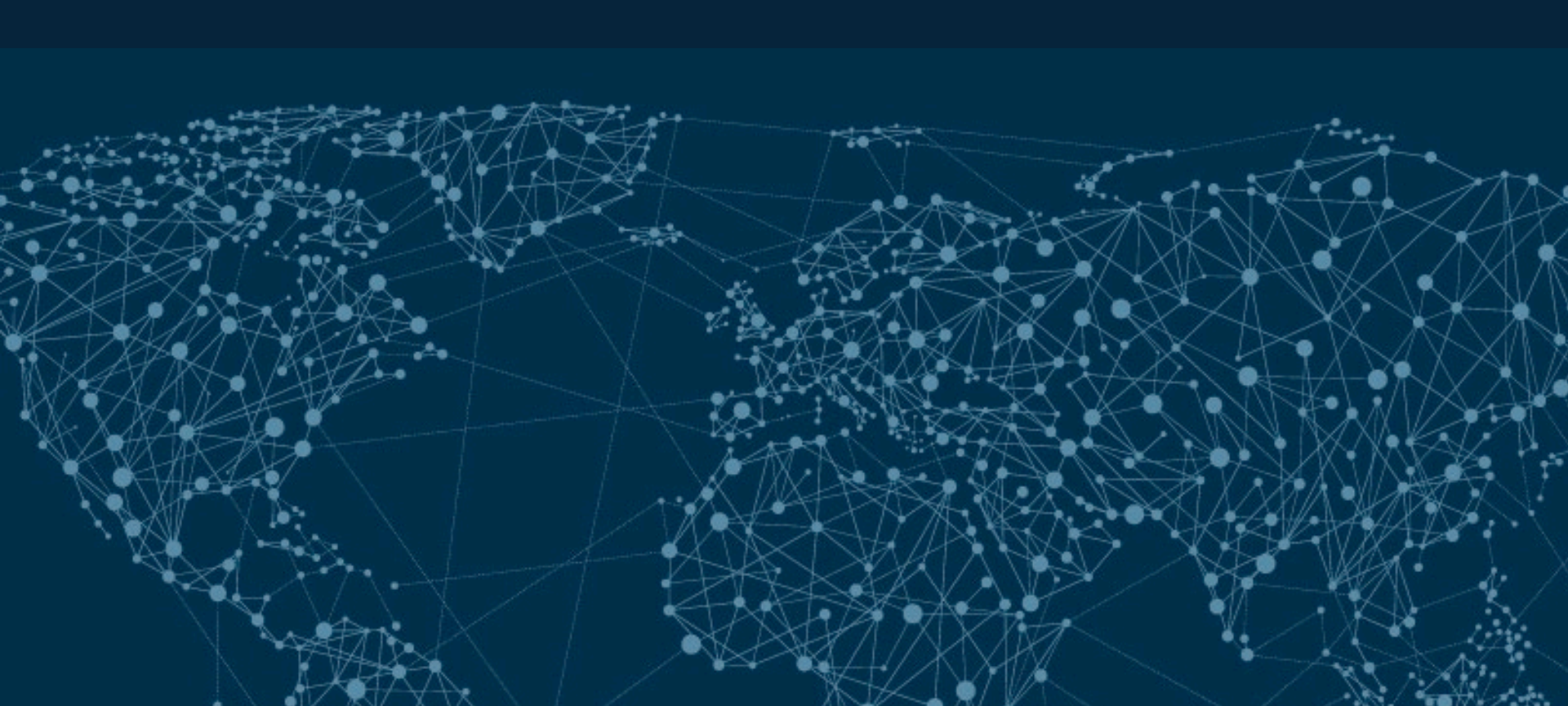ICANN|56 | POLICY
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Thick WHOIS Policy Implementation

Meeting with the IRT │ 29 June 2016

Agenda

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⊙ **Consistent Labeling and Display** – Status and Next Steps

⊙ **Transition from thin to thick (Focus)**
  – Reminder of current objective
  – Taking stock of implementation timeline discussions
  – Discussion of open items on implementation path scorecard

Background

- Thick WHOIS Policy Development Process (Mar. 2012 – Oct. 2013)
  http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/thick-WHOIS

