



# RIPE Policy Development Process

With Current Policy Discussions



# Overview

- RIPE
- RIPE Policy Development Process
- Current Issues
  - IPv4 Depletion
  - IPv6 and within-IPv4 Solutions



# RIPE

- Folks in Europe talking about TCP/IP vs OSI
- 14 of them coming together in May 1989
- Operational coordination of IP networks
- Not a legal entity, no formal membership
- No voting, \*consensus\* is the magic word
- Has a chairman
- Work is done in Working Groups
  - There may be Task Forces (TFs)



# RIPE

- RIPE WGs (<http://www.ripe.net/ripe/wg/index.html>)
  - Address Policy
  - Anti-Abuse
  - Cooperation
  - Database
  - DNS
  - EIX
  - ENUM
  - IPv6
  - RIPE NCC Services
  - Routing
  - Test-Traffic

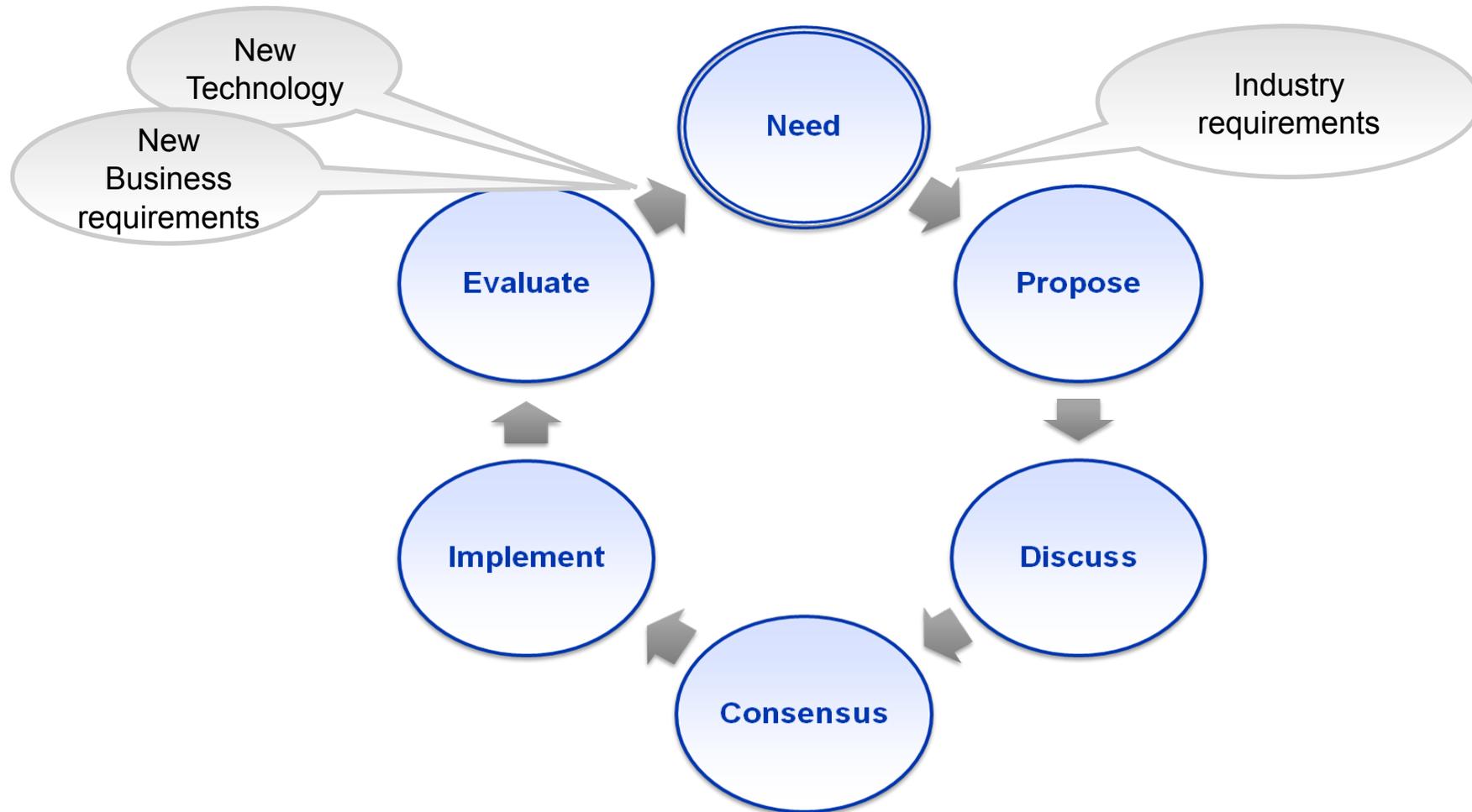


# RIPE

- Current TFs (<http://www.ripe.net/ripe/tf/>)
  - Data Protection
  - Certification
  - DNSSEC Key Repository



# Policy Development Process: Community's Answer to demand for change





# RIPE PDP Principles

- Open
  - Anyone can participate
    - Only requirement is having an e-mail address
  - Mailing lists
  - Policy meetings
- Transparent
  - Mailing lists archived
  - Meetings scribed
- Developed Bottom-up
  - By the Internet Community
- Documented
  - RIPE Policy Documents



# PDP Summary

- Industry environment and business requirements change
- PDP is there to meet this demand for change
- Policy specifics change
- Principles remain static
- Many policies stayed stable since the beginning



# RIPE PDP Current Issues

- IPv4 depletion
- Policy solutions
  - Increase incentives for IPv6
  - Get ready for IPv4 afterlife



# IPv6

- Proposal 2006-02: IPv6 for LIRs
- IPv6 Allocation criteria altered
  - No more requirement for assignments to \*others\*
  - No more requirement for 200 customers
- New End Site definition
  - LIRs internal assignments count as End Site
- Plan to make sub-allocations to others or assignments to End Sites



# IPv6

- Proposal 2006-01: IPv6 PI for End Users
- Be multihomed
- Minimum /48
- Designated block to facilitate filtering practices



# Currently under discussion

- Proposal 2009-06:
  - Removing routing requirements from the policy
- Proposal 2009-08:
  - IPv6 PI Assignments for LIRs



