This report, sent out before IETF 117 begins, provides more details than can be covered during the plenary. If you have topics that you think the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) should discuss during the plenary, please send email (iesg@ietf.org) or ask the question during the IESG open mic session.

This report covers:

- IETF 117
- Meeting sponsors
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In addition, there are typically several other reports posted prior to the meeting: the IAB Report and the IETF Administration LLC Board Report. The IANA, Secretariat, IETF Trust, and RFC Series Consulting Editor (RSCE) reports can be found under the IETF Plenary on the meeting materials page (materials to be supplied later).

IETF 117

IETF 117 will be a hybrid meeting, as announced, meaning that both in-person participation in San Francisco and remote participation are possible. We still expect a larger than usual fraction of the participants to be remote, compared to pre-pandemic meetings.

A detailed agenda for IETF 117 is available. At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 16:30 UTC (09:30 PDT -7) each day. A participant guide is available, and the meeting FAQ answers many practical questions related to in-person and remote participation. Participants interested in new topics – experienced and new participants alike – can consult the blog post on suggested IETF 117 sessions for getting familiar with new topics.

IETF 117 is the fifth hybrid IETF meeting after the pandemic and we are still refining the use of the Meetecho conferencing platform in new ways. For example, in-person participants must use Meetecho (or the Meetecho-lite version for mobile devices) to sign virtual blue sheets, join the microphone queues, and participate in any chair-initiated polls. You may want to get familiar with
Meetecho before the meeting. Please send your feedback about the meeting tooling to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

Before IETF 117, the IETF LLC and IESG have consulted the community on what COVID measures participants would like to see at IETF 117 and beyond. Based on the results of the consultation, the IETF has dropped all COVID measures that go beyond measures required by local and venue regulations, for IETF 117 and beyond.

Meeting sponsors

Our Meeting Host is NOKIA. Thank you!

Also, thanks to Diversity and Inclusion Gold Sponsors Akamai and Huawei; Running Code Gold Sponsor Ericsson; Sustainability Gold Sponsor Oracle Cloud Infrastructure; Diversity and Inclusion Silver Sponsor Cisco; Silver Running Code Sponsor Meta; Bronze Running Code Sponsor ICANN; and Diversity and Inclusion Bronze Sponsors Comcast, Google, Identity Digital, ICANN, and Verisign. Thank you for helping make the Internet work better!

Hackathon

The IETF 117 Hackathon was held Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, 2023 in San Francisco, California, USA. The IETF Hackathons are open to everyone. The Hackathon is a collaborative event, not a competition, and held in the spirit of advancing the pace and relevance of new and evolving Internet standards.

The IETF Tools Team held their regular Codesprint on Saturday, July 22, 2023.

Working Group actions

The following changes have occurred since IETF 116:

New Working Groups that were approved:

- BPF/eBPF (bpf)
- Congestion Control Working Group (ccwg)
- Machine Learning for Audio Coding (mlcodec)
• Network Inventory YANG (ivy)

Working Groups that rechartered:

• Lightweight Authenticated Key Exchange (lake)
• Multiplexed Application Substrate over QUIC Encryption (masque)
• Serialising Extended Data About Times and Events (sedate)

BOFs at IETF 117:

• Detecting Unwanted Location Trackers (dult)

Working Groups that concluded:

• IPv6 over the TSCH mode of IEEE 802.15.4e (6tisch)
• DDoS Open Threat Signaling (dots)
• Interface to Network Security Functions (i2nsf)
• RTP Media Congestion Avoidance Techniques (rmcat)
• Security Events (secevent)
• Service Function Chaining (sfc)

New non-WG mailing lists:

• Discussion related to the various Multiformats data formats (multiformats)
• Discussion of the IETF technologies for satellite networking for NTN integration for 5G and Beyond (sat-int)
• This is a discussion list for the IETF Education & Outreach Directorate (eodir)
• Community discussions for Routing on Service Addresses (rosa)
• Discussion of Workload Identity in complex Multi-Service Environments (wimse)

Currently running experiments

In general, the IESG would like to encourage experimenting and trying new things. If you have ideas about potentially useful things to try, try them and tell the rest of us!

Appeals

There has been one appeal since IETF 116:

• Appeal of current Guidance on in-Person and Online meetings
IESG Statements

- 2023-05-01 UPDATED: IESG Statement on EtherTypes

IESG Announcements

- Call for Nominations: RFC Series Working Group (RSWG) Chair
- Call for Feedback: IESG appointment to RFC Series Working Group (RSWG) Chair

Our standards for professional behavior

IETF meetings, virtual meetings, and mailing lists are intended for professional collaboration and networking, as defined in the IETF Guidelines for Conduct, the IETF Anti-Harassment Policy, and the IETF Anti-Harassment Procedures. If you have any concerns about observed behavior, please talk to the Chairs, Area Directors or alternatively the Ombudsteam, who are available if you need to confidentially raise concerns about harassment or other conduct in the IETF.

We also expect civil behavior on all our mailing lists, including the ietf@ietf.org discussion list. There are multiple mechanisms to help list discussions stay focused and appropriate.

Keeping up with the IESG

The IESG formal telechat calls are open for observation. The upcoming agenda is posted online and an invitation is mailed out to the IETF main announcement list in advance of each telechat. The calendar and connection details are also available. We post both short and narrative minutes. And of course, the best place to follow what is going on with a particular document is the datatracker. The relevant actions such as significant comments from the IESG continue to be automatically emailed to the relevant WG mailing list.

During the IETF week, the ADs of several areas hold “office hours”, during which community members can drop in to chat about any related topic they may have. Please check the meeting agenda for times. Outside the office hours, all ADs are open to discussion: never hesitate to contact them even for a simple chat over a cup of coffee.

The IESG continues to work on increasing transparency. We encourage feedback on what aspects need improvement. One item we’d like to call out is the availability of a dashboard giving an overview of the IESG workload, with links to detailed information about each AD’s document processing. The dashboard is in the datatracker at https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/ad. While this has been available for some time, community feedback seems to indicate that this is not well-known.