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RrSG Guide to Registrar Participation in ICANN Policy Work

Before getting started in ICANN Policy work

The RrSG is part of the [Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)](#).

All participants in ICANN must maintain an up to date [Statement of Interest](#) (SOI).

If you need help creating an SOI please contact gnso-secs@icann.org.

RrSG approach to ICANN Policy

★ RrSG **Vice Chair of Policy** represents membership on policy activities of interest to registrars

★ RrSG **Policy team** is responsible for initial drafting and review of public comments and other policy work

★ Update and call for input at biweekly **RrSG Membership** meetings

★ Call for input and discussion on policy via the **RrSG Membership** mailing list

★ [RrSG public comments](#) are published on the **RrSG website**

The Policy Development Cycle

RrSG members are encouraged to participate in ICANN Policy work at every stage of the process:

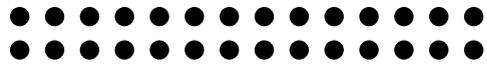**[Policy Development Process (PDP)](#) Working Group**
- Most PDPs operate on a 'representative' model, where participants MUST be a representative of an ICANN group. **Registrars must be a member of the RrSG in order to represent the RrSG in a PDP WG.**
- Some PDPs use an open membership model where anyone may join
- For all PDP models, anyone can join public-facing PDP WG mailing lists to follow the work and get updates
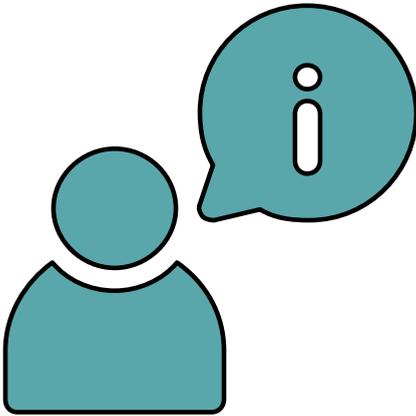
Implementation Review Team (IRT)
- **IRTs are open for anyone to join as a member.** The RrSG ensures that there are RrSG Members participating in all IRTs that impact registrars in order to promote registrar interests and share the RrSG position on specific matters
- Review ICANN Resources:
  - [IRT Principles & Guidelines](#)
  - [List of active of IRT projects](#)

ICANN Public Comments
- All ICANN public comment proceedings are open for anyone to submit their feedback. For more information, visit the [Public Comment](#) homepage
- The RrSG submits a public comment on all topics that are of concern to the registrars and the RrSG

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Things to keep in mind while participating in ICANN policy work

Registrants Rights and Protections

- [Registrant's Benefits and Responsibilities](#)
- Registrars should be seen as **looking out for the registrant**
- Registrars know the most about a registrant
- Registrant perspectives are often the least discussed at ICANN
- **Registrants' rights should not be controversial**

We Always Respect Local Law

There may be different legal obligations depending where the registrar or registrant is located

Professional Engagement

- ★ [ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior](#)
- ★ Attend all scheduled meetings
- ★ Interact in a manner that is firm but not combative
- ★ Focus on generating new ideas and refrain from repeating previously discussed arguments.
- ★ Actively listen and respect others' input
- ★ Coordinate with other RrSG members participating to ensure aligned perspectives wherever possible
- ★ Use published [RrSG resources](#) where applicable to reinforce membership position

Business Concerns

- Keep in mind the **differing registrar models:** retail, wholesale, corporate, aftermarket and hosting

- **Size of the registrar may impact resource capacity** to both implement policy changes and meet time-limited obligations

- **Keep comments about registrar operations high level** - avoid disclosing procedures that is likely proprietary within your own registrar business

Reach out to secretariat@rrsg.org for any questions