

Conflict Arbitration Procedure - Proposed Changes

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RIPE NCC Arbitration Procedure

- Scope:
 1. Settlement of disputes
 - member vs member
 - member vs RIPE NCC
 2. Evaluation of requests for resources by the RIPE NCC
- Panel of 14 arbiters
 - appointed by the GM

Why change the Arbitration procedure?

- Alignment with “new” corporate documents
- Clarification of the scope of Arbitration
- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Miscellaneous

Alignment with current corporate documents

- “Member” instead of “Contributor”
 - According to the updated Standard Service Agreement
- No “Direct Assignment Users”
 - According to the updated Charging Scheme

Clarifying the scope of the arbitration

- It **is** possible to challenge the ruling at national courts
- Only registration services are subject to arbitration:
 - E.g. RIPE Atlas not subject to arbitration

Conflict of interest issues

- If in dispute with the RIPE NCC -->
 - Clerical/legal support to arbiters may be outsourced
- Potential conflict of interest of the arbiter should be highlighted by the arbiter handling the dispute

Miscellaneous

- Rearrangement of paragraphs
- Addition of links
- Clarifications about the process

Questions?

