

Project Tracking & Rollup DASHBOARD



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

Project Information

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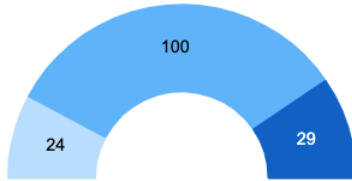
05/20/21

Actual Start

02/24/25

Planned Finish

Tasks by Status



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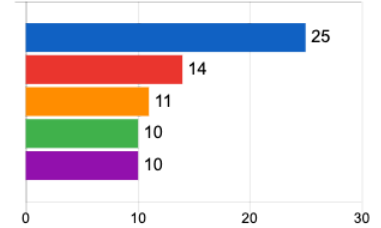
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Participant Summary



Project Status & Health

Project_Status	Project_Health
Revised Schedule	On-Target

● Not_Started ● Complete ● In_Progress

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

Summary Gantt & Key Milestones

Health	Primary Task	Current Start	Current Finish	% Complete	Status	2021 2022 2023 2024 2025											
						Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names	05/20/21	02/24/25	67%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names]											
	PROJECT CONTROL	05/20/21	01/14/25	68%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for PROJECT CONTROL]											
	GROUP DELIBERATIONS	08/11/21	06/13/24	77%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for GROUP DELIBERATIONS]											
	Group 1: Definition of All gTLDs Using RZ-LGR	08/25/21	02/17/22	100%	Complete	[Gantt bar for Group 1: Definition of All gTLDs Using RZ-LGR]											
	Group 2: Same Entity at Top-Level	02/04/22	03/31/22	100%	Complete	[Gantt bar for Group 2: Same Entity at Top-Level]											
	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 for Group 3: Objection Processes, String Similarity Review, String Contention Resolution, Reserved Strings, and Other Policies and Procedures as Impacted by Variants]											
	Data Collection to Facilitate Phase 2 Deliberations	11/07/22	07/07/23	100%	Complete	[Gantt bar for Data Collection to Facilitate Phase 2 Deliberations]											
	Group 4: Same Entity at Second-Level	11/13/23	12/22/23	75%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Group 4: Same Entity at Second-Level]											
	Group 5: Domain Name Lifecycle	11/13/23	01/19/24	44%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Group 5: Domain Name Lifecycle]											
	Group 6: Registration Dispute Resolution Procedures and Trademark Protection Mechanisms	11/13/23	01/26/24	11%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Group 6: Registration Dispute Resolution Procedures and Trademark Protection Mechanisms]											
	Group 7: IDN Implementation Guidelines	01/15/24	03/01/24	18%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for Group 7: IDN Implementation Guidelines]											
	INITIAL REPORT	09/20/21	06/03/24	84%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for INITIAL REPORT]											
	Publish Phase 1 Initial Report	04/21/23	04/21/23	100%	Complete	[Gantt bar for Publish Phase 1 Initial Report]											
	Public comment forum on Phase 1 Initial Report (56 calendar days)	04/24/23	06/19/23	100%	Complete	[Gantt bar for Public comment forum on Phase 1 Initial Report (56 calendar days)]											
	Publish Phase 2 Initial Report	04/22/24	04/22/24			[Gantt bar for Publish Phase 2 Initial Report]											
	Public comment forum on Phase 2 Initial Report (40 calendar days)	04/23/24	06/03/24			[Gantt bar for Public comment forum on Phase 2 Initial Report (40 calendar days)]											
	FINAL REPORT	06/20/23	10/14/24	30%	In Progress	[Gantt bar for FINAL REPORT]											
	Review of public comments	06/20/23	09/11/23	100%	Complete	[Gantt bar for Review of public comments]											
	Submission of Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council	11/10/23	11/10/23			[Gantt bar for Submission of Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council]											
	Review of public comments	06/04/24	08/26/24			[Gantt bar for Review of public comments]											
	Submission of Phase 2 Final Report to the GNSO Council	10/14/24	10/14/24			[Gantt bar for Submission of Phase 2 Final Report to the GNSO Council]											
	POST GROUP TASKS	10/15/24	02/24/25		Not Started	[Gantt bar for POST GROUP TASKS]											
	Approval of Final Report and Recommendations by the GNSO Council	10/15/24	12/16/24			[Gantt bar for Approval of Final Report and Recommendations by the GNSO Council]											
	Publish Recommendations for Public Comment for Board consideration	01/07/25	02/24/25			[Gantt bar for Publish Recommendations for Public Comment for Board consideration]											

