

draft-lear-bcp83- replacement (and similar)

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Problem Statement

- Sometimes people say things they shouldn't
- BCP83 provides a very heavy weight process when action is needed
 - With no flexibility
 - Requires a public review
 - Is demeaning to all parties involved
 - Requires excessive amounts of community resources



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Scope of Work

The MODeration PrOceDures (MODPOD) work group will revise existing and define new moderation procedures suitable for all IETF communication channels. The approaches the WG defines will (in no particular order of importance):

- Aim to ensure that consistent and fair moderation procedures exist for all channels/forums in the IETF
- Determine who can take moderation actions on a per channel/forum basis, how they are selected and the terms of their service, and the authority afforded to them
- Determine who can initiate or propose a moderation action
- Balance the need between privacy and dignity of individuals involved with the need for transparency to evaluate moderator adherence to policies.
- Be flexible to varying circumstances, allowing for timely, appropriate responses in each situation.
- Be capable of responding to patterns of behavior across channels/forums and moderating them collectively
- Enable the use of more consistent moderation actions across channels/forums
- Have a clear, consistent, and efficient path for appeals
- Have a process to review previous moderator actions

The WG will elaborate on how the moderation role and associated procedures interact or overlap with other roles such as working group chairs and the IETF Ombudsteam.

As a starting point, the working group will consider draft-ecahc-moderation and draft-lear-bcp38-replacement, and associated discussions. An eventual proposal for the working group can be based on adopting aspects from these inputs or from a new approach.

The revising or redefining of related Ombudsteam policies or practices such as RFC7776, Sections 1 and 2 of RFC 9245, or the IETF Guidelines for Conduct (RFC7154) is out of scope.

Comparison of two drafts

	draft-ecahe-moderation	draft-lear-bcp83-replacement
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive environment through enforcement of IETF code of conduct More responsive approach Don't create community food fight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal intervention to enforce IETF code of conduct More responsive approach Don't create community food fight Hold precious community resources Maintain dignity of all individuals
Coverage	All IETF communication channels (WGs, IETF list, anything that comes up)	Plenary mailing lists (IETF, last-call, maybe non-WG lists)
Updates	BCPs 25, 83, others	BCP 83, RFC 9245, RFC 3934
Who moderates	A moderation team modeled after RFC 9245	The IETF executive director
Processes are defined...	By the moderation team	By the draft
Intended flexibility	Maximum	Widest possible latitude given to team, but guiding toward least intervention
Transparency	To be specified	Graduated transparency level based on action taken (specified)
Appeals	Through the IESG Chair	Through the IESG Chair
Review of decisions	Not specified	More more frequently than every 12 months
Team Diversity	Diversity of Timezones	None because it's not needed.
Relationship to Ombudsteam	No sharing of confidential information between teams	Not specified

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Gives moderators powers to block or filter someone, with graduating degrees of oversight and transparency, based on the length of suspension

- 0 – 12 days: no transparency
- 12 – 24 days: inform appropriate AD
- 24 – 36 days: the public is informed

All day counts cumulative. Doesn't sort who does the moderating, doesn't replace BCP 83 (augments).

Next Steps (I think): combine drafts and issue track

- No bias toward text in draft when an issue is open
- Some of the differences are decided by our charter
 - We are meant to provide a consistent approach across all platforms
 - Respect dignity of individuals
- Some require a little bit of discussion
 - How much to elaborate in draft versus leave moderators some flexibility
 - WG Chair interactions and consistency



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