

# Project Tracking & Rollup DASHBOARD

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

**Project Information**

**69%**  
% Complete

**05/20/21**  
Actual Start

**02/21/25**  
Planned Finish

**Tasks by Status**

● Not\_Started ● Complete ● In\_Progress

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● Member ● Participant ● Observer - Email Only  
● Staff - Assigned ● Staff - Not Assigned

**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				
	<b>EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names</b>	<b>05/20/21</b>	<b>02/21/25</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	[Gantt Bar]																				
	<b>PROJECT CONTROL</b>	<b>05/20/21</b>	<b>01/13/25</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	[Gantt Bar]																				
	<b>GROUP DELIBERATIONS</b>	<b>08/11/21</b>	<b>06/13/24</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Group 1: Definition of All gTLDs Using RZ-LGR	08/25/21	02/17/22	100%	Complete	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Group 2: Same Entity at Top-Level	02/04/22	03/31/22	100%	Complete	[Gantt Bar]																				
	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	100%	Complete	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Data Collection to Facilitate Phase 2 Deliberations	11/07/22	07/07/23	100%	Complete	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Group 4: Same Entity at Second-Level	11/10/23	12/21/23	79%	In Progress	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Group 5: Domain Name Lifecycle	11/10/23	01/18/24	45%	In Progress	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Group 6: Registration Dispute Resolution Procedures and Trademark Protection Mechanisms	11/10/23	01/25/24	11%	In Progress	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Group 7: IDN Implementation Guidelines	01/12/24	02/29/24	18%	In Progress	[Gantt Bar]																				
	<b>INITIAL REPORT</b>	<b>09/20/21</b>	<b>05/31/24</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Publish Phase 1 Initial Report	04/21/23	04/21/23	100%	Complete	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Public comment forum on Phase 1 Initial Report (56 calendar days)	04/24/23	06/19/23	100%	Complete	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Publish Phase 2 Initial Report	04/19/24	04/19/24			[Gantt Bar]																				
	Public comment forum on Phase 2 Initial Report (40 calendar days)	04/22/24	05/31/24			[Gantt Bar]																				
	<b>FINAL REPORT</b>	<b>06/20/23</b>	<b>10/11/24</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Review of public comments - Phase 1	06/20/23	09/11/23	100%	Complete	[Gantt Bar]																				
	Submission of Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council	11/09/23	11/09/23			[Gantt Bar]																				
	Review of public comments - Phase 2	06/03/24	08/23/24			[Gantt Bar]																				
	Submission of Phase 2 Final Report to the GNSO Council	10/11/24	10/11/24			[Gantt Bar]																				
	<b>POST GROUP TASKS</b>	<b>10/14/24</b>	<b>02/21/25</b>	<b>Not Started</b>		[Gantt Bar]																				
	Approval of Final Report and Recommendations by the GNSO Council	10/14/24	12/13/24			[Gantt Bar]																				
	Publish Recommendations for Public Comment for Board consideration	01/06/25	02/21/25			[Gantt Bar]																				

### 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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### Completed in Prior Period

- Completed the first reading for draft Phase 2 recommendations that the EPDP Team completed preliminary deliberation.
- Completed and distributed [Project Package](#).

### Current Activities & Tasks

- Continue deliberations of policy topics toward Phase 1 Final Report.
- Conduct Phase 2 charter question deliberations.

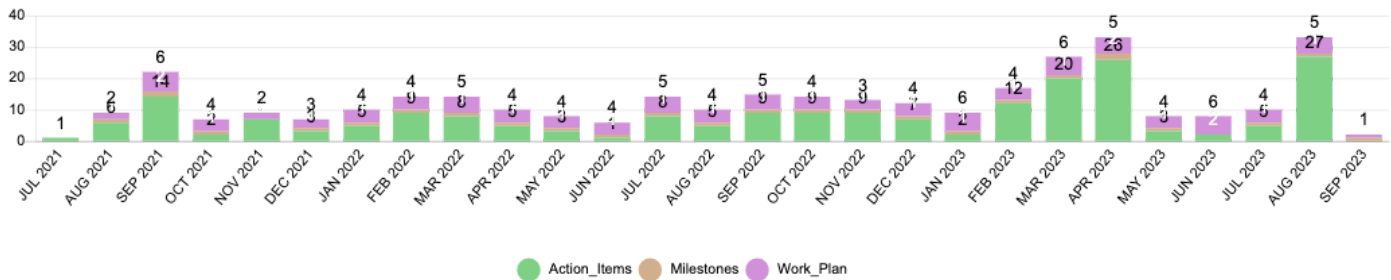
### Open Issues & Risks

- Deliberations of certain charter questions dependent upon input from external parties.
- Deliberations of certain Public Comment input for Phase 1 Initial Report, which specifically relate to the input from PointQuebec and CORE Association, dependent upon guidance from the GNSO Council.
- The EPDP Team will require additional resources and support as well as explore other mechanisms in order to complete Phase 2 work in an expeditious manner.

