

Analysis of WHOIS Recommendations

Rec	Subject	GNSO Policy Action Required?
1	Make Whois a strategic priority	No
2	Consolidate into single Whois policy document	No
3	Outreach	No
4	Compliance transparency, reporting and resources	No
5	Data Accuracy: Communicate need	No
6	Data Accuracy: Reduce number of inaccurate Whois entries	Perhaps depending on what methods are required. However, it is possible that even for these, ICANN might be able to convince the current registries to adopt the practice voluntarily, removing the need for formally adopting a new Consensus policy. Note that to achieve target improvements, what is crucial is that the largest TLDs are actively involved.
7	Data Accuracy: Measure and report Whois inaccuracy	No
8	Data Accuracy: Ensure Compliance has tools to enforce Whois	Perhaps, but not obvious. *If* registries and/or registrars will need to take action, more likely RAA and Registry non-picket-fence contract modifications.
9	Data Accuracy: Track impact of Whois Data Reminder Policy and perhaps develop a replacement policy.	If a replacement policy is deemed necessary, yes. But tracking can hopefully adopted with voluntary reporting from largest registrars. *If* RAA changes are necessary, will not likely be in non-picket-fence areas.
10	Establish rules and perhaps accreditation for proxy and privacy providers.	Currently there are no rules in either registrar or registry agreements related to privacy or proxy services other than RAA 3.7.7.3 which ensures that if such a service registers a name, it takes responsibility for the use of that name. Development of accreditation processes should clearly include community and the GNSO will clearly need to be involved. No change to existing contracts is involved other than the requirement that registrars honor such accreditation, a subject which we understand is already under discussion (https://community.icann.org/x/eQ3PAQ). Therefore there is no need to use the formal GNSO PDP process.
11	Improve Internic service	No
12	IDN: Evaluate IDN Whois needs and solutions	Already under discussion with GNSO participation and presumably GNSO ratification. No other GNSO action required.
13	IDN: Incorporate results into contracts	No
14	IDN: Ensure compliance issues (Rec 5-9 for IDN)	No (other than what may be needed for 5-9)
15	Plan for moving forward	No
16	Annual status reports	No