



RIPE NCC
RIPE NETWORK COORDINATION CENTRE

RIPE NCC External Engagement

Growth and Evolution

RIPE NCC Engagement: How & Why



- Engagement has many different aims:
 - Getting feedback to improve our services
 - Sharing information on services, policy developments
 - Education and capacity building
 - Promoting and protecting RIPE NCC and the RIR system
 - Influencing relevant discussions and decisions
- And many audiences:
 - RIPE NCC membership, RIPE community
 - Governments, regulators, law enforcement
 - Business and civil society
 - A service region of 76 countries with diverse industries, governments, levels of development and geographies

Evolving Challenges



- RIPE NCC will soon have 15,000 members
 - With significant growth in countries and sectors that didn't previously have significant membership
- “Regional” engagement has worked well
 - But regional diversity requires a more granular approach, often at national level
- Defending the accountability of RIPE NCC (and RIPE) is a priority
 - A key issue for many stakeholders, including government, highlighted particularly by the IANA stewardship transition

Evolving Challenges (2)



- Capacity building and development remain priorities for significant parts of the service region
 - Particularly in Middle East, South East Europe and Central Asian region
 - Opportunity to build relationships not only with members, but also public sector players, with whom we often partner
- Government engagement continues to be important
 - Governments are paying closer attention to Internet issues
 - Internet is encroaching into other, often heavily regulated areas (financial sector, IoT)

The Big Picture



- More is being demanded of the RIPE NCC
 - Direct engagement with LEAs, governments
 - Local presence and participation across the service region
 - Need to follow increasingly complex stakeholder relations
- Building relationships with governments is the price we pay for autonomy in technical policy-making
 - Governments are increasingly interested in these issues
 - Often not so interested in multistakeholder approach!
- People see value in associating with us!

Meeting the Challenges



- These challenges have been discussed by the Executive Board, the Senior Management and the External Relations team
 - Also looked at feedback from the RIPE Survey 2016 and other external engagements

Meeting the Challenges (2)



- The Executive Board has approved growth in 2017 staffing and budget, allowing for:
 - More member and government engagements in ALL parts of the service region
 - Additional information gathering, analysis and strategic positioning
 - Building stronger and more formal relationships with other stakeholder groups



Questions

