

Project Tracking & Rollup DASHBOARD



Project Name EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names **Program** IDNs **Project Sponsor** GNSO Council

Project Information

34%
% Complete

05/20/21
Current Start

03/20/26
Current Finish

Tasks by Status

● Not_Started ● Complete ● In_Progress

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Project Status & Health

Project_Status	Project_Health
Revised Schedule	On-Target

Summary Gantt & Key Milestones						2021												2022												2023												2024												2025											
Health	Primary Task	Current Start	Current Finish	% Complete	Status	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4																												
	EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names	05/20/21	03/20/26	34%	In Progress	[Gantt bars for main project]																																																											
	PROJECT CONTROL	05/20/21	02/09/26	45%	In Progress	[Gantt bars for project control]																																																											
	GROUP DELIBERATIONS	08/11/21	10/30/25	40%	In Progress	[Gantt bars for group deliberations]																																																											
●	Group 1: Definition of All gTLDs Using RZ-LGR	08/25/21	02/17/22	100%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Group 1]																																																											
●	Group 2: Same Entity at Top-Level	02/04/22	03/31/22	99%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Group 2]																																																											
●	Group 3: Objection Processes, String Similarity Review, String Contention Resolution, Reserved Strings, and Other Policies and Procedures as Impacted by Variants	03/18/22	01/06/23	99%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Group 3]																																																											
	Data Collection to Facilitate Phase 2 Deliberations	11/07/22	07/07/23	0%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Data Collection]																																																											
	Group 4: Same Entity at Second-Level	11/06/23	03/29/24	11%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Group 4]																																																											
	Group 5: Domain Name Lifecycle	04/01/24	08/23/24			[Gantt bar for Group 5]																																																											
	Group 6: Registration Dispute Resolution Procedures and Trademark Protection Mechanisms	08/26/24	10/25/24			[Gantt bar for Group 6]																																																											
	Group 7: IDN Implementation Guidelines	10/28/24	01/03/25			[Gantt bar for Group 7]																																																											
	INITIAL REPORT	09/20/21	06/13/25	37%	In Progress	[Gantt bars for initial report]																																																											
	Publish Phase 1 Initial Report	04/21/23	04/21/23			[Gantt bar for Phase 1 report]																																																											
	Public comment forum on Phase 1 Initial Report (40 days)	04/24/23	06/09/23			[Gantt bar for Phase 1 comment forum]																																																											
	Publish Phase 2 Initial Report	04/25/25	04/25/25			[Gantt bar for Phase 2 report]																																																											
	Public comment forum on Phase 2 Initial Report (40 days)	04/28/25	06/13/25			[Gantt bar for Phase 2 comment forum]																																																											
	FINAL REPORT	06/12/23	11/07/25	Not Started	Not Started	[Gantt bars for final report]																																																											
	Review of public comments	06/12/23	07/21/23			[Gantt bar for review of comments]																																																											
	Submission of Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council	11/03/23	11/03/23			[Gantt bar for Phase 1 submission]																																																											
	Review of public comments	06/16/25	07/25/25			[Gantt bar for review of comments]																																																											
	Submission of Phase 2 Final Report to the GNSO Council	11/07/25	11/07/25			[Gantt bar for Phase 2 submission]																																																											

Project Description

On 20 May 2021, the GNSO Council passed a resolution to initiate the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on Internationalized Domain Names and adopt its charter. The EPDP Team is tasked with providing the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on: 1) the definition of gTLDs and the management of variant labels; and 2) how the IDN Implementation Guidelines, which Contracted Parties are required to comply with, should be updated in the future.

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Open Issues & Risks

- Deliberations of certain Charter questions depend on the critical input from external parties and additional data collection efforts.

Completed in Prior Period

- Completed review of ICANN org input on draft Phase 1 recommendations.
- Conducted outreach webinar for the GAC, highlighting draft recommendations and promoting the upcoming public comment.
- Completed and distributed [Project Package](#).

Current Activities & Tasks

- Conduct first and second reading of draft recommendation text for Phase 1 topics that the EPDP Team recently completed deliberation.
- Conduct first and second reading of draft recommendation text that was revised as a result of ICANN org input review.

