

Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN78 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

While the Council awaits further feedback from ICANN org and contracted parties ([see here](#)), the scoping team's activities are paused.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The GNSO Council formally adopted the [formation of and instructions](#) to the Accuracy Scoping Team during its meeting on 22 July 2021. The scoping team has been tasked to consider several accuracy-related aspects such as current enforcement and reporting, measurement of accuracy, and effectiveness. These considerations are expected to help inform its deliberations and the development of recommendations to the GNSO Council on whether changes are recommended to improve accuracy levels, and if so, how and by whom these changes would need to be developed (for example, if changes to existing contractual requirements are recommended, a PDP or contractual negotiations may be necessary to effect a change). Each Stakeholder Group, Constituency, Supporting Organization, and Advisory Committee has been invited to appoint [representatives](#).

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The scoping team started deliberations in October 2021. Following a review of proposals that may assist in the measurement of accuracy, the team submitted a [write-up](#) for assignments Number 1 (Enforcement & Reporting) and Number 2 (Measurement of Accuracy) to the GNSO Council in September 2022. During its November 2022 meeting, the GNSO Council decided to adopt recommendation Number 3 of the write-up. This means that:

- Work is paused in relation to proposals that require access to generic top-level domain (gTLD) registration data (as recommended by the scoping team).
- The GNSO Council [encouraged](#) ICANN org to proceed with its outreach to the European Data Protection Board and proceed with the Data Protection Impact Assessment in connection with the scenario(s) in which the request and processing of gTLD registration data takes place as a matter of urgency.
- The GNSO Council requested that ICANN org and contracted parties finish negotiations on the Data Processing Agreement (DPA) as soon as practicable because the absence of a completed DPA may act as a roadblock for additional policy work.



- Consideration of recommendations Number 1 (registrar survey) and Number 2 (registrar audit) has been deferred until such time as the DPA negotiations between ICANN org and contracted parties have completed and there is feedback from ICANN org on whether and how it anticipates the requesting and processing of gTLD registration data will be undertaken in the context of measuring accuracy, or for six months, whichever is shorter.

ICANN org provided an [initial update](#) to the GNSO Council in March 2023. This update was considered by the GNSO Council during its April 2023 meeting. The Council [resolved](#) during its July 2023 meeting to extend consideration of the Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team recommendations until certain dependencies are met or six months elapse. As outlined in a [letter](#) it sent subsequently to ICANN org and contracted parties, “The Council is awaiting on the one hand the outcome of the work by ICANN org on the scenario(s) in which the request and processing of registration data takes place and on the other hand the finalization of the Data Processing Agreement (DPA), as the absence of a completed DPA may act as a roadblock for the policy work before the GNSO Council.”

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

Following further feedback from ICANN org and contracted parties, or after six months (by January 2024), whichever is shorter, the GNSO Council will consider how to proceed. This will include a review of the scoping team’s formation and instructions, based on the feedback gathered from scoping team members by Council leadership.

MORE INFORMATION

- [Scoping Team instructions](#)
- [Scoping Team workspace](#)

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