

IETF Chair and IESG Report

IETF 124

This report, sent out before IETF 124 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.

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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/Intellectual Property Management Corporation, 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 124

A detailed [agenda for IETF 124 is available](#). At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 09:30 Montreal time (14:30 UTC) Monday through Friday. A [Meetecho participant guide](#) is available, and the [meeting webpage](#) answers many practical questions related to in-person and remote participation. Participants interested in new topics – experienced and new participants alike – should consult the blog post on [suggested IETF 124 sessions](#) for getting familiar with new topics.

We continue to refine the use of the Meetecho conferencing platform in new ways. In-person participants must use Meetecho (or the Meetecho-lite version for mobile

devices) to sign in and have their attendance recorded, join the microphone queues, and participate in any chair-initiated polls. If you have not used Meetecho in a while, you should [get familiar with Meetecho](#) before the meeting as the UI changes. Please send your feedback about the meeting tooling to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

Meeting sponsors

Thanks to Co-Hosts **Comcast** and **NBCUniversal**; Diversity and Inclusion Gold Sponsors **Akamai** and **Huawei**; Running Code Gold Sponsor **Ericsson**; Running Code Bronze Sponsors **ICANN** and **CNNIC**; Diversity and Inclusion Bronze Sponsors **Comcast** and **ICANN**; Open Internet Bronze Sponsors **DENIC** and **Nominet**; Bronze Sustainability Sponsor **NTT**; and Connectivity Sponsors **Telus**, **Metro Optic** and **Beanfield**. Thank you for helping make the Internet work better!

Hackathon

The IETF 124 Hackathon will be held Saturday November 1 and Sunday November 2, 2025 in Montreal. The IETF Hackathons are open to everyone with a free but mandatory registration. 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. More than [25 projects](#) have been announced for IETF 124.

The IETF Tools Team will hold their [Codesprint](#) on Saturday, November 1, 2025.

Working Group actions

The following changes have occurred since IETF 123:

New Working Groups that were approved:

- [Domain Connect \(dconn\)](#) in ART
- [Secure Evidence and Attestation Transport \(seat\)](#) in SEC
- [Web Bot Auth \(webbotauth\)](#) in WIT
- [Open Cloud Mesh \(ocm\)](#) in ART

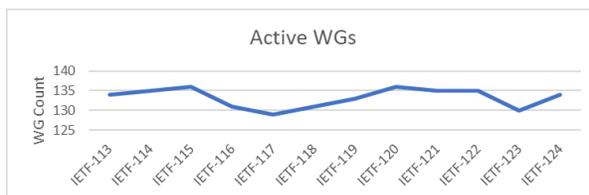
Working Groups that re-chartered:

- [Multiprotocol Label Switching \(mpls\)](#) in RTG
- [Domain Name System Operations \(dnsop\)](#) in OPS
- [QUIC \(quic\)](#) in WIT
- [CBOR Object Signing and Encryption \(cose\)](#) in SEC
- [HTTP \(httpbis\)](#) in WIT
- [Content Delivery Networks Interconnection \(cdni\)](#) in WIT
- [IPv6 Operations \(v6ops\)](#) in OPS

Working Groups that concluded:

none

To place the WG creation and conclusion actions in context of historical activity, see the following charts:



BOFs at IETF 124:

- [PKI, Logs, And Tree Signatures \(plants\)](#) in SEC
- [Authenticated Transfer \(atp\)](#) in ART

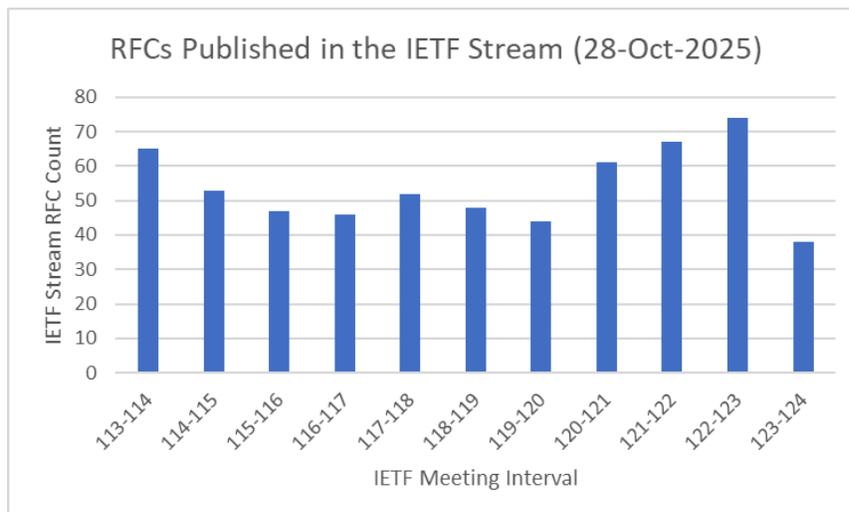
New non-WG mailing lists

The following non-WG mailing list have been created since IETF 123:

