The RIR
Social Contract

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Social Contract

a theory or model that originated during the Age of Enlightenment and usually, although not always, concerns the legitimacy of the authority of the state over the individual

Social Contract

What is our Social Contract with RIPE, the NCC, and the RIRs?

What do we expect from them and them from us?

And, BTW, who are 'we'?

RIPE Is Not Just IP Address Allocation

It is about Operating the [European] Internet

RIPE-001

The objective of RIPE is to ensure the necessary administrative and technical coordination to allow the operation and expansion of a pan-European IP network.

RIPE-001

RIPE acts as a forum for the exchange of technical information and the creation of expertise on IP networking.

RIPE promotes and coordinates interconnection of IP networks within Europe and to other continents.

RIPE establishes agreement on common network management practices and the operational management of the interconnected networks.

RIPE serves as a focal point for other common activities of the participants related to IP networking.

The NCC is the Secretariat of the RIPE Community

The NCC is part of the Community

What this talk is NOT about

Bureaucracy

The current ICP-2 document, ICANN *Criteria for Establishment of New Regional Internet Registries*, speaks about the creation of an RIR. What's missing is Expectations of an RIR and Closure of an RIR.

the above words are from a friend

The bureaucratic contract should derive from and be based on the social contract

What this talk IS about

The Social Contract

- What do "We" expect from the RIR system as a *social contract*?

- But first, who is "We?"
  - The Internet Operational Community
  - The Users!
  - Civil Society
  - Governments
  - Our great grandchildren

The Internet has become critical infrastructure.

Government and civil society will play more and more of a role.

Get over it.

Must See John Curran's NANOG 89 Keynote

"The Expanding Landscape of Internet Governance"

Attributes to Follow

Open and Fair

Transparent

Civil

Diverse

Representative

Competent Ops

Socially Responsible

Capture Resistant

Cooperative

Reviewed

Non Profit

Prudent

Open and Fair

In membership, decision making, discussion

RIPE is pretty good here. Only 40% of North American resources holders are voting members of ARIN (up from 17%), representing 67% of the address space

Until very recently, APNIC was actually owned by one man. yes, of course a man

Transparent

- Finances completely open and published

- All policies, internal and external openly discussed and published

- All decision making (board, exec, committees) open to all and openly published

Civility

- In discourse, treatment of community members, of each other.

- E.g. there should be an enforced code of conduct and other modern guides

Diversity

- The usual gender, race, religion, age, etc.

- But also encourage and seriously consider diversity of goals and opinion

- Disagree and Discuss Constructively

Representative

- Of as wide a range of *Stakeholders* as possible

  - operators

  - education

  - government

  - users

  - civil society

  - geography

Operational Competence

Record keeping, usable APIs/GUIs, ...

Inter-RIR interoperability

Maybe I should not need to take a course to use the RIRs' services

Governance representative of community, all boards and committees

Socially Responsible

Ethics

Justice

Decolonialisation

Sustainability

It is extremely critical to deal with the Venn diagram of community stakeholders as a *creative cooperation of stewards* as opposed to competitive constituencies a la the ICANN snake pit.

Capture Resistance

Failures in AfriNIC, APNIC, and ARIN past and present

Real External Review by community, and not just a community survey

Maybe a committee or a standing task force

Non-profit and financially transparent

Prudent and not fancy

There is no need for glossies and marketing in a monopoly

Save Members' Money

Coffee!!!

Do We Need a Coffee Task Force?
☺

Your Ideas and Dreams Go Here

But Not

- Reinventing the Wheel
- Not invented here
- Empire building
- Gatekeeping
- Etc.

Who Do You Call?

- Ourselves, the Community

- The RIRs, e.g. the NCC

- ASO, which is likely to be drafting the new ICP-2

- Civil Society

Aside: There is an ASO Nomination/Election

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Questions

Or Positions Phrased as Questions