# Global Perspective: End of IPv4 free pool

- Global Policy for the Allocation of the Remaining IPv4 Address Space (2008-03)
  - Accepted by all regions and documented
    - <http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-436.html>
  - ICANN ratified
  - Distribute the last 5 /8s evenly among RIRs (N=1)
- Global Policy for the allocation of IPv4 blocks to Regional Internet Registries (2009-01)
  - After IANA pools run out
  - Dealing with returned space
  - Under discussion



# RIPE Regional: Getting ready...

- Direct Internet Resource Assignments to End Users from the RIPE NCC (2007-01)
  - Contractual relationship for all independent number resources to an End User
  - Have a contract with
    - a sponsoring LIR or
    - the RIPE NCC
  - Applies to previously made assignments
    - Excluding Legacy (pre-RIR) registrations
  - Accepted and (being) implemented in Phases
    - <http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ipv4-policies.html>
    - <http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/contract-req.html>



# Transfers

- Enabling Methods for Reallocation of IPv4 Resources (2007-08)
  - IPv4 Exhaustion
  - Applies only to IPv4 PA allocations
  - Only within the RIPE region
  - Similar concept accepted in ARIN and APNIC
  - Accepted and implemented
    - <http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ipv4-policies.html>



# Currently under discussion

- Usage of Last /8 (2008-06)
  - Framework for the usage of the very last block
  - Everyone knows what to expect
- IPv4 Allocation and Assignments to Facilitate IPv6 Deployment (2009-04)
  - Reservations for NATs



# Currently under discussion

- Ensuring efficient use of historical IPv4 resources (2008-07)
  - Efficiency in old registrations
- Run out Fairly (2009-03)
  - Gradual reduction on the allocation and assignment periods
  - Avoid a very large request pre-empting others



# Conclusion

- Increase IPv6 deployment
  - Easier access to resources
  - Raise awareness
- Get ready for IPv4 afterlife
  - Minimise the impact
  - Increased contact to space holders
  - Increased efficiency in usage
  - Enabling usage of allocated but unused space
  - Pre-RIR blocks to be included in the system
  - Focus on fairness and responsible stewardship



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# Questions?

