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• Beginning of IANA transition discussions
• ICANN under scrutiny
  - CCWG ICANN accountability
• Other Internet organisations would be next
  - Including the RIPE NCC and other RIRs
RIPE NCC Accountability

• Solid framework
  - A high priority since 2010
  - All processes clearly documented and explained
  - Regular reporting to members and community

• Continuing evolving framework
  - Responding to emerging needs
RIRs Accountability

• RIR Governance Matrix
  - A matrix of governance processes and documents for all of the RIRs:
    https://www.nro.net/about-the-nro/rir-governance-matrix

• RIR Governance FAQs
  - FAQs:
    https://www.nro.net/about-the-nro/rir-accountability
Now what?

• IANA transition completed

• CCWG on ICANN accountability still ongoing
  - Work Stream 2 —> Focus on accountability of SO/ACs (accountability of community representatives)
  - Limited scope: ASO = numbers community representatives in ICANN related activities
  - Respect for communities’ self-governance

• But the focus is shifting from legal entities (RIPE NCC) to communities (RIPE)
RIPE accountability

• Our community is confident
  - Bottom up
  - Transparent
  - Open
  - Inclusive

• Details in various RIPE documents
RIPE accountability

- Questions by various parties (Govs, LEAs, etc)
  - Origins of authority to make policies
  - Guidelines set in place
  - Scope of RIPE
  - Participants
  - Decision making process
  - Implementation/enforcement

- We have answers
  - But not in a comprehensive way
A matter of translation

- Explain our procedures in their language
- Respond to their questions in a comprehensive (to them) manner
- Take their concerns into consideration
- Improve our documentation
- Defend the RIPE community
- “Own” the discussion on RIPE accountability
A Way Forward

• A job for the community
  - RIPE NCC can facilitate

• Does the community want to address this?
Questions

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