

IETF Chair and IESG Report

IETF 125

This report, sent out before IETF 125 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 125

A detailed [agenda for IETF 125 is available](#). At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 09:00 Shenzhen time (01:00 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 125 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 Host **CNNIC**; Co-Hosts **Tsinghua University, Internet Society of China, CCSA and Computer Network Information Center**, and **Chinese Academy of Sciences**; Social Event Sponsor **Huawei**; Welcome Reception Sponsor **ZTE**; Diversity and Inclusion Gold Sponsors **Akamai** and **Huawei**; 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 **ZTE**; Connectivity Sponsors **CNNIC, China Mobile, and China Unicom**; Local Sponsor **APNIC**; and Local Supporters **Coremail** and **Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation**. Thank you for helping make the Internet work better!

Hackathon

The IETF 125 Hackathon will be held Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15, 2026 in Shenzhen. 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 125.

The IETF Tools Team will hold their [Codesprint](#) on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

Working Group actions

The following changes have occurred since IETF 124:

New Working Groups that were approved:

- [PKI, Logs, And Tree Signatures](#) (plants) in SEC

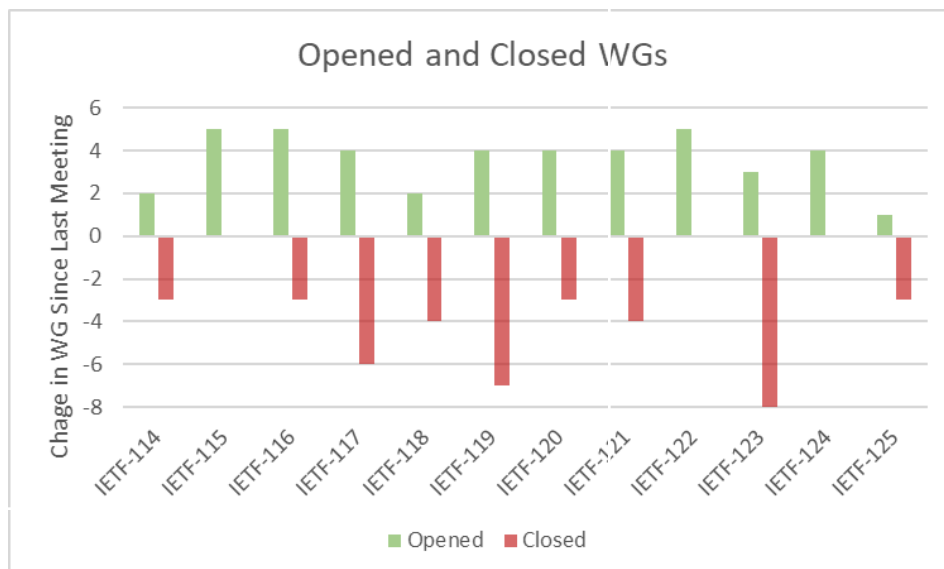
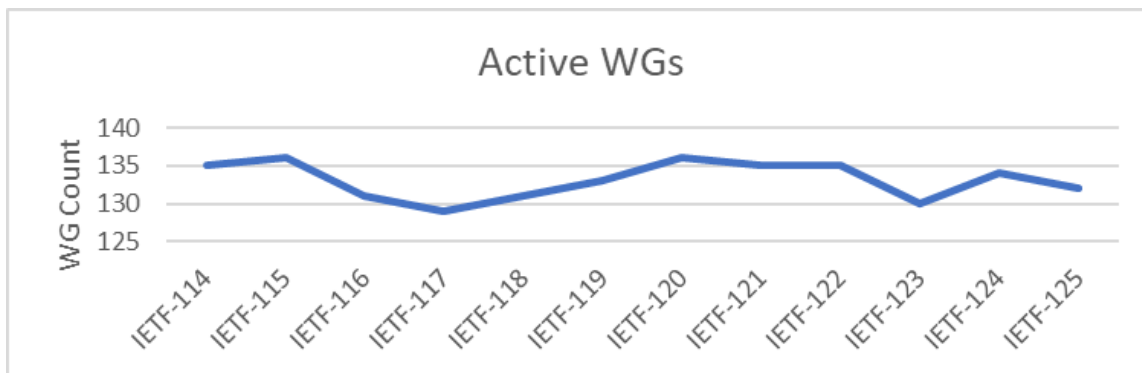
Working Groups that re-chartered:

- [Electronic Data Interchange-Internet Integration \(ediint\)](#) in ART
- [Congestion Control Working Group \(ccwg\)](#) in WIT
- [Lightweight Authenticated Key Exchange \(lake\)](#) in SEC
- [SIDR Operations \(sidrops\)](#) in OPS

Working Groups that concluded:

- [Automatic SIP trunking And Peering \(asap\)](#) in ART
- [Oblivious HTTP Application Intermediation \(ohai\)](#) in SEC
- [Trusted Execution Environment Provisioning \(teep\)](#) in SEC

