD and some of the concerns as part of the ICANN Board's process to consider the recommendations.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
As part of the ICANN Board's consideration of the EPDP Phase 2 recommendations, a further public comment forum is expected to be held. Anyone interested is invited to provide their input to help inform the Board's consideration of the recommendations. Please monitor the Public Comment Opportunities **web page** on icann.org for further details.

MORE INFORMATION
- **EPDP webpage**
- **EPDP workspace**

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