

RIPE

Reviewing RIPE Accountability

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We Think That RIPE **is** Accountable

- Open, transparent, bottom-up
- Established processes and procedures
- But...
- Not everything is documented
- There may be gaps or “unknown unknowns”
- We need to be able to demonstrate our accountability to outside observers
- And onboard Newcomers efficiently too

RIPE Accountability Task Force

- Formed at RIPE 73 (October 2016) to examine the accountability of the RIPE community
- 14 community members, plus support from RIPE NCC staff

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

Current Status Part I

- Draft scope published
 - We want to finalise this with your consent
 - Last call until **12 May 2017**
- Discussions & communication taking place at ripe-list@ripe.net

Draft Scope (1)

- Review existing RIPE community structures, documentation and processes to evaluate whether they are accountable and in alignment with RIPE values
- Assemble a list of existing RIPE community structures or processes
- Identify potential gaps where RIPE accountability could be improved or strengthened

Draft Scope (2)

- Publish recommendations for the RIPE community
- Identify areas where communications efforts or materials may be required

The scope of the task force is limited to an examination of the **RIPE community**.

Current Status Part II

- Mapping out RIPE accountability areas
 - E.g what “powers” does a WG Chair have?
 - Finding where documentation exists/where there are gaps

Mapping out RIPE accountability areas

- Came up with a list of areas to consider
- Review is underway
 - F2F mtg here today at RIPE74 during lunch time
 - Open to observers via Webex:
<https://ripencc.webex.com/ripencc/j.php?MTID=m961bd4ae6c27ceecdf58e61f8621452f>
- Sample snap-shot of the current working document on next slide

Partial view from TF's working document

RIPE Accountability Areas

This document is an initial attempt by the RIPE NCC to identify the roles of the various entities that the RIPE community is structured around. Where there is supporting documentation for a particular role, or documentation relating to the output resulting from the performance of that role, a link is provided. Space has been left to assess the importance and quality of the original documentation and the documented output.

Note: Microsoft Word doesn't work with links to our RIPE Meeting websites - you will find these URLs in full at the bottom of the document. They are numbered (e.g. [1]) in the document where they appear.



RIPE Chair						
The RIPE Chair is responsible for ensuring the governing of RIPE and performs a range of different roles. Not much of this function is currently documented, though draft versions of a replacement procedure and role description have been circulated to the community. Assuming that these documents are eventually approved by the community, most of these documentation issues will have been resolved.						
Role	Documented	Importance	Quality	Output Documented	Importance	Quality
Final word in PDP disputes	ripe-642			-Has never happened before: this would be announced on the relevant MLs / RIPE NCC has a draft web page it would publish that lists the decision.		
Final word on location of RIPE Meetings	RIPE Meeting Location Selection Process			- Upcoming RIPE Meetings -Various MLs (example)		
Chairs RIPE WG Chair collective	Pending			- WG Chair Collective Meeting Summaries		
Chairs RIPE Meetings	Pending			-Daily Meeting Reports (example) [1] -Steno Transcripts (example) [2] -Video archives (example) [3]		
Representing the RIPE community in other forums	Pending			-No		

Next Steps

- Publish the mapping document for Community review
- Move ahead with the next steps:
 - Identification of gaps
 - Recommendations to fill them in
Ex: This area is not documented or not documented well. TF recommends Community considers improving documentation on it.
 - Publish Final report
- Disband the Task Force

Current Status – Recent discussions on list

- Support on scope as it is currently
- Come up with a timeline
 - Was hard to guestimate so far with a moving scope
 - Once we lock up the “scope”, we will be able to publish one
- Come up with a work plan
 - See above, yes, now we can with a locked up scope
- Don't come up with any new procedures.
 - We never intended to. Addressed on the list and in the updated scope's wording.

We want to hear from you

- Do you support the draft scope?
- Is the approach acceptable?
- Is this transparent to you?
- So can the TF move ahead with its work?

Questions?

