

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project: Implement the recommendations from the Final Report of the Thick WHOIS Policy Development Process.

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(note the Implementation Review Team was formed by the GNSO Council and tasked with 'evaluating the proposed implementation of the policy recommendations as approved by the Board and is expected to work with ICANN Staff to ensure that the resultant implementation fulfills the intentions of the approved policy')

Summary:

The Thick WHOIS Working Group presented three recommendations to the GNSO Council and the GNSO Council adopted the final report on 31 October 2013. The ICANN Board adopted the final report on 7 February 2014.

- **Recommendation #1:** The provision of thick Whois services, with a consistent labelling and display as per the model outlined in specification 3 of the 2013 RAA1, should become a requirement for all gTLD registries, both existing and future.
 - **Recommendation #2:** Following the adoption of this report and recommendations by the GNSO Council, the subsequent public comment forum (prior to Board consideration) and the notification by the ICANN Board to the GAC, specifically request input on any considerations related to the transition from thin to thick WHOIS that would need to be taken into account as part of the implementation process.
 - **Recommendation #3:** As part of the implementation process a legal review of law applicable to the transition of data from a thin to thick model that has not already been considered in the EWG memo2 is undertaken and due consideration is given to potential privacy issues that may arise from the discussions on the transition from thin to thick WHOIS, including, for example, guidance on how the long-standing contractual requirement that registrars give notice to, and obtain consent, from each registrant for uses of any personally identifiable data submitted by the registrant should apply to registrations involved in the transition. Should any privacy issues emerge from these transition discussions that were not anticipated by the WG and which would require additional policy consideration, the Implementation Review Team is expected to notify the GNSO Council of these so that appropriate action can be taken.
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Thick WHOIS Implementation Plan

Task	Responsible	Planned Start	Planned Completion	Status
1. Develop initial draft of Implementation Plan and Schedule	<i>Staff</i>	April 2014	May 2014	
2. Share and seek inputs from IRT on Draft Implementation Plan and Schedule	<i>Staff, TW-IRT</i>	Jun 2014	Jun 2014	
3. Finalise Implementation Plan and Schedule	<i>Staff</i>	Jun 2014	By end Jul 2014	
4. Legal Review	<i>Staff</i>	Jul 2014	Nov 2014	

5. Share Transition Verification Plan with IRT for comments	<i>Staff, TW-IRT</i>	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	
6. Publish Transition Verification Plan for Public Comment	<i>Staff</i>	End Sep 2014	Nov 2014	
7. Finalize Transition Verification Plan	<i>Staff</i>	Nov 2014	By end Dec 2014	
8. Share Post-Transition Problem Resolution Plan with IRT for comments	<i>Staff, TW-IRT</i>	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	
9. ICANN to publish Post-Transition Problem Resolution Plan for Public Comment	<i>Staff</i>	Sep 2014	Nov 2014	
10. Finalize Post-Transition Problem Resolution Plan	<i>Staff</i>	Nov 2014	By end Dec 2014	
11. Share Guidelines to Registries and Registrars on Transition with IRT for comments	<i>Staff, TW-IRT</i>	Nov 2014	Jan 2015	
12. Publish Guidelines to Registries and Registrars on Transition	<i>Staff</i>	Jan 2015	Early Mar 2015	
13. All Registries to submit their implementation plan and schedule to ICANN	<i>Registries</i>	Mar 2015	Jun 2015	
14. Registries and Registrars to prepare and complete pre-transition tasks (e.g. system development)	<i>Registries, Registrars</i>	Jun 2015	Dec 2015	

15. Registries and Registrars to conduct testing (OT&E)	<i>Staff, Registries, Registrars</i>	Dec 2015	Feb 2016	
16. Perform transition to Thick WHOIS registration	<i>Registries, Registrars</i>	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	
17. Post-transition verification and problem resolution	<i>Staff, Registries, Registrars</i>	Mar 2016	May 2016	
18. Transfer of Data to Thick WHOIS	<i>Registries, Registrars</i>	Apr 2016	Aug 2016	
19. Post-“Transfer of Data” problem resolution	<i>Registries, Registrars</i>	Apr 2016	Sep 2016	
20. Post-Implementation Report published by ICANN	<i>Staff</i>	Sep 2016	Nov 2016	

Preliminary Plan for Outreach and Education Surrounding All Thick WHOIS Recommendations

Task	Responsible	Planned Start	Planned Completion	Status
1. Conduct community outreach and industry education	<i>Staff</i>	Jul 2014	Nov 2014	
2. Conduct a webinar for registrars and registries	<i>Staff</i>	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	
3. Create a FAQ on ICANN website	<i>Staff</i>	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	

* Should additional questions arise during the implementation and Legal review, ICANN staff may call on the IRT for input.