Generic Names Supporting Organisation

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GNSO Purpose

- Responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains

- com, net, org, biz, info, aero, coop, museum, pro, name

- http://www.gnso.icann.org

Project management

- Analysis – issues report
- Requirements – policy development
- High level design – implementability
- Detailed design – policy in legal form
- Implementation – make changes
- Testing – measure against policy objective
- Monitoring – compliance and enforcement
- Continuous improvement – refine policy

Project timelines

- Vary depending on complexity of project and degree of early consensus
- Need to make incremental steps within months rather than years
- Continuously improve
- Keep volunteers motivated
- Improve ICANN's reputation externally

WHOIS Project status

- WHOIS policy minor upgrade – March 2003
  - v1.1 WHOIS data reminder policy (WDRP)
  - v1.2 Redeemed names on hold until accurate details
  - v1.3 Prevent use of bulk access for marketing
  - v1.4 Prevent resale of bulk access
- v1.1 in testing
- v1.2, v1.3, v1.4 – not yet in legal form – July 04
- v2.0 – major upgrade ??
  - in requirements development

Transfers project update

- Transfers major policy upgrade – Apr 2003
- V2.0 – legal policy published July 2004
- Implementation due – 12 Nov 2004
- Testing not yet defined
- Monitoring will be critical and partially led to failure of v1.0

Deletes project update

- Deletes policy minor upgrade – Oct 2003
  - v1.1 Uniform deletion practice after expiry
    - special circumstances in case of UDRP dispute
- V1.1 – not yet in legal form
- Board approved Verisign wait list service – March 04
  - Registry agreement not yet revised
- Many new registrars focussed on re-registering names immediately after delete
  - Inefficient use of registry resources
  - Raises further policy and compliance issues

Advice on .net criteria

- Subcommittee of Council formed–1 apr 04
- http://www.gnso.icann.org/issues/dotnet/dotnet-reportv9.pdf
- Advice on criteria nearly finalised and will be voted on by Council in the next couple of weeks
- Council welcomes input

Approval process for changes to gtld registry agreements

- Issues report complete in Nov 03
- Initial report due in next couple of weeks
- General steps
  - Determine if approval is required
  - Quick look
  - Detailed review if quick look raises issues
  - Reconsideration process available
- Two broad criteria to guide decisions
  - Competition and Security/stability