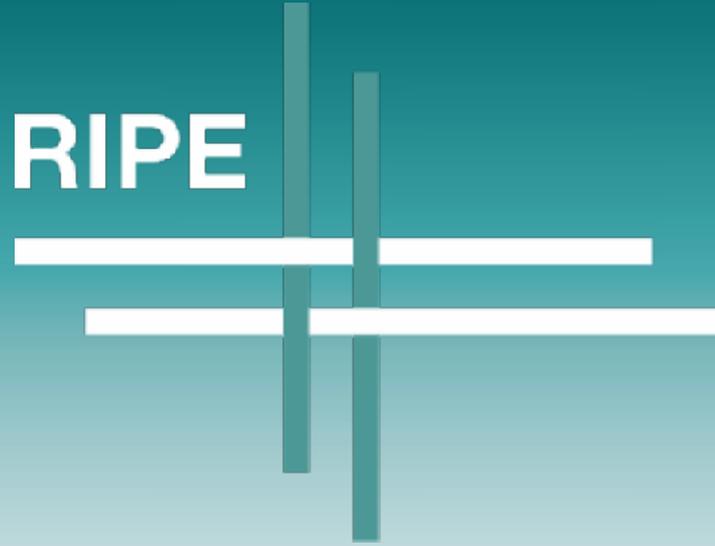


RIPE



# RIPE Community Update

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Highlights, Challenges, Evolution



# Overview

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- Introduction to the RIPE Community
- Highlights of 2019
- Challenges
- Ongoing work
- Feedback

# RIPE Community

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- Réseaux IP Européens is a community of people interested in wide-area networks and how they are managed and governed
- Established in 1989 as an information-sharing group for network operators in Europe
- Develops policies around Internet number resources (IP addresses and Autonomous Systems)
- Policy Development Process is based on consensus
- Anyone can get involved via meetings and mailing lists

# RIPE Community

- Led by a RIPE Chair
- Working Groups focus on different topics
  - IPv6, routing, anti-abuse, etc.
- RIPE NCC provides administrative support
  - Organising meetings
  - Supporting working groups



# Highlights of 2019: Internal

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- RIPE Accountability Task Force
  - Evaluated existing RIPE structures, documentation and processes
  - Final report published in July
  - Includes 15 recommendations being considered by the community and chair

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

# Highlights of 2019: Internal

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- Example Recommendations:
  - Evaluate risk of capture in the Policy Development Process
  - Make distinction between different types of policy documents clearer
  - Consider aligning selection procedures for all Working Group Chairs
  - Develop better information for RIPE community newcomers
  - Consider regular review of RIPE community's accountability

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

# Highlights of 2019: Internal

Participate	<
RIFE NCC Membership	>
<b>RIFE Community</b>	▼
RIFE Chair	
RIFE Community Plenary	
Working Groups	
TASK FORCES	
RIFE Accountability Task Force	
Accountability Task Force RECOMMENDATIONS	
BoF (Birds of a Feather) Gatherings	
RIFO NC/ASD AC	
Academic Cooperation (RAC)	
RIFE Fellowship	
RIFE Student Placements	
Inactive Working Groups	
The History of RIFE	
Meetings and Events	>
Policy Development	>
Joint Discussions	>
Internet Governance	>

## Accountability Task Force Recommendations

In 2019, the RIFE Accountability Task Force published its final report, following its review of the RIFE community. In the report were 15 recommendations, highlighting things that the RIFE community might want to examine and consider whether further action was needed.

This page is intended to document the RIFE community's work as it considers these recommendations and record any actions or decisions that are taken as a result. It is important to note that the task force viewed these recommendations as things for the community to look at in more detail - it did not necessarily expect that all of them would result in action.

