

# Policy expert engagement in IETF standardisation

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# IETF 115 - Policymaker engagement side meeting

- Joint delivery by ISOC and UK government, with participants across IETF, IRTF, IAB, and policymakers from around the world ([link](#))
- Discussed policymaker engagement - benefits and challenges
- Related work & ways forward (we'll come to that)

# Problem statement

- IETF benefits from incorporating policy expertise
  - Reinforcing open multi-stakeholder standards process→ drawing on stakeholder expertise
  - Earlier detection of deployment issues → better global deployment
  - Strengthen the IETF internationally → address duplication and fragmentation
  - Keen to further explore ways in which the IETF community can benefit from collaboration with policy experts, as part of next steps
- Challenges and barriers to collaboration still remain
  - Bridging technical and policy discussions
  - Awareness and understanding of the IETF in wider communities
  - Policy experts, not just policymakers
  - No clear 'landing point' for policy experts

# Relevant work

<b>Improving communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IAB, ISOC and others in their respective roles</li></ul>
<b>Education and upskilling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ISOC Policymaker Program</li><li>• Education, Mentoring and Outreach Directorate (EMODIR)</li><li>• External resources from orgs like Article 19 and Centre for Democracy and Technology</li></ul>
<b>Building community and culture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research and Analysis of Standards-setting Process (RASP) Proposed Research Group</li><li>• Human Rights &amp; Protocol Considerations Research Group</li></ul>

These are helpful but a coherent approach is needed

- We engage government (& human rights), but what about others with policy expertise?
- We build awareness and capacity, but what is the next step?
- Are there other relevant initiatives we should be aware of?

# Next steps

Going forward, where is the best place for us to develop this problem statement and gap analysis?

Proposal:

- Working Group - tightly scoped, time limited
- Would like more community input

Next step:

- To draft a charter for discussion