

Report from the RIPE NCC Executive Board

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Executive Board Members



- Job Snijders, Member
- Ondřej Filip - Chair
- Raymond Jetten, Treasurer
- Maria Häll, Member
- Remco van Mook, Member
- Harald A. Summa, Member
- Piotr Strzyżewski, Secretary



Executive Board Meetings



- Meetings since the last GM:
 - 13-14 December 2023 (EB#172)
 - 21-29 December 2023 (EB#173)
 - 25 March 2024 (EB#174)
 - 6 May 2024 (EB#175)

The minutes of the Board Meetings are published at:

<https://www.ripe.net/about-us/executive-board/minutes>



Documents Approved and Amended

Executive Board Meetings



- Documents approved since the last GM:
 - RIPE NCC Activity Plan 2024
 - RIPE NCC Financial Report 2023
 - RIPE NCC Annual Report 2023

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- Documents amended since the last GM:
 - Transfer of Internet Number Resources and Change of a Member's Official Legal Name
 - Independent Internet Number Resources – Contractual Relationship Changes Between Sponsoring LIR and End User
 - RIPE Database Acceptable Use Policy



Resolutions Passed

Executive Board Meeting #172



- The RIPE NCC Executive Board:
 - Appoints Lidia Stępińska-Ustasiak, Sami Salih and Nuno Garcia to the available seats on the Community Projects Fund Selection Committee to serve a minimum term of one year and a maximum of three years.
 - Agrees to donate 50 kEUR to the Rob Blokzijl Foundation for the foundation to support its mission
 - Approves the selection of an investment partner that will manage the investment portfolio of the RIPE NCC
 - Approves the risk appetite statements as presented during EB#172
 - Approves the publication of the RIPE NCC Activity Plan and Budget 2024, with the addition of 200 kEUR budget in External Engagement and Community

Executive Board Meeting #173



- The RIPE NCC Executive Board:
 - Approves the amendments to the RIPE NCC procedural documents “Transfer of Internet Number Resources and Change of a Member’s Official Legal Name” and “Independent Internet Number Resources – Contractual Relationship Changes Between Sponsoring LIR and End User”

Executive Board Meeting #174



- The RIPE NCC Executive Board:
 - Approves resolution on incorporation of a Free Zone Limited Liability Company in the Dubai Development Authority Free Zone (separate slide)
 - Approves the amendments to the “RIPE Database Acceptable Use Policy”
 - Resolves to select the following individuals to form the Code of Conduct (CoC) Team for the Executive Board elections taking place during the General Meeting (GM) May 2024:
 - Sebastian Becker
 - Dr. Omid Mahdi Ebadati
 - Nick Hilliard
 - Arnold Nipper
 - Cynthia Revström

Executive Board Meeting #174



- The RIPE NCC Executive Board:
 - Approves the submission of the audited RIPE NCC Financial Report 2023 to the upcoming RIPE NCC General Meeting for its adoption
 - Approves the RIPE NCC Annual Report 2023 and the publication of the document
 - Approves the submission of the RIPE NCC Charging Scheme 2025 options to the upcoming RIPE NCC General Meeting for members to vote on
 - Approves the publication of the draft agenda for the RIPE NCC General Meeting in May 2024

Executive Board Meeting #174 - Dubai Resolution



- Incorporation of a Free Zone Limited Liability Company in the Dubai Development Authority Free Zone under the name or style of RIPE NCC Middle East FZ-LLC (the “FZ-LLC”)
- The capital of the FZ-LLC shall be United Arab Emirates Dirhams fifty thousand (AED 50,000) and there shall be 50 shares all subscribed to the RIPE NCC
- Hisham Ibrahim is appointed as the first General Manager of the FZ-LLC
- Full resolution provided in EB Minutes:
<https://www.ripe.net/about-us/executive-board/minutes/2024/174th-executive-board-meeting-minutes/>



Important Topics Discussed

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- RIPE NCC Budget 2025 and beyond (EB#172)
- Country Codes (EB#172)
- Joint APNIC/RIPE NCC meeting (EB#172, EB#174)
- Limited Liability Company in the Dubai Free Zone (#EB172, EB#174)
- Charging Scheme 2025 (EB#174, EB#175)
- Aligning the RIPE NCC's strategic objectives with funding (EB#174, EB#175)

Charging Scheme 2025



- We discussed the charging scheme extensively at meetings prior to publishing the proposal for members to vote on
- Since then, we have followed the discussions closely on the members-discuss mailing list
- There is strong feeling from a significant section of the membership that the current charging model is unfair and that the RIPE NCC Budget is too high
- We have taken this on board and we are determined to address this in the longer term

Charging Scheme 2025



- The main reasons the Board are not keen to make dramatic changes now are:
 - We need to fulfil our fiduciary and legal responsibilities within the current governance framework
 - We have responsibilities to many stakeholders - dramatic cuts will seriously compromise our ability to meet those responsibilities
 - Using the Charging Scheme as the sole tool to decide on the activities of the organisation is not appropriate - we need to discuss each activity that might be affected by severe cuts
 - The Board has decided that stability in the short term is needed in order to be able to carry out more intensive and holistic consultations regarding our charging model and the activities it funds

Charging Scheme 2025 - The Way Forward



- The Board has already started to engage with members and community on the wider topic of how to align strategic objectives with the funding model
- We need to establish the principles that would apply to any new funding model
- That funding model needs to fit within the RIPE NCC's governance framework in a sustainable way
- The Board will suggest a more structured way to collect the members' feedback and eventually present a new funding model



Ongoing Work and Engaging with the Board

Ongoing Work



- Building a stable future for the RIPE NCC
- Working with Hans Petter to ensure good information-sharing and high engagement levels
- Fulfilling corporate governance and fiduciary responsibilities

Your Input to the Board



- We encourage feedback from members regarding RIPE NCC activities and budget
- Throughout the year, we invite members to discuss and contribute to the development of key documents
 - Charging Scheme
 - Activity Plan and Budget
- We also ask for input on specific RIPE NCC services

Your Input to the Board



- We also want to hear from members about whether the Board is doing its job effectively and if we are meeting your needs!
 - We are here to talk to you, formally at the GM
 - Or informally at social events
 - And through the Members Discuss mailing list: members-discuss@ripe.net
 - We organise Open Houses to discuss topics with the members
 - And we are present on some community channels with members and engage on a best-effort basis
 - Email us directly: exec-board@ripe.net

Processing Your Input



- We do listen and we do take account of all feedback we receive from members
- Accommodating diverse and conflicting viewpoints is one of the more difficult challenges the Board faces
- The Board tries to speak with one voice on important issues
 - This makes it difficult to respond quickly in conversations
- Our communications do try to respond to the range of issues that have been raised
- And all your communication is discussed and where possible acted upon by the Board



And Finally...

Thank you



- Job Snijders completes his three-year term on the Board at this General Meeting
- We would like to thank Job for his service and for making an excellent contribution to the discussions that have taken place over the past three years



Questions



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