



RIPE

Réseaux IP Européens

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RIPE

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- **Terms of Reference**
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- **Meetings**
- **Working Groups**
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RIPE History

- **Started in May 1989**
- **First Meeting:**
 - 14 participants
 - half day
- **Protocol Wars:**
 - OSI is good
 - Invented by the phone companies
 - TCP/IP is bad
 - Not invented by the phone companies



RIPE Terms of Reference

- **Operational Co-ordination of IP Networks**
- **No Standards Development**
- **No Names Assignment**
- **No Network Operation**

RIPE Terms of Reference

Recognising that IP networks are growing beyond the LAN's in Europe, and are extending over national and international WAN's in Europe, the RIPE co-ordinating body has been created.

RIPE stands for the "Réseaux IP Européens".

The objective of RIPE is to ensure the necessary administrative and technical co-ordination to allow the operation and expansion of a pan-European IP network.

- RIPE acts as a forum for the exchange of technical information and the creation of expertise on IP networking.
- The area of relevance for RIPE is Europe.
- All parties operating wide area IP networks are encouraged to participate.
- RIPE promotes and co-ordinates interconnection of IP networks within Europe and to other continents.
- RIPE establishes agreement on common network management practices and the operational management of the interconnected networks.
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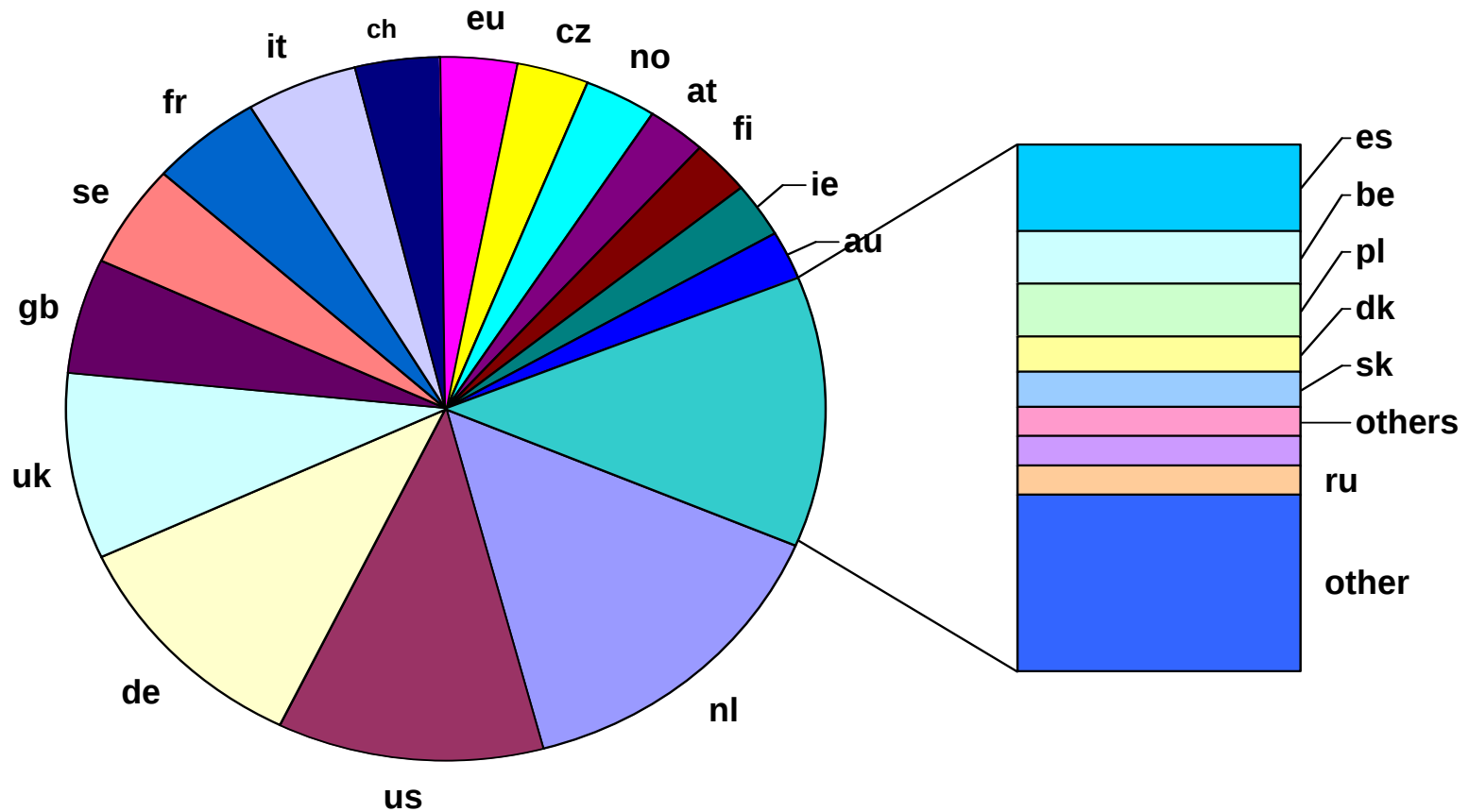
RIPE Organisation