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 initial review of Public Comment received for Phase 1 Initial Report.
- Provide GNSO Council a revised schedule for completing two phases of work, with the projected end date on October 2024.
- Completed and distributed [Project Package](#).

Current Activities & Tasks

- Continue deliberations of policy topics toward Phase 1 Final Report.
- Conduct Phase 2 charter question deliberations.
- Conduct first reading and second reading for draft Phase 2 recommendations that the EPDP Team completed preliminary deliberation.

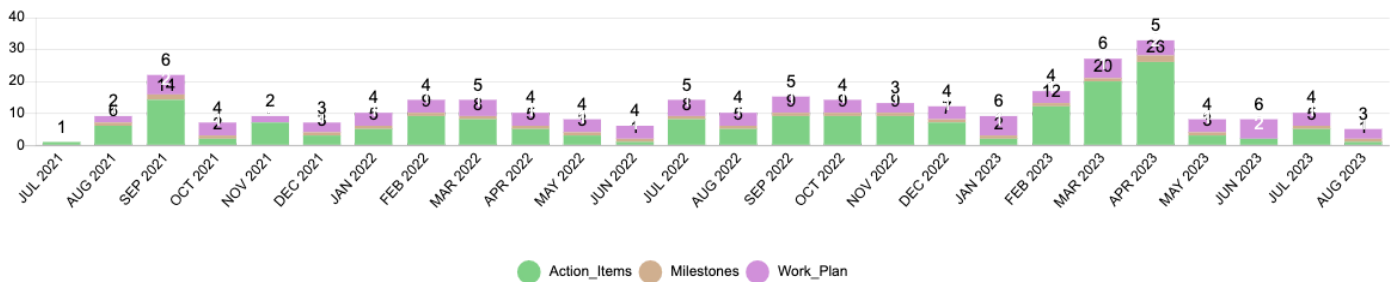
Open Issues & Risks

- 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.

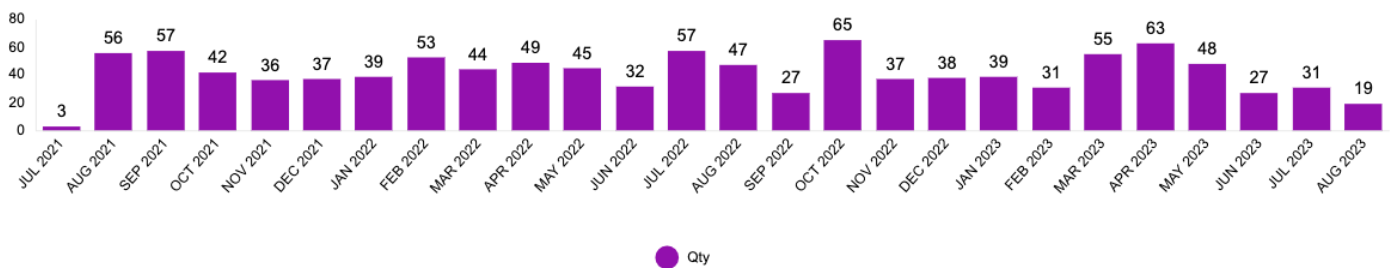
Planned Activities & Tasks

- 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			
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4