- [JSON Structure \(json-structure\)](#)
- [Crawl Payment Protocols \(crawl-payment\)](#)
- [Protocol for Transposed Transactions over HTTP \(ptth\)](#)
- [Multicast for AI \(mcast4ai\)](#)
- [Electronic Data Interchange-Internet Integration \(ediint\)](#)
- [Multi-Signer DNSSEC Coordination \(dnssec-multi-signer\)](#)
- [DNS at IETF \(dns-at-ietf\)](#)

Published RFCs

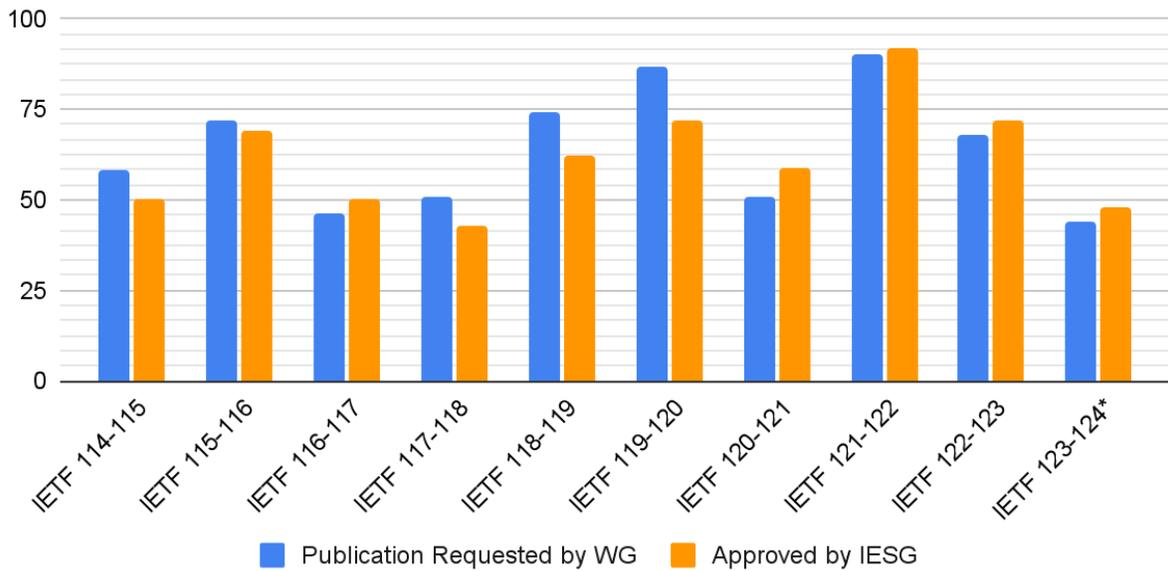
The chart below depicts an approximate three-year window counting the number of RFCs published on the IETF stream



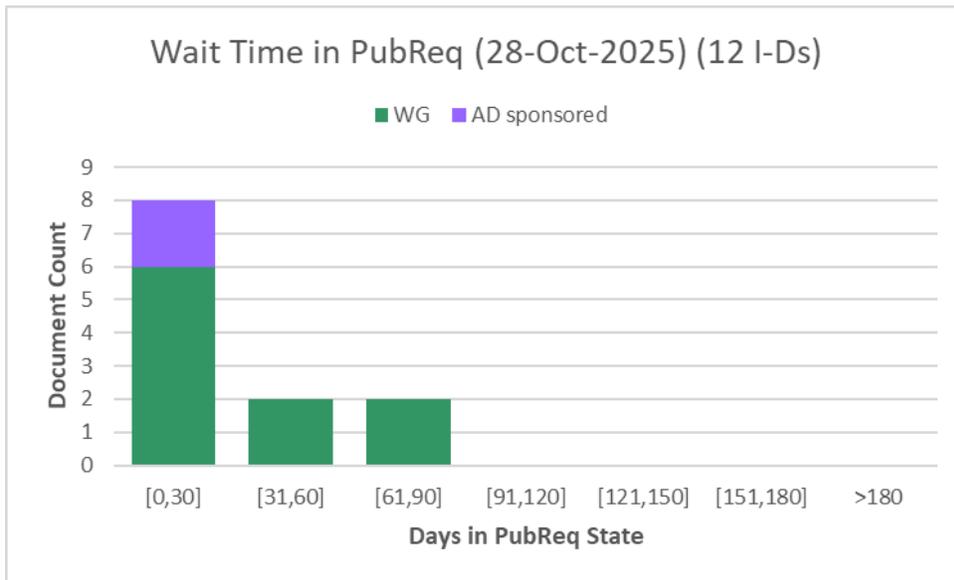
IESG Document Processing

The chart below depicts a three-year window counting the number of internet-drafts sent to the IESG ("Publication Requested") and approved by the IESG ("Approved").

