

gTLD Registration Data Issues

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Supplemental Recommendations**
- 2. Urgent Requests for Disclosure of Registration Data**
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- 4. GAC Seville Communiqué Consideration**

Standardized System for Access / Disclosure of Registration Data (SSAD) Supplemental Recommendations

SSAD Supplemental Recommendations

Recent Developments

- During ICANN84 in Dublin the ICANN Board [resolved](#) (30 October 2026) to **continue operations of the RDRS for up to 2 years** “*while the community continues its deliberations regarding the future of the service and related policy recommendations*”
- On March 12, 2026, the ICANN Board [resolved](#) (12 March 2026) to **non-adopt the original SSAD recommendations - enabling new work to be done by the GNSO [SSAD Supplemental Recommendations Team](#)** (SRT)
- **The SRT includes two GAC representatives from the GAC Small Group on Registration Data** as well as representatives across the community.
- The goal of the group is propose modifications to the original 18 SSAD recommendations based on changes outlined in the [RDRS Standing Committee’s Final Findings Report](#) **by February 2027**

SSAD Supplemental Recommendations

Introduction to the SSAD Supplemental Recommendations Team (SSAD SRT)

Presentation by: **Marc Anderson**, Verisign
 GNSO SSAD SRT Lead

SSAD Supplemental Recommendations

Next Steps for the GAC

- The GAC welcomes the involvement of ICANN's Advisory Committees in the drafting of SSAD Supplemental Recommendations (GAC, ALAC, SSAC)
- The GAC will continue to bring public policy perspectives on the establishment of a permanent System for Access and Disclosure of Registration Data (SSAD) consistent with:
 - The [GAC Minority Statement](#) (24 August 2020) on the EPDP Phase 2 Recommendations
 - The [GAC Comments](#) (29 Sep. 2025) on the [RDRS Standing Committee Report](#)
 - The [GAC Comments](#) (15 Dec. 2025) on ICANN's [Policy Alignment Analysis](#)

Urgent Requests for Disclosure of Registration Data

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Timeline for Response

- In conclusion of implementation discussions started in 2019, and resumed in April 2025 in the Registration Data Policy Implementation Review Team (IRT), after:
 - The GAC raised [public policy concerns](#) to the ICANN Board (23 August 2023)
 - The GAC [advised](#) the ICANN Board (11 March 2024) to act expeditiously, leading to a trilateral dialogue between the GAC, the ICANN Board and the GNSO
- The updated [Registration Data Policy](#) with the **new requirements for a 24-hour response timeline to Urgent Requests** (section 10.7) was published (12 May 2026) as part of [ICANN Consensus Policies](#).
- The **effective date** for this requirement will be determined following finalization of the authentication mechanism for requestors

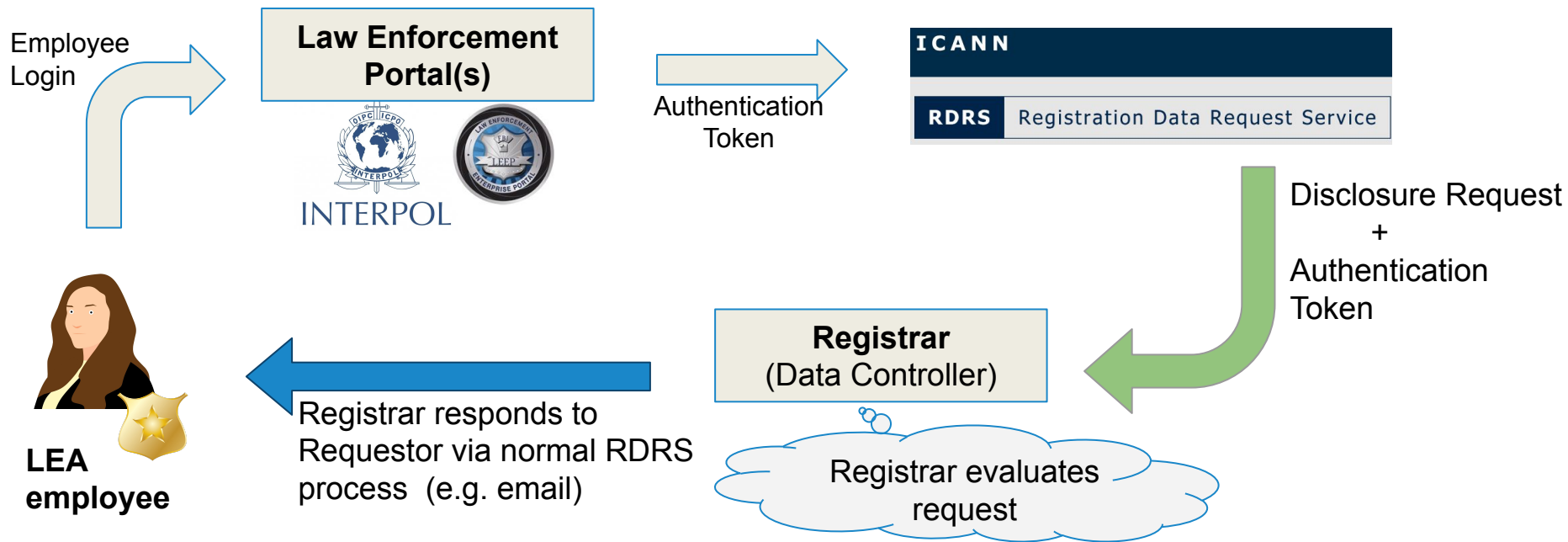
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Background on Authentication Mechanisms

