On the Politics of Standards
How this fits in hrpc

Protocol impacts (RFC8280)
Dynamics impacting protocols (and architecture) development (this document)
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• Making this explicit helps us to understand and take it into account (also if this is sometimes uncomfortable)
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- Added more dynamics about Standard development in general, and IETF in specific
Quo vadis?

- Anything missing?
- RG adoption?