

**Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Update**  
EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data  
December 2018

**Upcoming important dates**

The EPDP Team published its [Initial Report](#) on **21 November 2018**. Please see this [announcement](#) for further information. Publication of an initial report is foreseen in the EPDP Team's charter and the EPDP Manual. Public comments are due **21 December 2018**; please note no extensions will be granted, so please submit comments by **21 December 2018**.

The EPDP Leadership chose to use a [Google form](#) as the format to receive public comments. This is a new format for collecting public comments. It seeks to (a) clearly link comments to specific sections of the Initial Report; (b) encourage commenters to provide reasoning or rationale for their opinions; (c) enable the sorting of comment so that the EPDP Team can more easily read all the comments on any one topic. On Thursday, 29 November, the EPDP Support Team assisted in presenting a [webinar](#), outlining the structure of the Initial Report and the new Public comment form tool (the [Google Form](#)).

The EPDP Team will hold its third face-to-face meeting in Toronto, Canada from 16 January – 18 January 2019. During the face-to-face meeting, the EPDP Team will review public comments received and work toward completing its Final Report.

**Summary**

On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board of Directors (ICANN Board) adopted the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data (“Temporary Specification”) pursuant to the procedures for the establishment of temporary policies in ICANN’s agreements with Registry Operators and Registrars (“Contracts”). The Temporary Specification provides modifications to existing requirements in the Registrar Accreditation and Registry Agreements in order to comply with the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”). Following adoption of a temporary specification, the procedure for Temporary Policies as outlined in the Registrar Accreditation and Registry Agreements, provides the Board “shall immediately implement the Consensus Policy development process set forth in ICANN’s Bylaws.” Additionally, the procedure provides this Consensus Policy development process on the Temporary Specification must be carried out within a one-year period as the Temporary Specification can only remain in force for up to one year; from the effective date of 25 May 2018, i.e., the Temporary Specification will expire on 25 May 2019.

On 19 July 2018, the GNSO Council initiated an Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) and chartered the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data team. Unlike other GNSO PDP efforts, which are open for anyone to join, the GNSO Council chose to limit the membership composition of this EPDP, primarily in recognition of the need to complete the work in a relatively short timeframe and to resource the effort responsibly. GNSO Stakeholder Groups, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization

(ccNSO), the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC), and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) were each invited to appoint up to a set number of members and alternates, as outlined in the charter. In addition, the ICANN Board and ICANN Org were invited to assign a limited number of liaisons to this effort. A call for volunteers to the aforementioned groups was issued in July and the EPDP Team held its first meeting on 1 August 2018.

This EPDP Team was chartered to determine if the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data should become an ICANN Consensus Policy as is, or with modifications, while complying with the GDPR and other relevant privacy and data protection laws and regulations. Additionally, the EPDP Team’s charter contemplates a discussion of a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data; however, the discussion of a standardized access model will occur only after the EPDP Team has comprehensively answered a series of “gating questions”, which have been specified in the EPDP Team’s Charter.

### Engagement Opportunity Status



Unlike other GNSO PDP efforts, which are open for anyone to join, the GNSO Council has decided to limit the membership composition of this EPDP. Anyone can become an observer of the EPDP Team mailing list on a read-only basis. Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/iZg5JWHOnERsoEMi2>. The names of mailing list observers will also be published on the EPDP wiki space.

Additionally, non-members are able to listen in real-time via an audio cast. The audio cast will begin streaming a few minutes before the start of each conference call:

- Listen in via a web browser: <http://stream.icann.org:8000/stream01>
- Listen in via an application (such as iTunes): <http://stream.icann.org:8000/stream01.m3u>

Check the EPDP Team conference calls on the [GNSO Master Calendar](#).

### Additional Information

- PDP Charter: <https://community.icann.org/display/EOTSFGRD/EPDP+Team+Charter>
- WG wiki space (containing all background material, meeting transcripts and draft documents of the WG): <https://community.icann.org/display/EOTSFGRD>