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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN68 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

Under its current work plan, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team is not planning to meet during ICANN68. Please note the work plan is subject to change; however, at this time, no meetings are planned.

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?

On 7 February 2020, the EPDP Team published its **Phase 2 Initial Report**, which included preliminary recommendations on a SSAD to nonpublic registration data.

On 26 March 2020, it published an **Addendum to its Initial Report**, which included preliminary recommendations and conclusions on issues deferred from Phase 1, such as legal vs. natural persons, redaction of city field, etc. The EPDP Team is now carefully reviewing community input and will consider it when developing final responses to charter questions, final recommendations, and implementation guidance in its Final Report.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The EPDP Team will finalize its Final Report and submit it to the GNSO Council for its consideration. Following approval by the GNSO, the GNSO Council will submit the Final Report to the ICANN Board for its consideration.

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 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 attend the weekly calls as an observer.

MORE INFORMATION

- EPDP Phase 2 Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2Tk0VOr>
- EPDP Phase 2 Addendum to Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2XcYxtN>
- 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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