

Arbitration procedure

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Weaknesses of current procedure

- Scope restricted to disputes between RIPE NCC Contributors
 - does not include End Users or the evaluation of requests for Internet number resources by the RIPE NCC
- Unclear arbiters' role and responsibilities
- Lack of significant details
 - initiation of the procedure
 - applicable timeframes

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Scope of the procedure

- Settlement of disputes
- Evaluation of requests for resources by the RIPE NCC
- Nothing else
 - Policy proposers should not add any other subject for arbitration

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Arbiters

- Eligibility
 - Criteria → knowledge + impartiality
 - Procedure
 - Application to EB
 - Nomination by the EB to GM
 - Approval by GM
 - Possibility to dismissal an arbiter
- List of arbiters – panel min 7 – max 15
 - Alphabetically but rearrangements depending on availability
 - First in the list undertakes the request for arbitration
 - If engaged with request → to the bottom of the list
 - Next arbiter moves to the top etc.

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Settlement of disputes

- Within one year of commencement of the dispute
- Procedure for arbiter selection
- Formalised the initiation and documentation
- Clearly defined timelines
- Cost covered by losing party
 - in case of dispute about payment – “deposit”

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Allocations/assignments to NCC

- IPRA evaluates request and sends it to arbiters
- One arbiter (first in the list) will be responsible
- Evaluation by majority, approval only if approved by IPRA
 - If approved → allocation/assignment to the RIPE NCC
 - If not approved → hearing at the Plenary session

Questions?