- Policy recommendations adopted by the ICANN Board (Feb. 2014)
  http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-07feb14-en.htm#2.c

- Two expected outcomes (policy recommendation #1)
  - Consistent labeling and display for all gTLDs per Spec 3 RAA 2013
  - Transition from thin to thick WHOIS for .COM, .NET and .JOBS

- Decoupling of implementation of the two outcomes in line with implementation considerations in PDP WG Final Report

Milestones and Recent Activities

Consistent Labeling and Display of WHOIS Ouput for all gTLDs

- **Nov. 2014**: Impact assessment
- **Feb. 2015:** Revised impact assessment (incl. IRT feedback)
- **Jun. 2015**: Proposed reliance on RDAP for implementation of CL&D
- **Oct. 2015**: Release of draft consensus policy language for discussion
- **Dec. 2015 – Mar. 2016**: Public Comments period
- **Apr.–May 2016**: Discussion of community feedback with IRT

Transition from Thin to Thick WHOIS for .COM, .NET, .JOBS

- **Jun. 2015**: Release of Legal Review Memo (Policy Rec. #3)
- **Aug. 2015**: Initial discussion of implementation details with IRT
- **Oct. 2015 – Jun. 2016**: Discussion of implementation path (scorecard)

Policy Implementation Timeline (29 June 2016)

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RDAP

- RDAP Operational Profile shared wtih contracted parties for input
- Public Comments
- Legal Notices
- Implementation by Contracted Parties
- Effective Date

**Thick Whois
Consistent Labeling & Display**

- Draft Policy Language
- Public Comments
- Announcement of Policy Effective Date
- CL&D Implementation
- Policy Effective Date

**Thick Whois
Transition from thin to thick
for .COM, .NET & .JOBS**

- Design of implementation Plan
- Public Comments
- Announcement of Policy Effective Date
- Implementation of Transition by Affected Parties

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Consistent Labeling & Display

Reminder: Thick Whois PDP WG 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 RAA**, should become a requirement for all gTLD registries, both existing and future

Revisions to Policy language based on Public Comments and IRT discussion

- Display of Reseller and Registrar Expiration Date is optional (Registry vs. Registrar Expiration Date confusion to be refered to the GNSO)
- Reference to the specification 3 of 2013 RAA to be replaced by a specification of changes applicable to registries RDDS output
- 'Whois Clarifications" Advisory refered to as a complement to policy language