- **Not a Legal Entity**
- **No formal membership**
- **No votes – consensus is the word**
- **Chairman:**
 - organise the meetings
 - keep an eye on the work between meetings
 - external liaison
- **Real work is done in the Working Groups - WG**
- **Sometimes Task Forces - TF**
- **Sometimes Birds of a Feather meetings - BOF**

RIPE Meetings

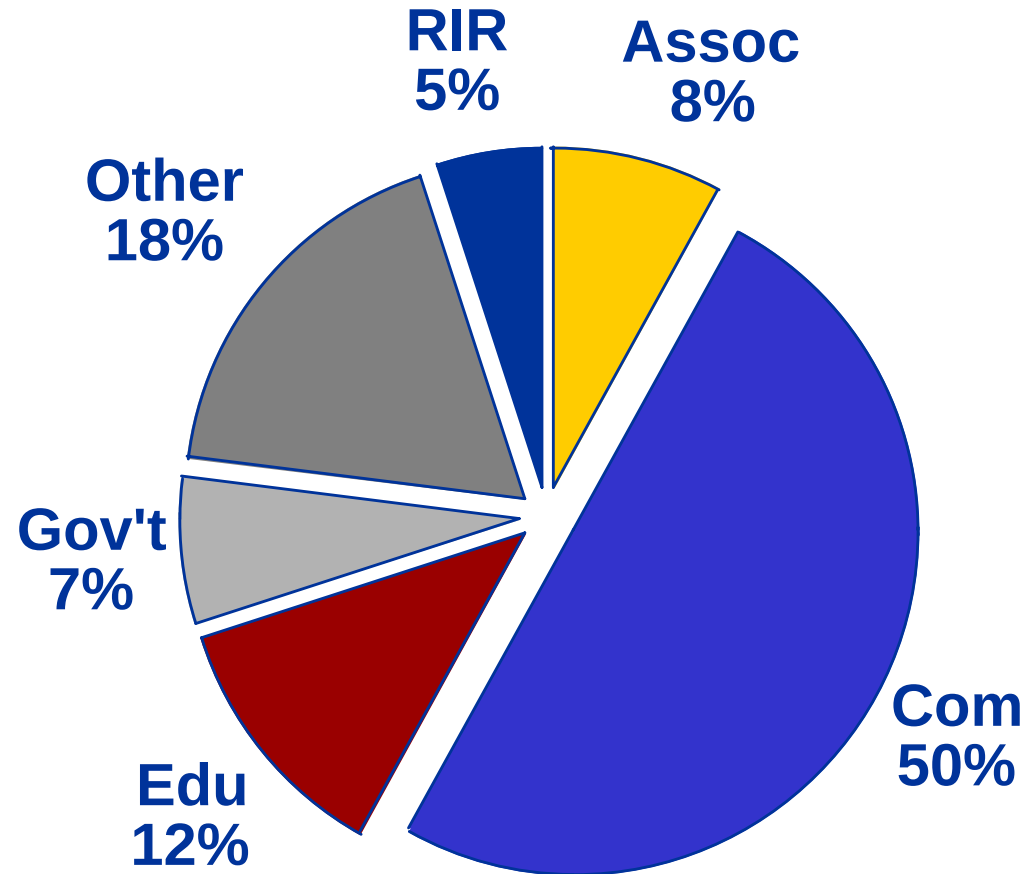
- 2 times a year
- 5 days
- WG + TF + BOF meetings
- Plenary Session
- Related Meetings:
 - RIPE workshops
 - RIPE tutorials
 - RIPE NCC training
- **OPEN - OPEN - OPEN - OPEN**

RIPE Meeting Attendance per Country 46,47,48





RIPE Meeting Attendance per Organisational Category 46, 47, 48





RIPE Working Groups

- **How to join:**
 - subscribe to mailing lists
 - participate in RIPE meetings
- **OPEN - OPEN - OPEN - OPEN**
- **Visit the Web site:**
 - documents
 - meeting minutes
 - mail archives

