Accountability: RIPE NCC and RIPE

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RIPE NCC Accountability

- Project since 2010: "Governance Documents"

- Documentation of our procedures

- Outcome of our engagement with Governments and LEAs

- Endorsed and appreciated by members and community

- Solid but evolving framework - responding to emerging needs

https://www.ripe.net/about-us/legal/corporate-governance-documents

Broader accountability discussions

- Beginning of IANA transition discussions

- ICANN under scrutiny

  - CCWG ICANN accountability

- Other Internet organisations would be next

  - Including the RIPE NCC and other RIRs

RIRs Accountability

- RIR Governance Matrix

  - A matrix of governance processes and documents for all of the RIRs:

    https://www.nro.net/about-the-nro/rir-governance-matrix

- RIR Governance FAQs

  - FAQs:

    https://www.nro.net/about-the-nro/rir-accountability

Accountability after IANA transition

- CCWG on ICANN accountability still ongoing

  - Work Stream 2 ⟶ Focus on accountability of SO/ACs (accountability of community representatives)

  - Limited scope: ASO = numbers community representatives in ICANN related activities

  - Respect for communities' self-governance

- But the focus is shifting from legal entities (RIPE NCC) to communities (RIPE)

Discussions at RIPE 73

- How accountable is RIPE?

- Issues to be clarified

  - Scope of RIPE

  - Origins of authority to make policies

  - Participants

  - Decision making process

  - Implementation/enforcement

- Issues to be reviewed

  - Any gaps? Concerns? Room for improvement?

RIPE Accountability Task Force

- Ensure that RIPE structures are accountable

- First call in December 2016

- Draft Scope:

  - Review of existing structures, documentation procedures

  - Identify potential gaps that could be improved

  - Document existing structures and procedures

  - Develop recommendations

  - Improve and develop communication efforts and material

https://www.ripe.net/participate/ripe/tf/ripe-accountability-task-force

Questions

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