

Accountability in the RIPE community

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Early days

- RIR communities have evolved over the last 20+ years
- The early, humble beginnings
 - Informal gatherings, trust-based interactions, unwritten processes
 - Foundations laid for bottom-up, consensus based decision making

Evolution of the Eco System

- Internet eco system grew
 - More players and stakeholders
 - Many different interests
- RIR communities grew as well
 - RIR principles identified and strengthened
 - Openness, Transparency, Inclusiveness
 - Increased need for documentation

Today

- More structure, but still quite informal
 - RIR principles still true: Openness, Transparency, Inclusiveness
- IANA transition
 - Clear that the RIRs had the established trust of their community
 - CRISP proposal reflected this trust
 - Embodied numbers community principles
 - Number community held up as an example of good, community-driven governance

ICANN Accountability process

- Numbers community contributed to process
 - Shared numbers community experience with names community
 - Main objective to contribute to a trusted, accountable ICANN
- RIRs and numbers community have our own accountability mechanisms, bottom-up structures

Accountability

*“You cannot have trust without accountability.
But you can also not have accountability without
trust.”*

RIPE Accountability

- RIPE Accountability Task force
- Formed at RIPE73 meeting in October 2016

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

RIPE Accountability taskforce draft scope

- Review existing RIPE community structures, documentation and processes to ensure they are accountable and in alignment with RIPE values
- Document existing RIPE community structures or processes where needed
- Identify potential gaps where RIPE accountability could be improved or strengthened
- 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

RIPE Accountability taskforce

- Draft scope shared with RIPE community
- Details of work plan under development
- First report at RIPE74, May 2017
 - Recommendations for improvements
 - Processes, communication, documentation

“I used to take on trust a man's deeds after having listened to his words. Now having listened to a man's words I go on to observe his deeds.”

— Confucius, The Analects

Thank you