

# RFC405[23]bis

Procedures for Handling Liaison Statements to and from the IETF  
&  
IAB Processes for Management of IETF Liaison Relationships

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# Why?

- Some information or described processes are not fully up to date
- Explain better what liaison management means and why we do it, e.g.
  - When does it make sense to create a formal liaison relationship? Are there specific requirements? What is the process?
  - How to send a liaison statement and where? Who should send or reply to it? What approval or consensus is needed? When should we reply?
  - Current documents are not always fully clear/could be more clear given what we know now
- Focus on requirement and high-level guidance
  - Remove low level details on tooling and process and give more room to dynamically adopt

# How?

- These are BCPs produced by the IAB
- The following process applies
  - IAB process: call for community input, then IAB adoption and consensus
  - Then move to IESG (AD-sponsored) and IETF last call for IETF consensus
- We would like to make sure that
  - Experts from the community are involved
  - Community is aware that this is an ongoing effort
  - Ensure documents and processes are (more) clear to the community when new RFCs are published (+ follow-up activities to provide training)

# RFC4053bis

<https://github.com/intarchboard/draft-iab-rfc4053bis/issues>

- #1 Remove tool specification from RFC
- #2 IETF is not obligated to reply
- #3 Respond contact and technical contact are unclear
- #4 What are the requirements on recording LS?
- #5 "Approval and Transmission of Liaison Statements" is described in RFC4052

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- #1 Move Section 4 about Approval and Transmission of liaison statements to RFC4053bis
- #3 Explain that informal relationships are preferred
- #4 Explain that liaisons have no special place in the IETF processes
- #5 Checklist for creation of relationships

# Next steps

- Announce this effort more widely
- Have some initial discussion on initial issues
- Potentially collect more issues (but focus on high level goals first)
- Publish -00 drafts
- Figure out the best process to ensure community input
  - Discuss with liaison managers, IESG, arch-discuss
  - Depends on interest and raised issues in this initial phase

