

ICP-2 Review consultation explained

In October 2023, the Number Resource Organization Executive Council (NRO EC) tasked the NRO Number Council (NRO NC), acting as the Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC), to review and update ICP-2: Criteria for Establishment of New Regional Internet Registries (RIRs). This review ensures that the criteria for recognizing new RIRs remain clear, relevant, and effective.

Why is this important?

The Internet landscape has significantly evolved over the past two decades. Updating ICP-2 ensures the stability and self-governance of the Internet numbers registry system by maintaining a relevant framework for assessing and recognizing new RIRs. The proposed revised document Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries ([RIR Governance Document](#)) is available to view.

The updates include:

- Expanding governance, ecosystem, and operational criteria.
- Clarifying the recognition and responsibilities of RIRs.
- Defining criteria for potential derecognition if obligations are unmet.

How you can participate

Share your feedback on the [RIR Governance Document](#) on the [ICP-2 Review Orbit mailing list](#).

The feedback period is open from 14 April to 27 May 2025.

Share your thoughts

Please consider the following when preparing your comments. Constructive comments are appreciated:

- New requirements in the draft
- Clarity on RIR obligations and remediation steps

Please note, feedback on implementation is out of scope.

Your views are important

The APNIC EC values the input of the APNIC community in shaping the future of the RIR system. A transparent, community-driven consultation process is essential to maintaining the stability and self-governance of the Internet numbers registry system.

We look forward to your valuable insights!

Provide your feedback

More information

More [detailed information](#) is available on the APNIC website. [Useful information](#) is also available on the NRO website.

