Item 5: GNSO Council Work Related to SubPro

19 January 2023

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IDNs EPDP

Farell Folly, Liaison

Current Status

- Completed the first pass of deliberation of all Phase 1 charter questions

- Started considering ICANN org input on draft recommendations

- On track for publishing Phase 1 Initial Report by April 2023

- EPDP leadership team discussing with ICANN org implementation team regarding the dependency issue between SubPro implementation and the IDNs EPDP, with a focus on Phase 2 deliberations on second-level IDNs related topics

GNSO Guidance Process - Applicant Support

Paul McGrady, Liaison
Mike Silber, Chair

Current Status

- The GGP Working Group (WG) has held 4 meetings (21 November, 5 December, 19 December, 9 January).

- Applicant Support is covered in Topic 17 of the SubPro Final Report and consists of Recommendations and Implementation Guidance.

- The purpose of the GGP is to provide guidance to aid the implementation of SubPro Recommendations, not to modify any recommendations or implementation guidance, and not to develop any new policy.

- Completed first two tasks:

  Task 1: Review in detail: 2011 Final Report of the Joint Applicant Support Working Group and   2012 Implementation of the Applicant Support program; and

  Task 2: Working with ICANN Org staff as appropriate, identify experts with expertise to aid in   Tasks 3, 4 & 5 – Request for input letters sent week of 16 January.

- WG has begun consideration Tasks 3, 4, and 5 (relating to metrics) with the review of a tool to gather input from WG members.

GGP Applicant Support Timeline – *Accelerated* Work Plan Goals

Meetings	Tasks
05 and 19 December 2022	Work Plan & Timeline development – ***Submit to Council 05 December [DONE]***; Finalize Tasks 1 & 2 [DONE]
09 & 23 January 2023	Begin Tasks 3, 4, & 5 (metrics)
13 & 27 February 2023	Finalize Tasks 3, 4, & 5 (metrics); Task 6 (Finance)
13 and 27 March 2023, including ICANN76	Finalize Task 6 (finance), develop Draft Report
April-May 2023	Continue Draft Report development
May-June 2023, including ICANN77	Publish Draft Report; begin public comment review
July-August 2023	Finish public comment review & develop Final Report
September 2023	Finalize Report and deliver to Council

Facilitated Discussion on Closed Generics

John McElwaine, Liaison

Current Status

- A face-to-face Board-facilitated dialogue on the topic of Closed Generics will be held on 26-27 January in Washington DC with participants from the GNSO, GAC, and ALAC.

- The purpose of the dialogue is to develop a mutually acceptable framework that can be further developed through the appropriate GNSO policy process, to create a community-developed consensus policy that will apply to future gTLD expansion rounds.

- If the facilitated dialogue does not result in an agreed framework, the Board will need to decide whether to permit closed generic gTLDs in the upcoming next round of new gTLDs.

- Participants in the dialogue have been meeting regularly via Zoom since early November 2022 to lay the groundwork for the face-to-face session and work on a participant commitments document.

- Next steps and proposed timeline for completion of work will be shared following the face-to-face.