Item 5: Council Discussion - SCCI PSR Final Report

GNSO Council Meeting

15 January 2026

Agenda Item #1

Background

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Policy & Implementation (P&I) Working Group (WG) was established as a result of implementation-related issues concerning the New gTLD Program

P&I WG proposed 3 new processes: Adopted by Council and Board

1
EPDP
GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process

2
GGP
GNSO Guidance Process

3
GIP
GNSO Input Process

GNSO Council committed to reviewing the effectiveness of the new processes no later than 5 years after implementation:
GDS prepared the Policy & Implementation (P&I) Policy Status Report (PSR)

SCCI's Review and Recommendations

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SCCI reviewed the P&I PSR and proposes **3 Recommendations**

EPDP

PR #1

The GNSO Council should develop educational materials to illustrate the differences between the GNSO processes—PDP, EPDP, GGP, and GIP. The materials should concentrate on clarifying the circumstances under which each of the mechanisms is most appropriate. The materials should also provide clarity around the procedural differences among all of the mechanisms, which will help set expectations for the duration of the work when selecting each mechanism.

PR #2

The Council should modify the EPDP Manual to allow for the solicitation of Early Input from the various stakeholder groups to be optional rather than mandatory for all EPDPs.

GGP

PR #3

The GGP Manual should be modified to require the development and approval of a Charter for the GGP. The structure of the Charter for the GGP may be similar to the Charter for a PDP or EPDP.

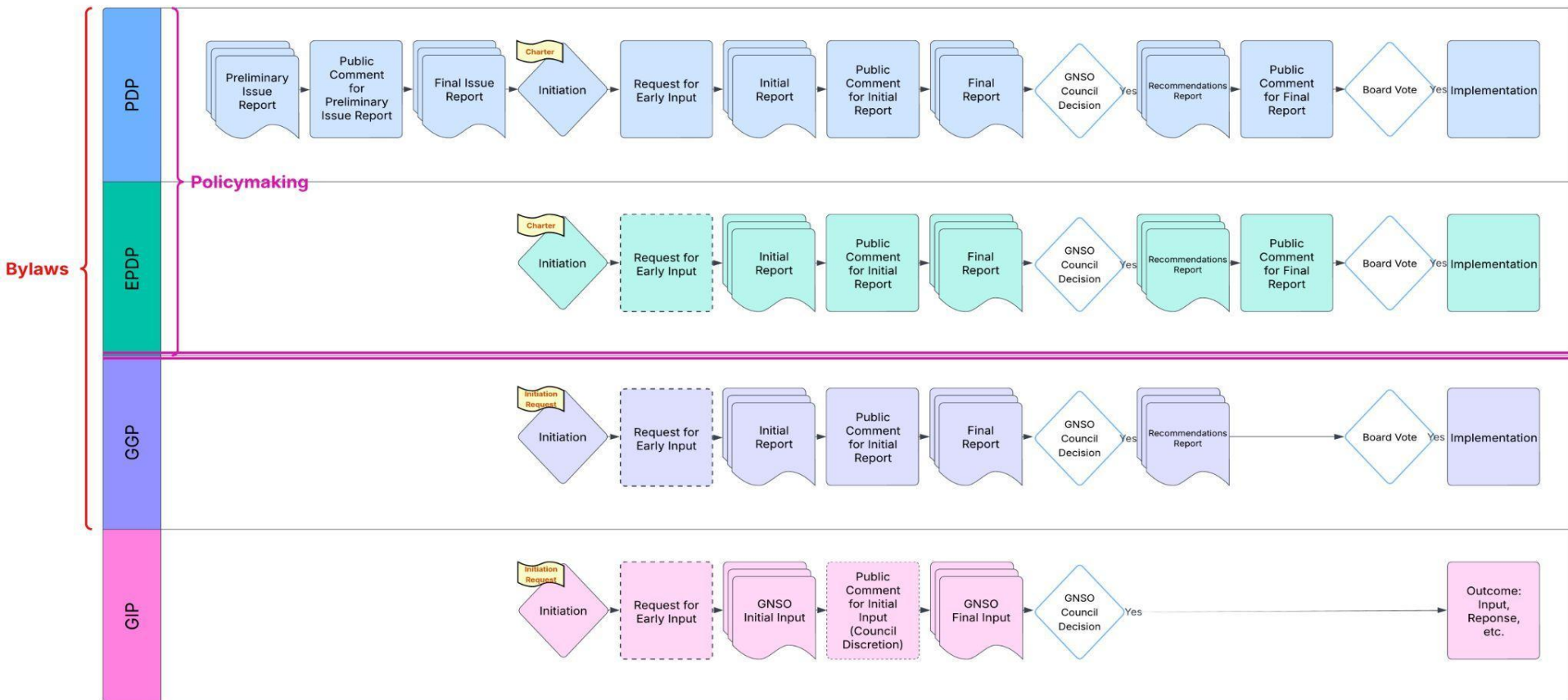**SCCI reviewed the P&I PSR and proposes 3 Recommendations *(Cont'd)***

GIP

GIP has never been used before; difficult to analyze its effectiveness.

PR #1 would be helpful to enhance awareness & understanding of GIP.

For all recommendations,
GNSO's Processes Comparison should be taken into consideration as it may serve as a helpful starting point…

GNSO Processes Comparison

Council Discussion

Next Steps

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Council to consider SCCI's recommendations and take action

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