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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN67 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team currently has four (4) sessions scheduled at ICANN67: Saturday, 7 March 2020 from 08:30-18:30 (EST), Sunday, 8 March 2020 from 17:00-18:30 (EST), Monday, 9 March 2020 from 10:30-12:00 (EST), and Thursday, 12 March 2020 from 13:30-15:00 (EST). The EPDP Team is expected to use its meeting time at ICANN67 to discuss Priority 2 items while its Phase 2 Initial Report is out for Public Comment.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. During Phase 1 of its work, the EPDP Team discussed whether to adopt the Temporary Specification as is, or with modifications.

Phase 1 of the EPDP concluded in May 2019, when the ICANN Board **adopted** the EPDP Team's Phase 1 Final Report, with the exception of parts of two recommendations. In conjunction with the adoption of the Final Report, the GNSO Council provided the non-objection for the EPDP Team to commence its work on Phase 2 of the charter.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE EFFORTS?

Phase 2 of the EPDP Team's work includes deliberation on the following items:

- A system for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to nonpublic registration data.
- Issues noted in the **Annex to the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data** ("Important Issues for Further Community Action")
- Issues deferred from Phase 1, such as 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?

The EPDP Team began its Phase 2 work by discussing a series of real-life use cases for entities who request access or disclosure to nonpublic registration data. Following the review of the use cases, the Team distilled common themes from the use cases to develop building blocks and policy principles of the SSAD on a variety of topics. Some of the building blocks, which the EPDP Team used to form its policy recommendations in its initial report, include accreditation of requestors, categorization of users, query policy, acceptable use policy, etc.

After ICANN66, the EPDP Team focused on reviewing its draft Initial Report, which includes descriptions of the building blocks and the draft policy recommendations. They also met in the ICANN org’s Los Angeles headquarters in January 2020 to finalize their Initial Report.

In February 2020, the EPDP Team published its Phase 2 Initial Report. Since the Public Comment period will be ongoing during ICANN67, the EPDP Team is expected to use its meeting time at ICANN67 to discuss Priority 2 items, including the redaction of city field, the use of pseudonymized vs. anonymized email addresses, etc.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

Following the publication of the EPDP Team’s Initial Report in February 2020, the EPDP Team will review all feedback received and work to finalize its Final Report. Where possible, the EPDP Team will review Priority 2 items in parallel during the Public Comment period.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Anyone from the ICANN community can become an observer of the EPDP Team mailing list on a read-only basis.

In addition to the EPDP working sessions at ICANN67 (see above), community members may be interested in attending the plenary session on the status of the EPDP Team's Phase 2 work.

Those interested in the implementation of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations are welcome to attend the sessions of the Registration Data Policy for gTLDs Implementation Review Team (IRT) as it continues to discuss the draft gTLD Registration Data Policy. The IRT sessions will take place on Wednesday, 11 March from 10:30-12:00 (EST) and Thursday, 12 March from 10:30-12:00 (EST).

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 be published on the [EPDP workspace](#).

While participation on EPDP Team conference calls is restricted to appointed members and liaisons only, observers and other nonmembers are able to listen in real-time via audio cast.

MORE INFORMATION

- EPDP Phase 2 Building Blocks: <https://community.icann.org/x/k5ICBw>
- 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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