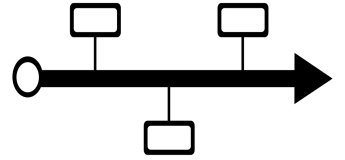


# Whois Implementation Advisory Group: Next Steps

GNSO Council Meeting, 10 April 2025

# Brief History of WHOIS Implementation Advisory Group



- **What?**

- ICANN Procedure For Handling Registration Data Directory Services Conflicts with Privacy Law is a procedure that allows CPs to demonstrate when they are prevented by local laws from fully complying with the provisions of ICANN contracts regarding personal data in Whois.

- **When?**

- Procedure originally recommended by Whois Task Force in 2003
- GNSO launched PDP on this topic, which completed in 2005
- Board adopted GNSO recs in 2006, directed Org to create procedure
- Org published procedure in Dec of 2006.
- Following feedback, Org updated the procedure (in consultation with community), and the alternative trigger was effective in 2017.
- GNSO was set to review procedure in 2017, but delayed the call for volunteers due to EPDP (Temp Spec) work.

# WHOIS Implementation Advisory Group - where are we now?



- In October 2020, following the completion of policy recs on EPDP Phase 1 (Temp Spec), the Council adopted a “go-forward plan”.
  1. ICANN org, in consultation with CPs, to draft a proposal for modification to the procedure.
  2. Council to consider the proposal (and consider consultation) and adopt proposal OR
  3. If Council does not agree to proposal, Small Team to review the charter to see if it is still fit for purpose and following review, launch PDP when resources allow.
- Step 1 has been on hold since 2021, pending completion of DPS. (now complete)

# Factors and Potential Options to Consider



- **Factors:**

- the passage of time since this proposal was last considered
- the changes to RDDS since this proposal was last considered
- the lack of any CPs using the procedure since it was last modified
- Council's competing priorities and prioritization of work

- **Options:**

- Defer reconsideration of the procedure until ICANN Community expresses need to revisit
- Defer reconsideration of the procedure temporarily due to competing work and resource limitations
- Continue with go-forward plan Step 1 - ask ICANN org to draft a potential modification in consultation with CPs
- Other?

# Discussion