

Input Group: Law Enforcement Agency Authentication Mechanisms

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- System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) vs Input Group - the role of each group



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Background

- This work originated in the GAC Public Safety Working Group.
- Based on community feedback at ICANN85, ICANN org has been facilitating this discussion in order to create more transparency and community involvement.
- ICANN org will be Conducting a proof of concept test with INTERPOL and the FBI.
  - This will include a technical test between RDRS and Interpol and the FBI.
  - This test will not include live requests or end-to-end testing.

Input Group Purpose



Proof of Concept
FBI and INTERPOL with ICANN



Workflow
How an authenticated requestor can submit a request



Technical Requirements
How the systems communicate



Inform Future Development
Input gathered from this group will be used to inform the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) Implementation Review Team

SSAD SRT vs Input Group

SSAD SRT

Purpose: Policy-making body; developing SSAD Supplemental Recommendations

Scope: Modify the original SSAD policy recommendations based on lessons learned (RDRS, Input from Board and Community).

Outcome: Policy Recommendations.

Input Group

Purpose: Support a proof of concept to authenticate law enforcement agents using RDRS or a successor system.

Scope: Explore connections to existing FBI and INTERPOL authentication systems and RDRS

Outcome: Summary of findings used to inform future authentication implementation.

Next Steps

- **November 2026**
  - Public Comment period for SSAD Supplemental Recommendations is expected to open.

- **December 2026**
  - ICANN org will begin testing period with INTERPOL and the FBI.

- **March 2027 (ICANN88)**
  - SSAD Supplemental Recommendations expected to be sent to the ICANN Board.
  - Input Group will publish a summary of findings, including technical considerations, operational observations, and implementation feedback from participants.