- In February 2025, following agreement among GAC, ICANN Board and GNSO Council, **the PSWG convened a Practitioners Group** with representatives from the GAC, the GNSO and several law enforcement agencies (including Interpol, Europol and the FBI) **to discuss the feasibility of Law Enforcement Authentication Mechanisms** to enable Contracted Parties to respond swiftly to Urgent Requests.
- During ICANN84 in Dublin, the ICANN Board [resolved](#) (30 October 2025) to encourage *“the ICANN President and CEO, or his designee(s), to continue to collaborate with the GAC PSWG on possible law enforcement authentication mechanisms.”*
- **Feasibility discussions** among the Practitioners Group and with ICANN org **have focused on a Short Term and a Long Term Authentication Mechanism**

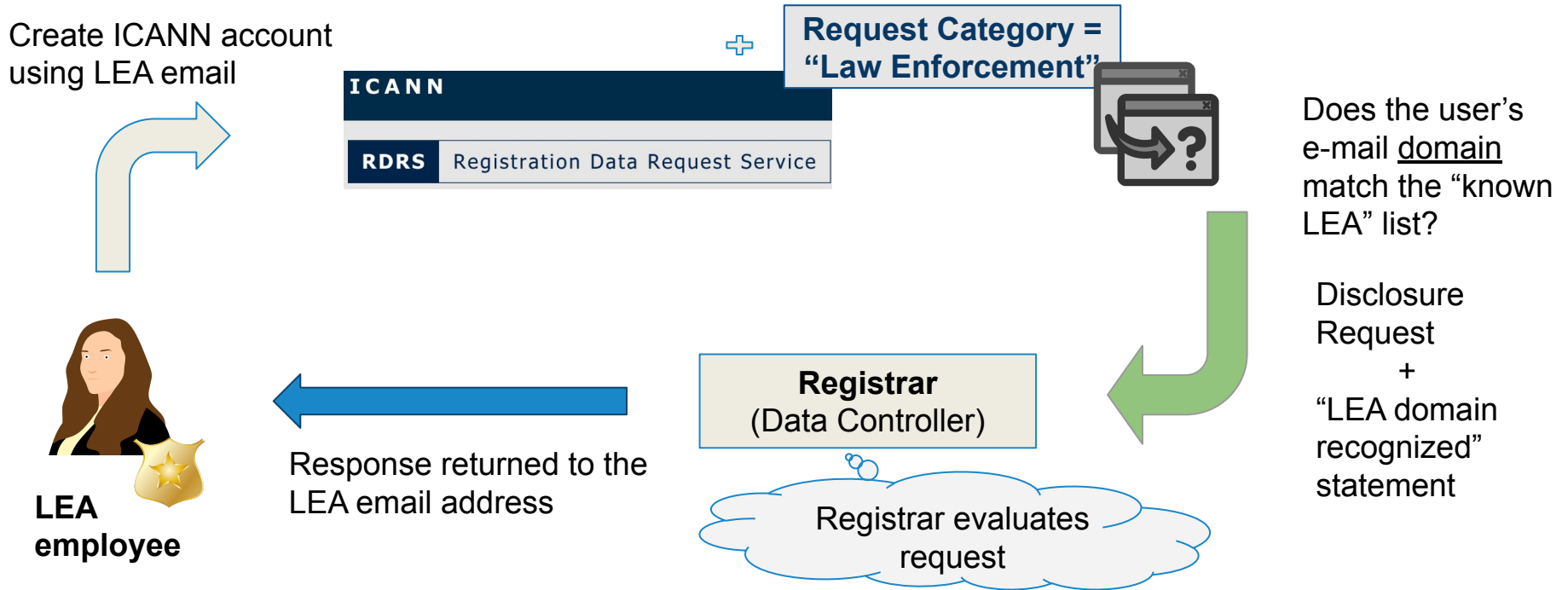
Authenticating Law Enforcement Requests: “Long Term”

Connecting enterprise **Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) portals** to
ICANN Registration Data Request Service (or successor systems)



Authenticating Law Enforcement Requests: “Short Term”

Providing **known LEA domains** to ICANN to incorporate w/in RDRS (or successor systems)



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Recent Developments on LEA Authentication Mechanisms

- The GAC welcomed the ICANN Board [comments](#) (20 April 2026) on Issues of Importance in the GAC Mumbai Communiqué, **suggesting that a “testing group or other transparent, multistakeholder effort” be led by ICANN org** *“to support preparation of contracted parties and requestors to implement the mechanism”*
- In a [correspondence to the GNSO](#) (13 May 2026) the ICANN Board stated that it had **“asked ICANN org to take the lead in advancing further work on the technical requirements for authentication and proof-of-concept testing with law enforcement agencies”**

Discussion by: **Eleeza Agopian**, ICANN org
Vice President Strategic Initiatives

Accreditation of Privacy/Proxy Services

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Descriptions:

- Privacy Services: “Beneficial user” is still listed as Registered Name Holder, but contact information shown in data records is that of the privacy service
- Proxy Services: The proxy service is listed as the Registered Name Holder, and its contact information is also shown. (The proxy service licenses use of the domain to its customer/user.)

Accreditation of Privacy/Proxy Services

- GAC is participating in the GNSO Implementation Review Team (IRT) on Privacy and Proxy Service Accreditation Issues (PPSAI).
 - PPSAI Final Report recommendation: *“Registrars are not to knowingly accept registrations from privacy or proxy service providers who are not accredited through the process developed by ICANN.”*
- IRT focus on privacy/proxy services “affiliated” with registrars
- How will requirements affect unaffiliated services, including when resellers are involved?
- Other considerations, such as labeling privacy/proxy registrations in data records
- Separately, GAC has noted need for RDRS to support affiliated privacy/proxy requests

Considerations for the ICANN86 Seville Communiqué

- Issues of Importance to the GAC
 - Urgent Requests / Authentication
 - RDRS/SSAD next steps
 - PPSAI
 - Accuracy of Registration Data