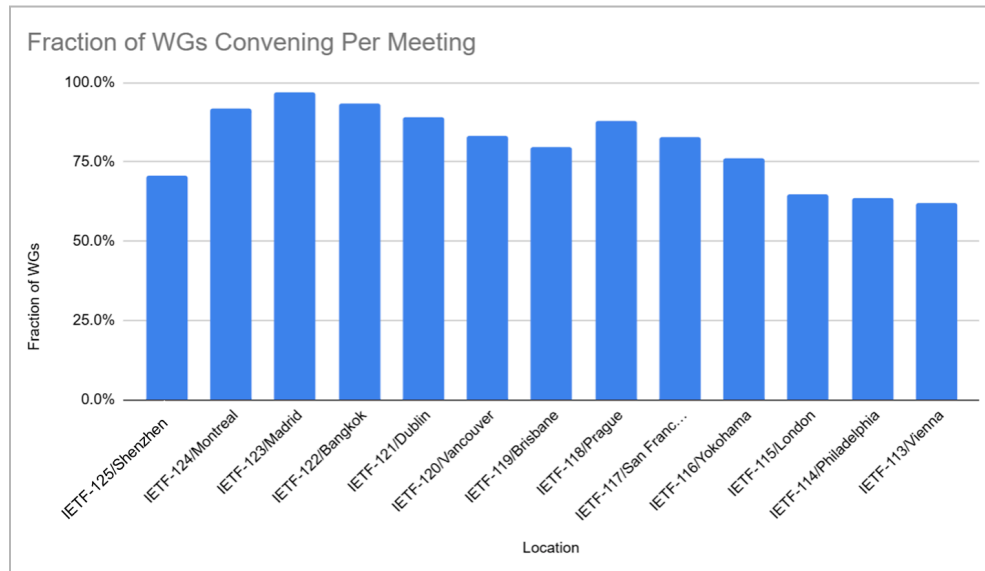
To place the WG creation and conclusion actions in context of historical activity, see the following charts:



BOFs at IETF 125:

- [Operationalizing Network & Service abstractionNs](#) (onsen) in OPS
- [Coordinating Agent To Agent List of efforts](#) (catalist) in ART

WGs Convening at IETF 125:



New non-WG mailing lists

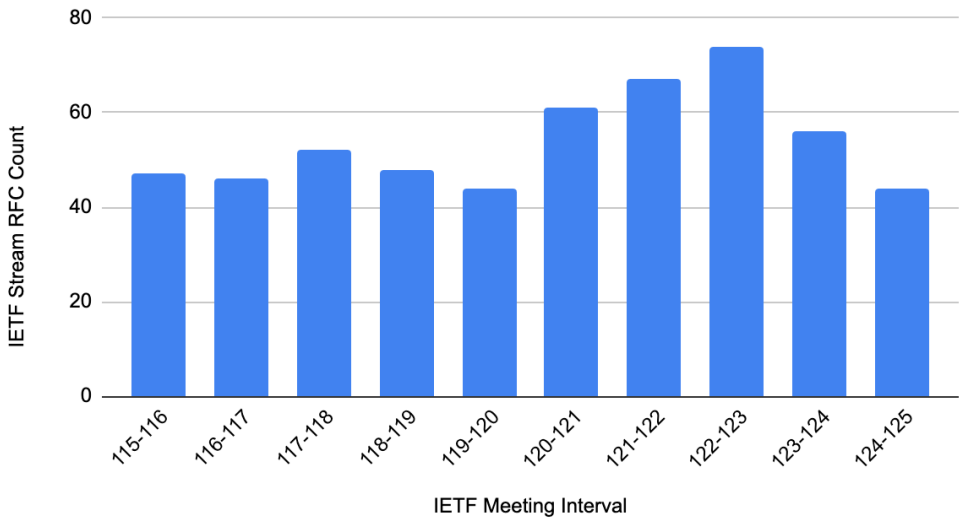
The following non-WG mailing lists have been created since IETF 123:

- [Zero-Knowledge in Practice \(zip\)](#)
- [Customer-Facing Relay \(cfr\)](#)
- [Rfc4082-update \(rfc4082-update\)](#)
- [The Storage-Aware Routing \(star\)](#)
- [Practical Cyber Security \(practical-cybersecurity\)](#)