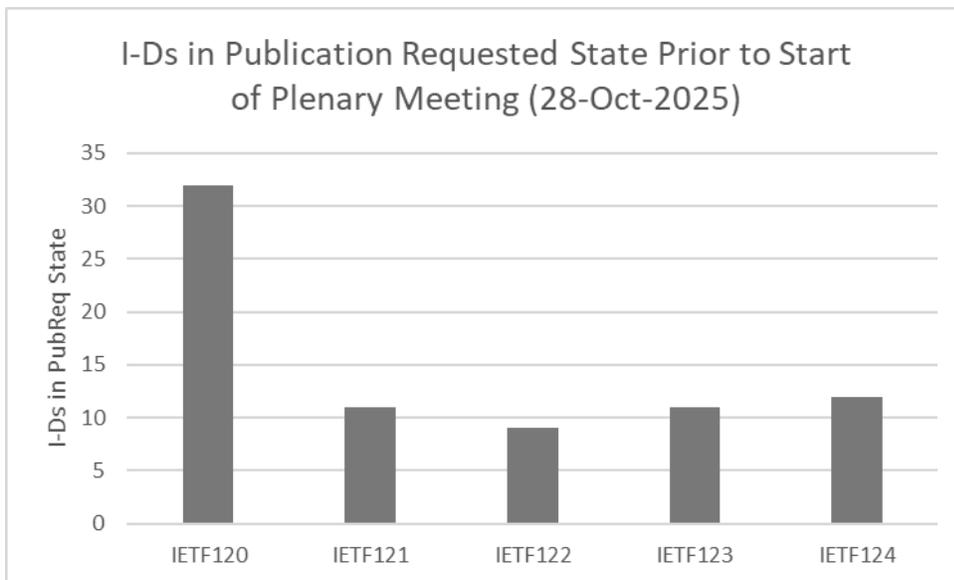
Documents Sent to and Approved by the IESG
(as of 2025-10-28)



The chart below depicts the wait time for the Internet Drafts awaiting review by the responsible Area Director (i.e., in the "Publication Requested" state).



The chart below depicts a historical view of the number of Internet Drafts awaiting review by the responsible Area Director (i.e., in the "Publication Requested" state) at the start of each meeting.



Currently running experiments

(none)

Appeals

There have been three appeals since IETF 123:

- [Complaint regarding a declaration of consensus to adopt a non-hybrid draft](#)
 - [IESG Response](#)
- [Complaint regarding censorship of MODPOD list](#)
 - [IESG Response](#)
- [Complaint to IESG regarding AD decision](#)
 - [IESG Follow-Up](#)
 - [IESG Response](#)

IESG Statements

There have been two new IESG statements since IETF 123:

- [IESG Statement on the Conflict Resolution and Appeals Processes](#) (2025-10-01)
- [IESG Statement on Clarifying Derivative Works Rights](#) (2025-10-22)

There have been three updated IESG statements since IETF 123:

- [Updated IESG Statement on Maximizing Encrypted Access To IETF Information](#) (2015-08-20, updated 2025-10-03)
- [Updated IESG Statement on Clarifying the Use of BCP 14 Key Words](#) (2025-03-17, updated 2025-10-06)
- [IESG Statement on Assignable Codepoints for Examples in IETF Specifications](#) (2025-10-23)
 - This statement replaces the [IESG Statement on the Usage of Assignable Codepoints, Addresses and Names in Specification Examples](#) (2010-05-24)

Our standards for professional behavior

IETF meetings, virtual meetings, mailing lists, and chat forums 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.

Keeping up with the IESG

The IESG meets bi-monthly for formal telechat calls that 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 available, as are both short and narrative [minutes](#). Additionally, the relevant actions such as significant comments from the IESG continue to be automatically emailed to the relevant WG mailing list.

For a view into AD document workloads, see the [IESG Dashboard](#). Since IETF 123, the following additional dashboards were created:

- [Documents in IESG Processing](#)
- [IESG view of Working Groups](#)

During the IETF meeting 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. Please don't hesitate to contact them for an ad hoc discussion.