Next Steps

- Staff to share final Consensus Policy language for IRT review (early July)
- Announcement of Policy Effective Date: 31 July 2016
- Policy Effective Date: 1 February 2017
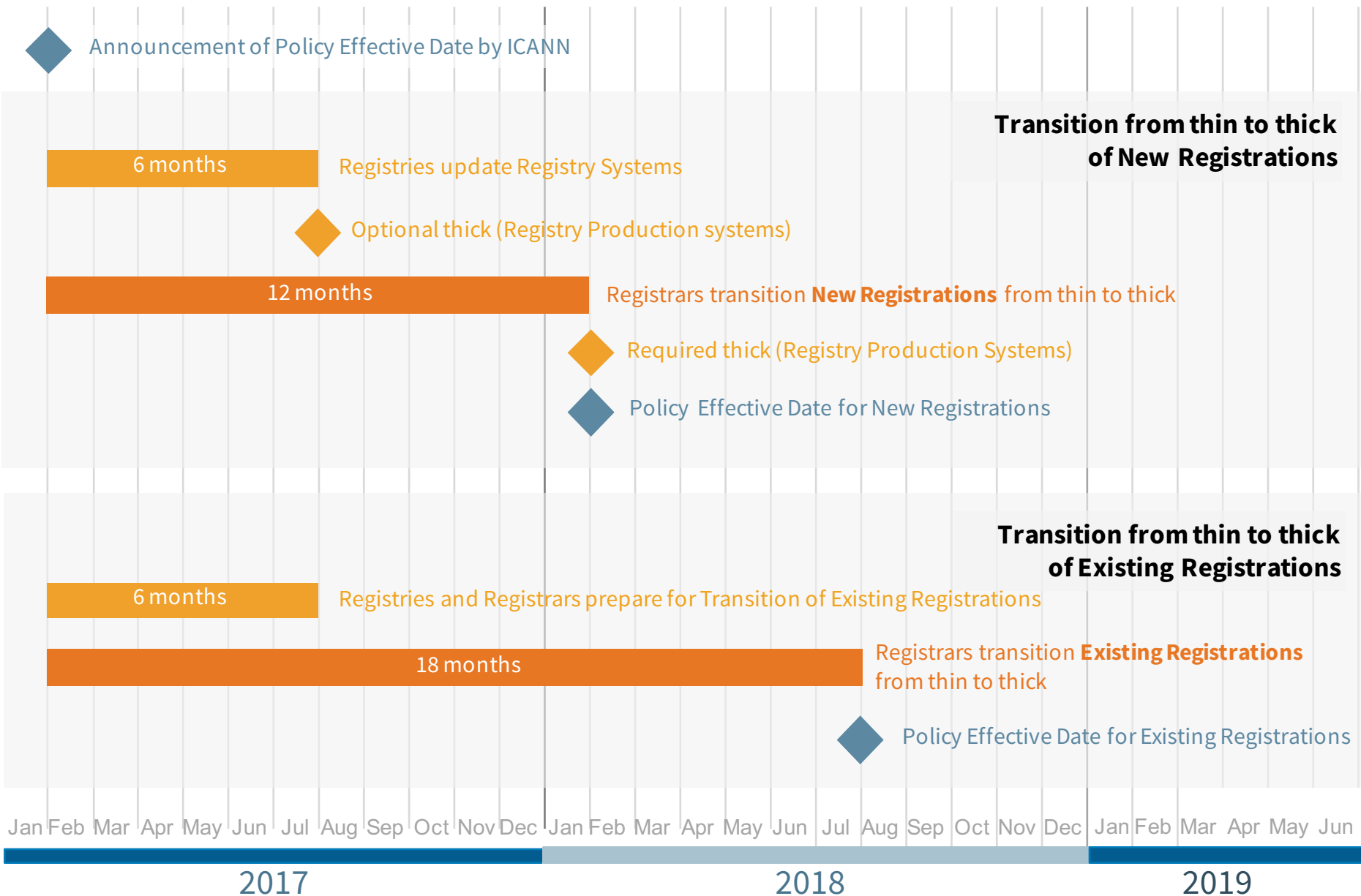
Transition from thin to thick – Objective

- Implementation path under discussion: 2 parallel tracks
  - New Registrations Track
  - Existing Registrations Track

- Release of Implementation Plan
  - Implementation Plan for Public Comment: Sept.-Oct. 2016
  - Policy Effective Date Anouncement: Jan. 2017

- Target: Transform implementation path into plan by August 2016
  - Finalization of discussion of Implementation Path by Helsinki
  - Drafting of implementation proposal by End of July
  - IRT Validation of Draft by End of August

Transition Implementation Path - Principles

Agreed upon within the IRT (as of 21 June 2016):

⊙ Transition of new and existing Registrations would happen in parallel, according to independent timelines

⊙ A limited set of validation rules would be enforced by Registry Systems to ensure all available existing registration data is transitioned
  – Contact ID, Postal Info Type and Auth Info required for contacts
  – RDDS output before and after the transition contains the same amount of information

⊙ 2 options available to registrars for uploading existing registration data:
  – EPP
  – File-based bulk transfer

⊙ Once exisiting registration data is transitioned, regular validation rules apply (same as those applicable to new registrations)

Transition Implementation Path - Timeline

◆ Announcement of Policy Effective Date by ICANN

Transition from thin to thick of New Registrations

6 months — Registries update Registry Systems

◆ Optional thick (Registry Production systems)

12 months — Registrars transition **New Registrations** from thin to thick

◆ Required thick (Registry Production Systems)

◆ Policy Effective Date for New Registrations

Transition from thin to thick of Existing Registrations

6 months — Registries and Registrars prepare for Transition of Existing Registrations

18 months — Registrars transition **Existing Registrations** from thin to thick

◆ Policy Effective Date for Existing Registrations

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