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# Working Group Chairs Collective

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- Recommendation 12. What the Working Group Chair Collective does and what it is responsible for
- Recommendation 7. Working Group Chair selection
- Working Group Chair support

# What the WG Chairs Collective Does/Is Responsible For

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- Task force
  - Erik Bais & João Damas
- Status:
  - Met this week
  - Early draft
- Next steps
  - Refine draft, publish, solicit input, call for consensus

# Working Group Chair Selection

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- Each Working Group has its own procedure for selecting the working group chairs because there was no consensus among the wg chairs for the proposal made in 2013
  - <https://www.ripe.net/participate/ripe/wg/cc/summaries/task-force-proposal-on-procedures-to-deal-with-the-tenure-of-ripe-working-group-chairs>
- Accountability Task Force recommendation 8
  - “Consider aligning the process for selecting working group chairs across the community.”
- We now have a formal process for selecting the RIPE Chair

# Issues in WG Selection

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- Routing WG at the last meeting
- How to conduct at virtual meetings
- Selection of persons should not be done in open ballots
- Speed of the process - incumbent always wins
- Understanding of the processes
- Qualifications?

# Potential Solutions

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- Publish candidates on the web before soliciting supporting statements
- Qualifications
- Who decides
  - NOMCOM?
  - RIPE Chair/Vice Chair
  - Working Group
- How?

# Call for Task Force - WG Chair Selection

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- **Proposed Mandate**

- Evaluate the current processes
- Gather community input on the suitability of the existing procedures
- Propose a way forward

- **Proposed Timeline**

- Evaluation by RIPE 81
- Gather input at RIPE 81
- Proposal by RIPE 82

# Working Group Chair support

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From time to time, the question of supporting working group chairs has been raised by individual chairs.

In principle, all RIPE Meeting attendees, including RIPE WG chairs, PC members and presenters are expected to cover the costs of participating in a RIPE Meeting. However, in exceptional cases (for instance, if a WG would end up with no chair during a meeting) a WG chair can apply to the RIPE Chair for financial assistance from the RIPE NCC.

This has been discussed in the WG Chairs group, and strong voices have argued against.

The matter was discussed at EB402 in December 2018 after it was raised by a board member and the RIPE Chair was tasked to make a draft procedure.



# RIPE NCC Executive Board

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## **Action EB401 / 13/12/2018 / HH**

Funding for RIPE Working Group Chairs: The RIPE Chair will bring forward a draft procedure, with very clear terms and conditions for applications, for RIPE NCC Executive Board review. Afterwards, HH will present a draft procedure to the RIPE Working Group Chairs mailing list for discussion.

Status 12-12-2019: In progress

<https://www.ripe.net/about-us/executive-board/minutes/2018/minutes-116th-executive-board-meeting>

# Proposal

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- Documented, open and transparent process based on
  - <https://www.ripe.net/participate/ripe/ripe-fellowship>
- Upon request, WG Chairs receive:
  - Full-week ticket for RIPE Meeting
  - Economy travel to/from home country to RIPE Meeting
  - Five nights accommodation near the RIPE Meeting venue

# Details

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- Open and transparent - publish list
- Only one chair per working group
- Decision by RIPE Chair and Vice Chair
- The selected WG chair will be expected to:
  - Attend the entire RIPE Meeting
  - Chair their working group session
  - Attend the WG Chairs Lunch and other relevant WG chair meetings
  - Register with the affiliation of their working group