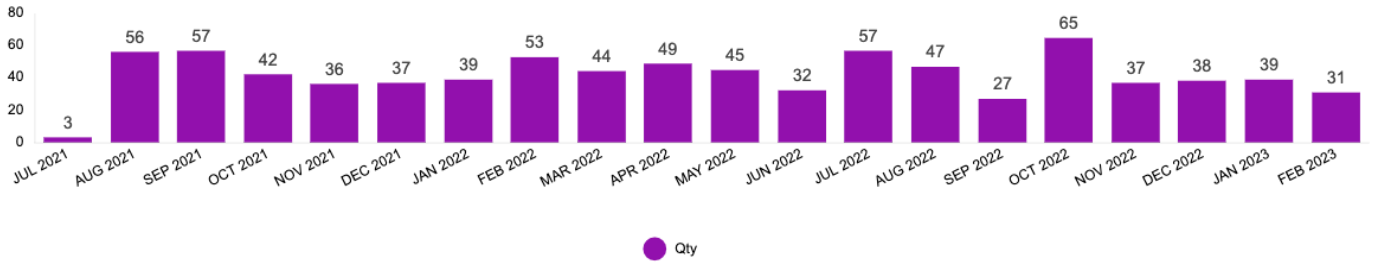
Planned Activities & Tasks

- Consolidate draft Phase 1 recommendations and findings focused on top-level variant management related topics, and approve draft Phase 1 Initial Report.
- Prepare public comment materials for publishing the Phase 1 Initial Report.
- Meet with the SSAC to highlight selected draft recommendations and encourage them to participate in the Phase 1 Initial Report public comment proceeding.
- Consult with relevant parties on dependency issues between Phase 2 deliberation and SubPro implementation, and explore potential mechanisms and approaches to speed up Phase 2 deliberations.
- Conduct data collection among contracted parties to assist EPDP Team's deliberation on second-level variant management related issues in Phase 2.

Work-Plan Activity Metrics



Mailman Activity



Health	Category	Action Item	Priority	Assigned To	Baseline Finish	Current Finish	Status	Notes
	WP	Meeting #67.5 Joint session with ccPDP4 of the ccNSO	↓	EPDP_IDN	01/31/23	01/31/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff will seek to integrate changes as listed on slide 5. EPDP Team members will be asked to review redlined changes stemming from this input.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/28/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff to develop draft Implementation Guidance that ICANN is to maintain a list and allow for it to be available to the public. Group will need to understand and explain rationale for creating a public record.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/28/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff to seek clarity from ICANN org about what "revoked" means	—	Policy Support Staff	02/28/23	03/01/23	Complete	
	AI	Develop Implementation Guidance to manage variants of existing gTLDs via addendum/Spec.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/28/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #67.5 Joint session with ccPDP4 of the ccNSO	↓	EPDP_IDN	01/31/23	01/31/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #68 Review ICANN org input for draft recommendations	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/02/23	02/02/23	Complete	
	AI	ICANN org to share scenarios in which a primary label may become undelegated so that this can be included in the rationale.	—	Michael Karakash	03/07/23	03/01/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff support team to circulate definition of critical function (see section six in in Specification 10 here: https://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/agreements/agreement-approved-31jul17-en.html#specification10 (newgtlds.icann.org)). The Critical Functions include: DNS Service; DNSSEC proper resolution; EPP; RDDS; Data Escrow.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/02/23	03/02/23	Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	02/10/23	02/10/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #69 Joint sessions with GAC	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/15/23	02/15/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #70 CANCELLED	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/16/23	02/16/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #71 Close Loop on Outstanding Items	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/23/23	02/23/23	Complete	
	AI	EPDP Team members who missed today's call to catch up with the recording.	—	EPDP_IDN	03/02/23	03/02/23	Complete	
	AI	EPDP Team members to consider if there are areas of the Initial Report that their groups will have concerns about and share with the EPDP Team.	—	EPDP_IDN	03/15/23		In Progress	
	AI	EPDP Team members to provide input on whether ask that public comments are submitted via a form.	—	EPDP_IDN	03/15/23		In Progress	
	AI	ALAC reps to discuss among themselves input on IG 2.xx and consider if the new set of recommendations and IG sufficiently address the ALAC's underlying concerns.	—	EPDP_IDN	03/11/23		In Progress	
	AI	WG members to provide input on alternatives in brackets for Rec 1.5 on slide 8: "Recommendation 1.5: A framework for developing best practice guidelines in the management of gTLDs and their variant labels by registries and registrars must be formulated with a view to encourage a [predictable] [optimal] [consistent] user experience."	—	EPDP_IDN	03/02/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Regarding new Recommendation 2.16, change "voluntary or involuntary" to "voluntarily or involuntarily."	—	Policy Support Staff	03/16/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff to adjust language in Rec 2.22 to make sure it is clear that an existing RO who later applies for variants will keep the existing RA and get a new one for the new variants (two RAs).	—	Policy Support Staff	03/16/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	For Recommendation 2.8, change geoTLDs to geographic name TLDs and include in the list of non-standard application types TLDs to which GAC Safeguards apply.	—	Policy Support Staff	03/16/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership Team to connect with CJK Chairs to understand what progress has been made and what the anticipated timeline will be for their inputs on single character TLDs.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	04/05/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership team to put together draft language to extend recommendation 2.7 text regarding fees.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	03/16/23	03/01/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #72 Close Loop on Outstanding Items & Public Comment Prep	↓	EPDP_IDN	03/02/23	03/02/23	Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	03/06/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting - ICANN76 - Session 1 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	03/11/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting - ICANN76 - Session 2 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	03/11/23		In Progress	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	04/07/23		Not Started	
	MS	Submit Initial Report for Public Comment	!	EPDP_IDN	04/21/23		Not Started	