Pending:  Completed: 

Recommendation/Outcome	Status
<b>Recommendation</b> 1. Consider whether any formalised commitments are needed from the RIFE NCC (that it will implement policy, follow relevant community directions, etc).	
<b>Recommendation</b> 2. Consider whether the RIFE Chair should be asked to disclose financial details associated with performing RIFE Chair duties and who covers these.	
<b>Outcome</b> The RIFE Chair provided this information (slide 13) during the RIFE Community Plenary session at RIFE 19.	

### RIFE Forum

The RIFE Forum is an additional way to participate in RIFE community mailing list discussions using a web-based interface rather than an email client.

[Check out the forum](#)

# Highlights of 2019: Internal

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- RIPE Chair Selection Process

- Published document outlining scope and function of RIPE Chair in January
- Published RIPE Chair and Vice Chair selection process in August
- Nominating committee recently selected from pool of community volunteers

<https://www.ripe.net/publications/docs/ripe-727>



# Highlights of 2019: External

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- IPv6 Work Item in ITU
  - RIPE community and RIPE NCC helped to successively end Work Item in ITU Study Group 20 (IoT and Smart Cities) on detrimental IPv6 addressing plan

# Notable Engagements in 2019

- **Roundtable** - Brussels - Jan
- **RIPE 78** - Reykjavik - May
- **IETF 105** - Montreal - July
- **APNIC 48** - Chiang May - Sept
- **Europol-INTERPOL Cybercrime Conference** - The Hague - Oct
- **RIPE 79** - Rotterdam - Oct



# RIPE Policies in 2019

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Two new policies published:

- Clean up routing data in RIPE **Internet Routing Registry**
  - Improve the accuracy of the registry, one of several that network operators rely on
- Update the **IPv4 allocation** policy
  - Reflects changes due to IPv4 run-out

Policy proposed and ultimately withdrawn by Europol:

- Publish the legal address of resource holders in RIPE Database
  - Didn't receive enough support from community, but did lead to a review of the database

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- **What is the purpose of the RIPE Database?**

# Ongoing Work

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- RIPE Database Requirements Task Force
- Review of the RIPE Policy Development Process
- RIPE Diversity and Inclusion

# RIPE Database Requirements Task Force

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- Evaluating what purpose the database needs to serve
- Response to changing needs of broader community
  - Law enforcement
  - Privacy regulation (GDPR)
- Started work in October 2019
- Six members (including Europol)
- First report this month
- Aiming for consensus by October 2020



# RIPE Policy Development Process

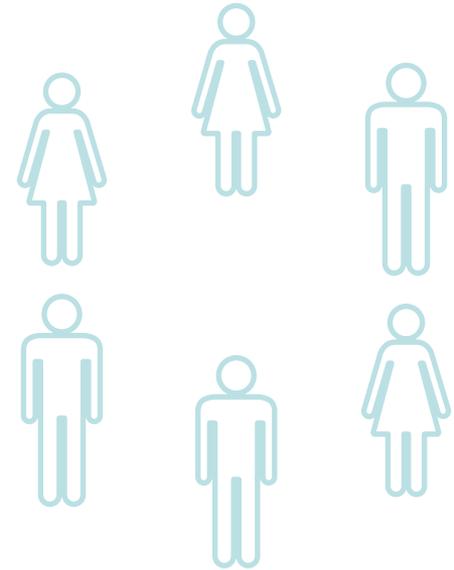
- Possibility of new task force to review current process
- Response to changing needs of broader community
- Governments exposing challenges in policy development process
  - Do their voices count for more than other individuals?



# Diversity and Inclusion

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- RIPE Diversity Task Force
- Code of Conduct
- Women in Tech session
- On-site childcare
- RIPE Meeting Mentoring
- RIPE Fellowship
- RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative (RACI)



# Important Takeaways

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- The RIPE community has a long history that has served the Internet well
- But times are changing - and so is the community and its needs
- The policy-making process is open to everyone and we want to be as inclusive as possible
- We're adapting to the changing landscape

# Questions, feedback & dialogue

