



IAB report to the community for IETF 125

This is the IAB report for the period between IETF 124 and IETF 125. This report presents a summary of activities. More detailed information on many of the topics is also available at <https://www.iab.org>.

[Minutes of all IAB business calls are available in the Datatracker](#). The IAB business calls are open for observation. Formal [business meeting agendas](#), including connection details, are posted in advance in the Datatracker.

If you have issues you want to discuss over email, feel free to send your comments to the IAB as a whole at iab@iab.org. This mailing list includes all voting IAB members, the IRTF Chair (Dirk Kutscher), the IETF Executive Director (Jay Daley), the IETF Director of Communications and Operations (Greg Wood), Secretariat staff (Cindy Morgan, Liz Flynn), the IESG Liaison (Deb Cooley), the ISOC Liaisons (Olaf Kolkman, Ryan Polk, Sally Wentworth), and the Tools Liaison (Robert Sparks).

New IAB Chair

The IAB would like to thank Tommy Pauly for his service as IAB for the past two years. The IAB has selected Dhruv Dhody as the IAB Chair for 2026-2027.

IAB Statements and Communications

In December, the IAB provided [comments on the Proposal](#) for a Revision of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, also called the 'EU Standardisation Regulation.'

In February, the IAB made a [Statement on Submitting Appeals to the IAB](#).

Workshops and Workshop Reports

The IAB has submitted the [report](#) from the [IAB Workshop on AI-Control](#) and the [report](#) on the [workshop on the Next Era of Network Management Operations \(NEMOPS\)](#) to the RFC Editor for publication.

The [draft report](#) from last October's [IAB/W3C Workshop on Age-Based Restrictions on Content Access](#) is currently out for community review.

The [draft report](#) of the report from December's [Workshop on IP Address Geolocation](#) was recently posted.

New Work Help Desk

Some members of the IAB will be staffing a new work help desk in the IETF 125 registration area on Monday 11:00-11:30 and Thursday 16:30-17:00, local time. If you have any questions about how to get new work started in the IETF, please drop by and chat with us!

Appointments

In November, the IAB sent out a [call for nominations for the Internet Society Board of Trustees](#). The IAB recently finished making their appointment, and the selected candidate has been confirmed by the IESG. The name of the selected candidate will be announced in April once the Internet Society's [2026 Board of Trustees Elections](#) have completed and the full slate of Trustees has been chosen.

In February, the IAB [announced the reappointment of Eliot Lear as the Independent Submissions Editor \(ISE\)](#).

Liaison Coordination

The IAB Liaison Coordinators will hold office hours on Tuesday, 2026-03-17, 15:30-16:00, in the IAB Office (VIP Room 2).

Since the IAB's last report:

- [Bron Gondwana was appointed as IETF Liaison Manager to the Messaging, Malware and Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group \(M3AAWG\)](#)
- [Greg White was appointed as IETF Liaison Manager to CableLabs](#)
- [Carlos Bernardos was appointed as IETF Liaison Manager to ISO/TC204](#)

Liaison statements

Liaison statements are posted at <https://datatracker.ietf.org/liaison/>.

Last year, the IAB adopted two documents that update RFCs on liaison management:

- [draft-iab-rfc4052bis: IAB Processes for Management of IETF Liaison Relationships](#)
- [draft-iab-rfc4053bis: Procedures for Handling Liaison Statements to and from the IETF](#)

Because both of these documents propose to obsolete BCPs, they will be turned over to the IESG for processing as AD-sponsored documents on the IETF stream after the IAB has run their process.

Liaison Report Highlights

- IANA Liaison: ICANN met 100% of processing goal times for the November, December, and January [monthly statistics reports](#), exceeding the SLA goal to meet 90% of processing goal times. These times include the steps that ICANN has control over and not time it is waiting on requesters, document authors or other experts.
- IRTF Chair:
 - The IRTF Workshop on Internet Challenges for AI at ACM CoNEXT-2025 was held in December. The [workshop report](#) is available online.
 - Six winners have been announced for the 2026 [Applied Networking Research Prize \(ANRP\)](#).

Outreach

The [IAB Outreach Coordinator](#) is responsible for planning, coordinating, and keeping track of the Outreach activities undertaken by the IETF Leadership.

Roman Danyliw participated in the WSIS+20 High-level meeting at the UN, where the outcome document was adopted by consensus.

Warren Kumari gave a presentation on ["What's New at the IETF?"](#) at the APRICOT/APNIC meeting in Jakarta in Feb.

At [ICANN 85](#) in Mumbai in March, Dhruv Dhody and Warren Kumari undertook several activities, including a discussion with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), a presentation at the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Open House, and a "How It Works: The IETF" session.

At the [IETF Standards-in-Practice Workshop](#) at the University of Glasgow, Dirk Kutscher (IRTF Chair) presented a tutorial on how to engage with the IRTF.

Technical Programs and Administrative Support Groups

All active programs and groups are listed in the datatracker <https://datatracker.ietf.org/program/>.

The [IAB-ISOC Policy Coordination Group](#) met [several times](#) since IETF 124 to coordinate the Internet Society and the IAB's various Internet policy-related activities.

The [IETF-3GPP Coordination Group](#) will hold a meeting during IETF 125 to coordinate activities between the IETF and 3GPP.

The [IETF-IEEE Group](#) met in [February](#) to coordinate activities between IETF and IEEE 802.

Documents

All documents the IAB has adopted and is working on can be found at <https://datatracker.ietf.org/stream/iab>.

Mailing lists

IAB-maintained mailing lists are listed at <https://www.iab.org/iab-mailing-lists/>.

Dhruv Dhody and Suresh Krishnan serve as the moderators for the architecture-discuss@iab.org mailing list. For program-specific lists, the program chairs act as moderators. As for all mailing lists of the IETF, we also expect professional behavior on our mailing lists.

Appeals

The IAB responded to three appeals since IETF 124:

- 2025-10-24: [Complaint to IAB regarding IESG decisions](#) (Daniel J. Bernstein)
 - 2025-11-01: [Email: Re: Complaint to IAB regarding IESG decisions](#)
 - 2025-11-27: [Email: Re: Complaint to IAB regarding IESG decisions](#)
 - 2025-11-28: [Email: Re: Complaint to IAB regarding IESG decisions](#)
 - 2026-01-08: [IAB Response](#)
- 2025-10-13: [Appeal to the IESG's action for UPA draft---RE: \[Lsr\] Protocol Action: 'IGP Unreachable Prefix Announcement' to Proposed Standard \(draft-ietf-lsr-igp-ureach-prefix-announce-11.txt\)](#) (Aijun Wang)
 - 2025-11-06: [IAB Response](#)
- 2025-10-06: [Complaint to IAB regarding non-transparency](#) (Daniel J. Bernstein) (PDF)
 - 2025-10-07: [Email: Complaint to the IAB regarding non-transparency](#)
 - 2025-10-14: [Email: Re: Complaint to IAB regarding non-transparency \[Addendum\]](#)
 - 2025-10-16: [Email: \[IAB\] Supplemental complaint to IAB regarding non-transparency](#)
 - 2025-12-12: [IAB Response](#)