

High level guidance for the IETF
meeting policy
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What is the draft about?

- The IETF currently strives to have a 1-1-1-* meeting policy
 - the goal is to distribute the meetings equally between North America, Europe, and Asia
 - These are the locations most of the IETF participants have come from in the recent past.
- This policy has neither been defined precisely nor written into an IETF consensus document.
- This draft provides an initial definition of the policy
 - The goal is to eventually get a consensus-backed version published as a BCP.

Goal(s) of the meeting policy

- Primary stated goal
 - Distribute the travel pain for the IETF participants who physically attend meetings
 - Distribute the timezone pain for those who participate remotely
- Potential goal*
 - Attract new participants to the IETF

The 1-1-1-* meeting policy

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 - IETF meetings between North America, Europe, and Asia
- The 1-1-1-* meeting policy
 - slightly modified version of the 1-1-1 meeting policy
 - allows for additional flexibility in the form of a wildcard meeting denoted as a "*"
 - wildcard meeting can be used to experiment with exceptional meetings without extensively impacting the regular meetings
 - e.g. wildcard meetings can include
 - Meetings in other geographical regions,
 - Fully virtual meetings
 - Additional meetings past the three regular meetings in a calendar year

Finer points

- It is not required to strongly adhere to the 1-1-1 policy every calendar year
 - Allows for handling of logistical issues
 - Fine as long as disruptions in a year are compensated for over a longer term
- The policy would need to be periodically evaluated and revised to ensure that the stated goals continue to be met
 - to account dynamic nature of participant distribution in the IETF
- IAOC will be responsible for the implementation the policy

Open issues for discussion

#1 Should attracting new participants one of the stated goals of this policy?

#2 Do we need a more precise definition of the geographical regions?

– If so, how do we go about it. (UN, RIR based etc.)

#3 Do we need to specify a mechanism in this draft to initiate wildcard meeting proposals?

#4 Should the re-evaluation be periodic or need based?

Questions?