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Session on Revised Policy Development Process (PDP)



Agenda

- Goal: to gather input
- 8 - 10 concrete questions and suggestions
- 90 minutes
- Summary and more discussion on ripe-list after this meeting
- Redlined version:

<https://www.ripe.net/publications/docs/ripe-documents/other-documents/policy-development-process-in-ripe>

Process so far

- Current PDP: ripe-710
- Published two ripe-docs
 - Review of RIPE Appeals Procedure (ripe-760)
 - Evolution of PDP (ripe-761)
- April 2021: Questions and suggestions sent to RIPE List
- October 2021: New Draft PDP sent to RIPE List
- November 2021: Discussion during RIPE 83 and on RIPE List

1. Author and Ownership of the Document

- Current PDP: “The RIPE Chair is the author and owner of the policy development process.”
- New version:
 - The community owns the PDP.
 - The RIPE Chair is listed as the author of the document and oversees the community consensus process.

2. Scope of the Document

- Current PDP includes long introduction defining general RIPE practices and scope.
- New version:
 - This document deals solely with policy. Everything else, such as RIPE NCC business practices, procedures and operations is out of scope.

3. Changes to PDP

- Not defined in current version
- New version:
 - The PDP is a community governance document that describes how policy is made within RIPE.
 - Changes to the PDP are presented to the RIPE Discussion List and (possibly) discussed during a RIPE Community Plenary.
 - A consensus call is then issued on the RIPE List by the RIPE Chair.

4. Re-introduce Informal Discussion Step

- To discuss an idea for a policy proposal on the relevant mailing list before it is submitted as a formal policy proposal
- Used to be the discussion phase which is now part of the formal PDP
- Not mandatory, but can result in saving time and effort
- WG chairs are encouraged to work with proposer

5. Appeals Procedure - Process

- Choose facilitator
- Use separate communication channel for appeal discussion
- Establish quorum

- Created operational guidelines maintained by the RIPE NCC Policy Officer

6. Appeals Procedure - Deadlines

- Current version: only deadlines for some of the appeal steps
- New version: Clarify deadlines for each step:
 - Submitting appeal
 - Decision about appeal
 - Escalation in case of further dispute
 - Final decision by RIPE Chair

7. Appeals Procedure - Recusals

- Current PDP: Interested parties shall recuse themselves.
- Proposal to clarify and make more explicit
 - Co-chairs of the relevant WG where the original proposal was discussed
 - Proposer of the original proposal
 - Appelant
 - RIPE Chair and RIPE Vice Chair
- Clarify that only **process** is reviewed, **not content** of the proposal

8. Editorial Changes

- Clarify who is tasked to do what when (e.g. policy officers, WG chairs, proposer)
- Additional guidance to WG chairs for each phase of the PDP
- Additional suggestions:
 - Clarify that policy can be proposed by more than one proposer
 - Clarify what is meant by “problem statement”
 - Add possibility of an “abandoned” proposal