

draft-duke-shmoo-remote-meetings

(sorry for numerous title problems)

Purpose

Generalize the LLC & IESG ad hoc process for canceling in-person meetings to:

1. Reflect IETF consensus
2. Consider non-pandemic reasons for canceling
3. Provide guidance on alternatives to cancellation

Roles

LLC: Is it practical and safe to hold the meeting?

- [RFC 8718](#), “IETF Plenary Meeting Venue Selection Process” (local safety guidelines, internet access, food available)
- No travel advisories from US State Dept., UK Foreign office, or local authority pertaining to the city and airport for the meeting
- Support staff and contractors can enter

IESG: is technical progress possible? (in response to personal and corporate travel decisions)

This might happen as late as during the meeting!

Remedies

1. Relocation, preferably in the same city
2. Postponement < 3 months
3. Virtualization
4. Cancellation -- impacts on NonCom

This is a statement of values, not an assessment of feasibility

Refunds

1. Never travel expenses
2. Cancellation: prorated meeting cost
3. Postponement: offer a refund
4. Virtualization: refund recoverable costs
5. Don't go bankrupt