Health	Category	Action Item	Priority	Assigned To	Baseline Finish	Current Finish	Status	Notes
	WP	Meetings ICANN77 (Session 1) D4	↓	EPDP_IDN	06/12/23	06/12/23	Complete	
	AI	Check in with members regarding availability for F2F to help understand the ideal dates.	—	Policy Support Staff	06/12/23	07/07/23	Complete	
	WP	Meetings ICANN77 (Session 2) D4, D6, D7	↓	EPDP_IDN	06/13/23	06/13/23	Complete	
	WP	Meetings ICANN77 (Session 3) D4, D6, D7	↓	EPDP_IDN	06/14/23	06/14/23	Complete	
	WP	Meetings ICANN77 (Session 4) D4, D6, D7	↓	EPDP_IDN	06/15/23	06/15/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #85 Preview Preliminary Agreements; C4a	↓	EPDP_IDN	06/29/23	06/29/23	Complete	
	AI	Develop visual aid to assist in understanding impact of changes to the source domain.	—	Policy Support Staff	06/29/23	07/13/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #86 Review Preliminary Agreements (C4, C5, C6, C1, C2, D4, D6, D7)	↓	EPDP_IDN	07/06/23	07/06/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership will inform Council of the comments and seek their guidance on whether or not the issue should be considered and if so, how.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	07/14/23	07/14/23	Complete	
	AI	Revise language in a manner consistent with the comments and discussion. Staff to make suggested edits to Rec 1.1.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leverage RySG comment to modify Rec 2.1 and remove the asterisk language (globally).	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Add a note in the introductory section to recommend that readers to review the glossary prior to reading recommendations.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Come back to Rec 3.4 during a future meeting and look at the second part of the ICANN Org comment in particular.	—	EPDP_IDN	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	EPDP Team to review the comments received prior to the next meeting, to help facilitate further review in the coming weeks	—	EPDP_IDN	08/04/23	08/04/23	Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	07/10/23	07/10/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #87 Continue with Public Comment Review (Start at Rec 3.8)	↓	EPDP_IDN	07/13/23	07/13/23	Complete	
	AI	Reformulate IG 3.8. Consider removing "standards" to reflect "criteria and tests" or "widely accepted practices". Add public comment/consultation component. Change "may" to "should".	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	In respect of Rec 3.16, define "established institution", potentially in the glossary.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Update references to Reserved Names for Recs 3.18 and 3.19.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #88 Conservatism Principle Discussion; Continue with Public Comment Review (Start at IG 3.23)	↓	EPDP_IDN	07/20/23	07/20/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership Team to propose a suggested update / enhancement to IG 3.6, IG 3.8, and IG 3.9 in order to align with the conservatism principle.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership team to propose suggested edits to clarify Rec 3.24 and Rec 4.1 by taking into account public comment received.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #89 ---Cancelled---	↓	EPDP_IDN	07/27/23	07/27/23	Complete	
	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		In Progress	
	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		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 5.3 by taking into account ICANN org input.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 6.2 and discuss the semantic differences between "Process" and "Evaluate".	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership to check with GDS and the RySG regarding the proposed additional text to Recommendation 7.1	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	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		In Progress	
	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		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 7.10 by taking into account ICANN org's input.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	EPDP Team to further discuss ICANN org's input for IG 7.14.	—	EPDP_IDN	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 8.2 by taking into account ICANN org comment.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership to consider replacing "can" with a more appropriate word in Rec 8.5.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership to consider amendment to Rec 8.7 by taking into account ICANN org input.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	10/09/23		In Progress	
	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		In Progress	
	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		In Progress	
	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		In Progress	
	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		In Progress	

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	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		In Progress	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	08/14/23	08/14/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #92 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	08/17/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #93 ---Cancelled---	↓	EPDP_IDN	08/24/23	08/14/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #94 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	08/31/23		Not Started	
	WP	Meeting #95 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	09/07/23		Not Started	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	09/11/23		Not Started	
	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	
	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	