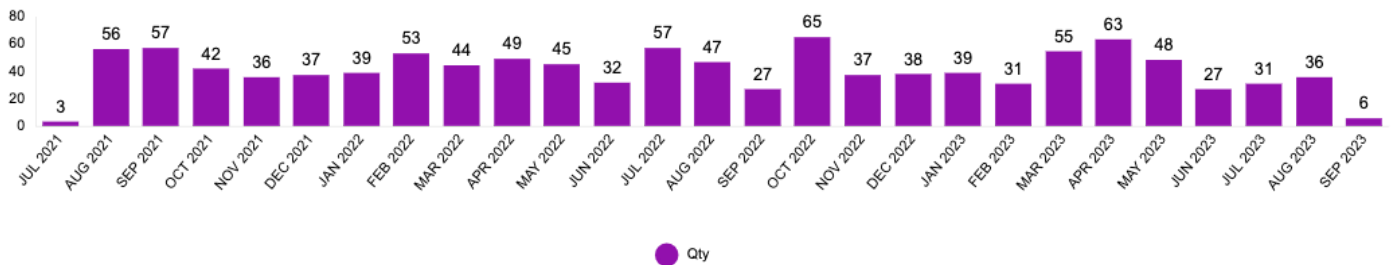
### Planned Activities & Tasks

- Conduct consensus designation on Phase 1 final recommendations.
- Plan for the dedicated face-to-face workshop in December 2023.

### Work-Plan Activity Metrics



### Mailman Activity







Health	Task Name	Current Duration	Current Start	Current Finish	Predecessors	% Complete	Status	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025			
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Health	Category	Action Item	Priority	Assigned To	Baseline Finish	Current Finish	Status	Notes
	WP	Meeting #90 Continue with Public Comment Review (Start at Rec 4.2)	↓	EPDP_IDN	08/03/23	08/03/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to the rationale of Rec 4.2 by taking into account the new input from ICANN org.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 4.4 by taking into account the new input from ICANN org.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 5.3 by taking into account ICANN org input.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 6.2 and discuss the semantic differences between "Process" and "Evaluate".	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to check with GDS and the RySG regarding the proposed additional text to Recommendation 7.1	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 7.3 and soften the language. The Team will solicit RySG feedback on Rec 7.3 and the complexity of RAs	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to propose an overarching statement on registration data protection in order to address the CCWP-HR's input for 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.12, and 7.13.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 7.10 by taking into account ICANN org's input.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	EPDP Team to further discuss ICANN org's input for IG 7.14.	—	EPDP_IDN	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 8.2 by taking into account ICANN org comment.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider replacing "can" with a more appropriate word in Rec 8.5.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 8.7 by taking into account ICANN org input.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #91 Continue with Public Comment Review (Start at Rec 8.8); Discuss Global Change Around Terminology	↓	EPDP_IDN	08/10/23	08/10/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership will review the options to address ICANN Org comments on Implementation Guidance 8.9.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	For Recommendation 8.11, The team will work on drafting implementation guidance on the request to remove a variant from the root zone which would require a request or a transition plan submitted to ICANN org for consideration to finalize the request.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	The comment on Rec 8.12 will be accepted without objection. EPDP Support Staff will revise the Recommendation to say "In the event a TLD is removed from the root zone the rest of the variant label set (if any) must be removed from the root zone."	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	The comment for I.G. 9.4 will be accepted, pending the changes to the language below: a. Starting text (9.4.3) "from "rejected" to "withheld-same-entity": This transition happens when the rejected state of a label comes off; such a variant label can be treated as any other withheld-same-entity label." b. New text (9.4.3) "from "rejected" to "withheld-same-entity": This transition happens when the "the condition which led to the rejection of the label no longer applies; such a variant label can be treated as any other withheld-same-entity label."	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership will develop revised text for the Global Change based on the following principles: a. Delete "IDN" b. Delete "2012 Round" c. Use "existing" when referring to all of the gTLDs that have been delegated in the root zone d. Remove the statement led by the asterisk and emphasize the indeed messaging in rationale	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23	08/29/23	Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	08/14/23	08/14/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #92 Continued discussion of Source Domain Name	↓	EPDP_IDN	08/17/23	08/17/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership to propose suggested revisions to the rationale of Phase 2 Recommendation 5 by incorporating the discussion around the deletion and change of the source domain name	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	09/28/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership to propose an update to the source domain name definition based on discussions today	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	09/28/23		In Progress	
	AI	Sarmad will get back to the group regarding his proposition regarding identifying one source domain under each gTLD	—	Sarmad Hussain	09/28/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #93 ---Cancelled---	↓	EPDP_IDN	08/24/23	08/14/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #94 Review of Proposed Updates of Phase 1 Final Recommendations	↓	EPDP_IDN	08/31/23	08/31/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership will look to set an agenda for the F2F Workshop in December as to allow representative groups time to discuss and strategize for the meeting	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	11/17/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership will reconsider Recommendation 3.xx for further clarification	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	09/21/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership will work to re-write Rec. 3.5.4. to better address the responsibilities of the registry operator in relation to the end-user.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	09/21/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership will discuss the wording of 3.5.1 and determine if the second part of the statement is redundant due to the definition of variant.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	09/21/23		In Progress	
	AI	The ALAC will review the updated language in Rec 3.5 and IG 3.6	—	Abdulkarim Oloyede Hadia Elminiawi Satish Babu	09/21/23		In Progress	
	AI	The team will deliberate on IG 3.9 and how to proceed with the specifics of the application process	—	EPDP_IDN	09/21/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #95 Review of Proposed Updates of Phase 1 Final Recommendations	↓	EPDP_IDN	09/07/23	09/07/23	Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	09/11/23	09/11/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #96 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	09/14/23		Not Started	
	WP	Meeting #97 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	09/21/23		Not Started	
	WP	Meeting #98 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	09/28/23		Not Started	
	WP	Meeting #99 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	10/05/23		Not Started	

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	WP	Meeting #100 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	10/12/23		Not Started	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	10/15/23		Not Started	
	MS	Submission of Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council	!	EPDP_IDN	11/03/23		Not Started	