Published RFCs

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

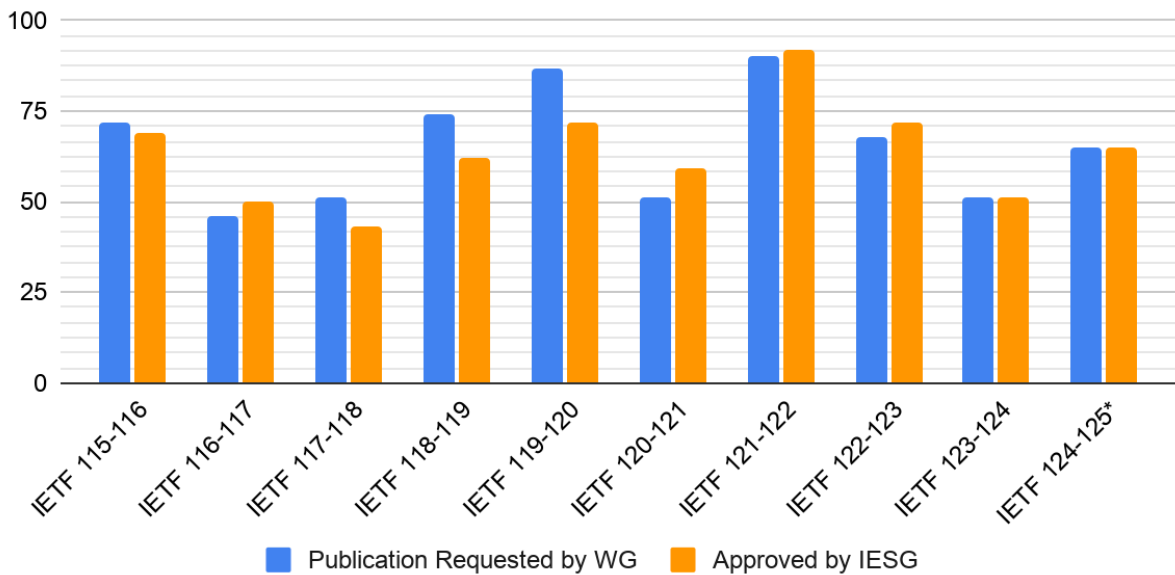
RFCs Published in the IETF Stream (as of 2026-03-13)



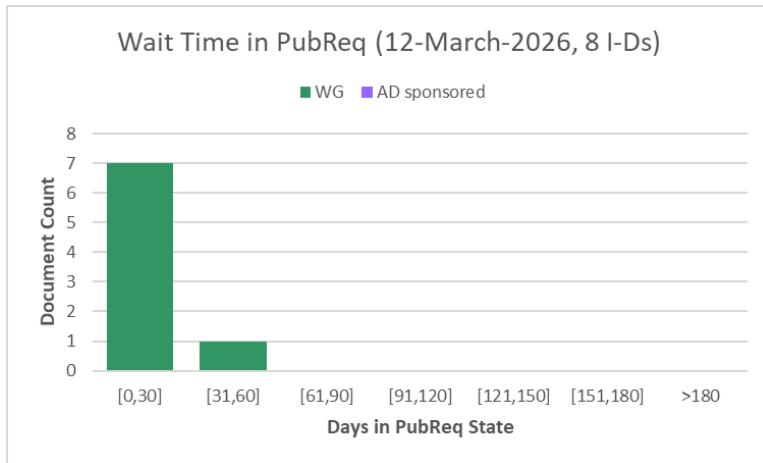
IESG Document Processing

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").

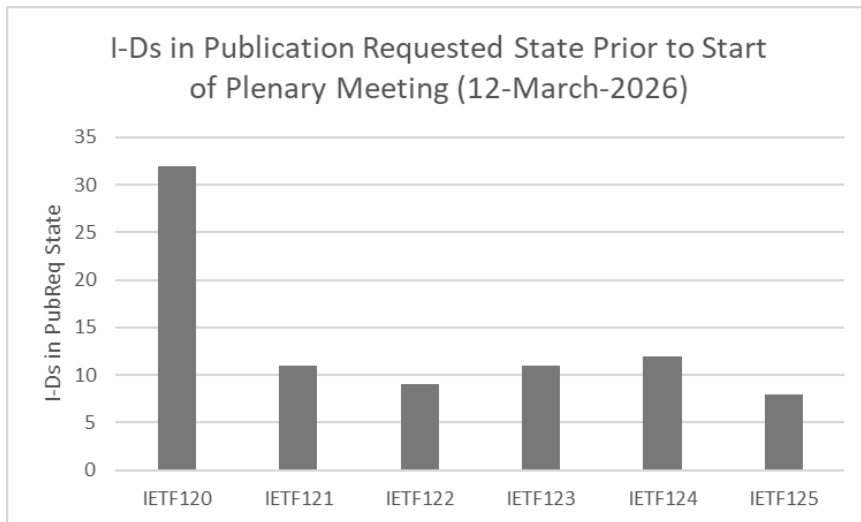
Documents Sent to and Approved by the IESG (as of 2026-03-12)



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 two appeals response since IETF 124:

- Complaint to IESG regarding censorship of dissent
 - [Appeal version 1](#)
 - [Appeal version 2](#)
 - [IESG Follow-Up](#)
 - [IESG Response](#)
- [Complaint to IESG regarding a declaration of consensus to adopt a non-hybrid draft](#)
 - [IESG Follow-Up](#)
 - [IESG Response](#)

IESG Statements

There have been no new IESG statements since IETF 124.

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.

Ombudsteam Report

The Ombudsteam reports in the timeframe between IETF 124 - IETF 125 the following interactions occurred:

- 2 cases related to in-person behavior
- 1 request for advice
- 2 prior appeals were closed

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](#). The following additional dashboards have been 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.