<http://www.ripe.net>

Policy Development Principles

- **Open**

- Anyone Can Participate
 - This includes Governments
- Policy Fora
- Mail Lists

- **Developed Bottom-Up**

- Internet Community
- Technology Changes
- IETF

- **Transparent**

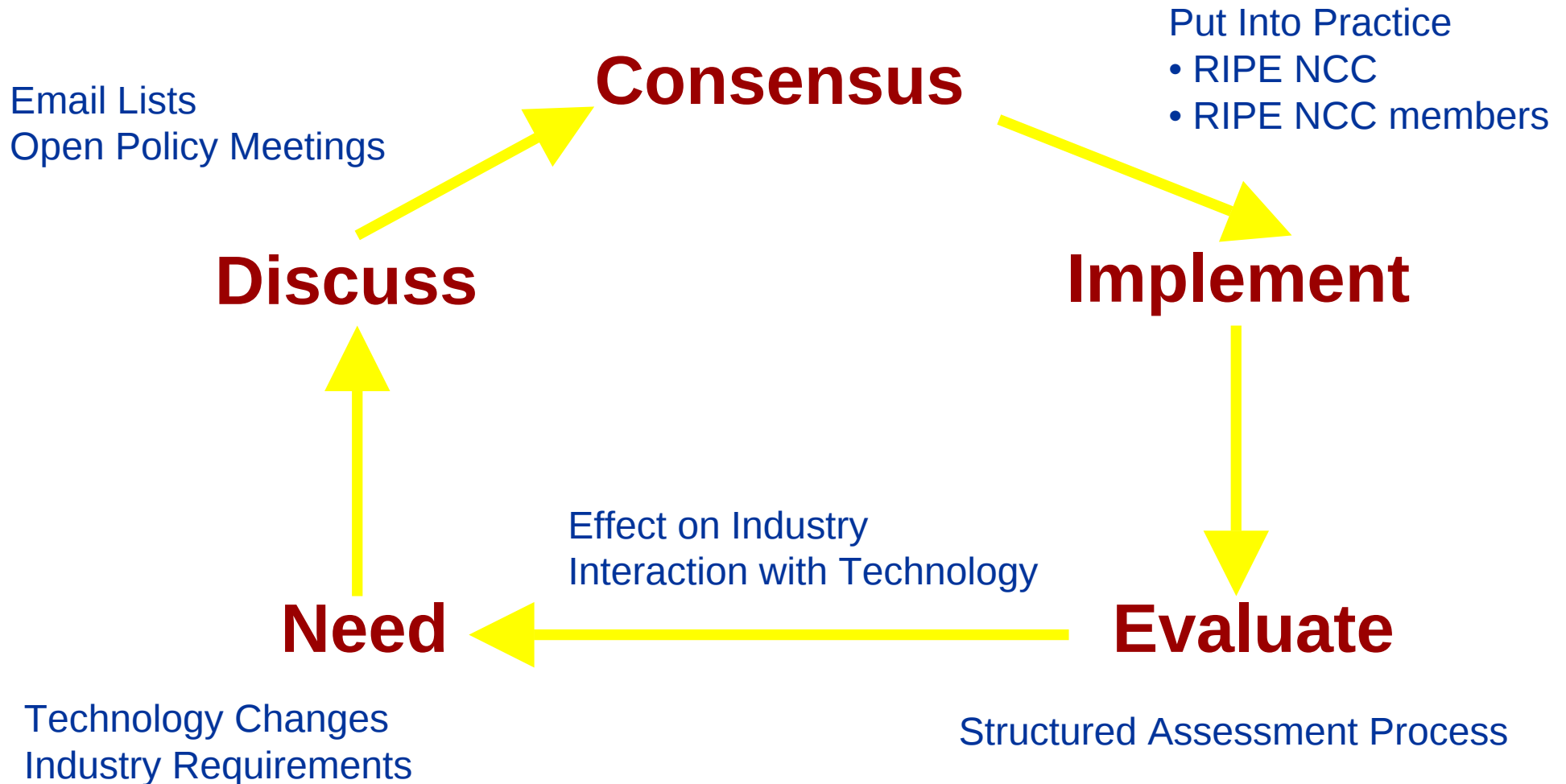
- Mailing List Archives
- Minutes
 - Policy Fora
 - RIR Boards

- **Documented**

- Formal Policy Documents
- Implementation Procedures



Policy Development Process



Address Management Policy

Conservation

- Efficient Use of Resources
- Allocation Based on Need

Aggregation

- Limit Routing Table Growth
- Support Provider-Based Routing Policies

Registration

- Ensure Uniqueness
- Trouble Shooting

Questions



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