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

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## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team currently has two sessions scheduled at ICANN65: Tuesday, 25 June from 08:30-15:00 (local time) and Thursday, 27 June from 08:30-15:00 (local time).

## 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 related 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 had to be carried out within a one-year period. Additionally, the scope included discussion of a standardized access system to nonpublic registration data.

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 published its Phase 1 Initial Report for **Public Comment** on 21 November 2018. The EPDP Team incorporated public comments into its Phase 1 **Final Report**, and the GNSO Council voted to adopt all 29 recommendations within the EPDP's Phase 1 **Final Report** at its meeting on 4 March 2019.

On 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board **adopted** the EPDP Team's Phase 1 Final Report, with the exception of parts of two recommendations: 1) Purpose 2 in Recommendation 1, and 2) the option to delete data in the Organization field in Recommendation 12. Per the ICANN Bylaws, a consultation will take place between the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board to discuss the parts of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations that were not adopted by the ICANN Board. At the same time, an Implementation Review Team (IRT), consisting of the ICANN organization

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<sup>1</sup>See section 3.1(a) of the Registry Agreement: <https://www.icann.org/resources/unthemed-pages/org-agmt-html-2013-09-12-en>

and members of the ICANN community, will now implement the approved recommendations of the EPDP Team’s Phase 1 Final Report. For further details on the status of implementation, [click here](#).

The EPDP Team has now begun Phase 2 of its work and will commence its deliberation on a system for standardized access and disclosure to nonpublic registration data, as well as other items that were either included in the EPDP Team charter or deferred from Phase 1.

**WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE EFFORTS?**

The scope for EPDP Phase 2 includes: (i) discussion of a system for standardized access and disclosure to nonpublic registration data, (ii) issues noted in the [Annex to the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#) (“Important Issues for Further Community Action”), and (iii) issues deferred from Phase 1 (e.g. legal vs. natural persons, redaction of city field, etc.) For further details, please see [here](#).

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?**

The EPDP Team has been tasked with working on issues related to WHOIS registration data that the ICANN community has been discussing and trying to resolve for over 10 years.

**WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?**

On 2 May 2019, the EPDP Team held its first Phase 2 [meeting](#). Since then, the EPDP Team has been working to agree on an approach and construct its work plan, including milestones, expected deliverables, necessary resources, and potential parallel workstreams.

**WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

The EPDP Team will continue working on its project plan with the intent to begin substantive discussions on priority 1 items related to a system for standardized access and disclosure to nonpublic registration data. Please see further details [here](#).

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

You 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 audio cast.

### MORE INFORMATION

- EPDP Phase 1 Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2E6DEbh>
- EPDP Phase 1 Final Report: <https://go.icann.org/2TNA63g>
- EPDP Webpage: <https://go.icann.org/2O8UTP6>
- EPDP Workspace: <https://go.icann.org/2LKujuF>
- EPDP Charter: <https://go.icann.org/2MsBAAx>

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