

## **Arbitration Case #16**

Date: June 2018

### **Summary**

The case concerns a dispute between the RIPE NCC and Kievline LLC (hereafter: “Member”) about the decision of the RIPE NCC to proceed with the deregistration of Internet Number Resources previously assigned to an End User.

### **Details of the Case**

On 17 March 2017, a third RIPE NCC Member ended their contractual relationship with their End User. On 22 March, the RIPE NCC informed the End User of the need to find a new sponsoring LIR within a specified deadline, according to section 2 of “Independent Internet Number Resources – Contractual Relationship Changes Between Sponsoring LIR and End User”. After not receiving a reply from the End User within twenty working days, the RIPE NCC started the three-month deregistration procedure by sending an official notification to the End User, according to section B.2.2 of “Closure of Members, Deregistration of Internet Number Resources and Legacy Internet Resources”.

On 24 April 2017, the Member informed the RIPE NCC that they were the new sponsoring LIR of the End User. The RIPE NCC did not accept the submitted documents as proof of the existence of a contractual relationship between Member and End User and requested more documentation as proof. Several deadlines to provide these documents were set and extended.

On 1 August 2017, the RIPE NCC decided, due to the lack of supporting documents, to proceed with the deregistration of the Internet Number Resources.

### **Arbitration Ruling**

After evaluating the information provided by both parties, the arbiter rejected the request of the Member to stop the deregistration of the Internet Number Resources. The arbiter concludes that the Member did not provide documents to support that a new contractual relationship was established between them and the End User in accordance with section 2 of “Independent Internet Number Resources – Contractual Relationship Changes Between Sponsoring LIR and End User”.