

# Accountability in the RIPE community

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# Early days

- RIR communities have evolved over the last 20+ years
- 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

- 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
- 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 workplan 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