

# Regular abuse-c validation 2017-02

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# WHY?

- **RIPE Community committed to improving trust and safety in the IP space**
- **Accurate and validated information in RIPE database**
  - ▶ trusted environment for network operators
  - ▶ internet troubleshooting at all levels
  - ▶ help attribute malicious activities
- **Valid contact points**
  - ▶ ensuring security and reliability of networks
  - ▶ ensuring accountability of IP resource holders
  - ▶ ensuring public can resolve abusive practices
  - ▶ ensure effectiveness of existing abuse reporting systems

# How did we get there?

- **2012:** ripe-563 => mandatory “abuse-c:” contact attribute
  - ▶ contact info for automatic and manual reports of abusive behaviour
  - ▶ abuse-c: = part of RIPE community accountability model
- **BUT no validation mechanism** => out of date and inaccurate / no valid contact point
  - ▶ Undermines the objective of ripe-563
  - ▶ RIPE NCC = hundreds of reports of invalid contact information
  - ▶ 2011-06 impact analysis: “data accuracy will be tackled in separate policy proposal”
- **2017:** Proposal “Regular abuse-c validation” 2017-02
  - ▶ complement ripe-563
  - ▶ Data accuracy issues not within the scope of ripe-563

# Proposal

- Objective:

- ▶ increase the technical reachability of abuse-c: contact
- ▶ reduce likelihood of unresponsive abuse-c: contact

- How?

1. Mandate RIPE NCC to validate “abuse-mailbox” at least once a year
2. Mandate RIPE NCC to follow up with resource holder in case contact found invalid and resolve the issue in the most flexible manner.
3. Last resort : if resource holder does not cooperate => RIPE NCC could trigger ripe-676

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```
inetnum:          92.128.0.0 - 92.128.0.255
netname:          IP2000-ADSL-BAS
descr:           BSMS0655 Montsouris Bloc 1
country:         FR
admin-c:         WITR1-RIPE
tech-c:         WITR1-RIPE
status:         ASSIGNED PA
remarks:         for hacking, spamming or security problems send mail
to
remarks:         abuse@orange.fr
mnt-by:         FT-BBX
created:         2008-03-19T13:54:24Z
last-modified:   2015-02-06T09:29:36Z
source:         RIPE
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# Discussion phase

- **Too costly, too bureaucratic, too “aggressive”, Too much regulation!**
- **I do what I want with my resources! De-registration is property theft!**
- **Alternative: Assisted Registry Check (ARC)?**
- **Concrete procedure?**
- **Auto-response?**
- **Legacy resource holders?**

# Alternative?

- Assisted Registry Check (ARC)
  - ▶ help members to strengthen registry data
  - ▶ cover 4 areas:
    1. registry consistency
    2. resource consistency
    3. route/rDNS consistency
    4. resource certification (RPKI)
  - ▶ ARC reviews = 25-30% of memberships / year
- ARC not designed for the validation of abuse-c: contact

# Procedure

- **RIPE NCC best placed to evaluate resources required**
- **Impact Analysis in 4 weeks => detailed procedure**
- **Proposed main steps:**
  1. Validate “abuse-mailbox” at least once a year => email / human interaction
  2. If no valid response within **14 days** (including bounce back + automatic response without valid contact details) = “unresponsive” => marked “invalid”
  3. RIPE NCC engage with resource holder and require to correct the issue = dialogue
  4. **2 months** (TBC) - obvious unwillingness to cooperate and resolve the issue => trigger ripe-676 procedure



# Auto-response

- “Valid” IF leads to human interaction to say “Hello! this email is being monitored!”
- Ticket = “valid” if leads to human interaction in 14 days.
- Form = NCC to fill the form? Form not accepted as valid response?

# Legacy resource holders

- Not directly impacted
- Committed to same objective of safety, accountability and trust in IP space

# Version 2.0

- Feedback from the community
- Finalise version 2.0
- RIPE NCC creates impact analysis on version 2
- Kick off the review phase

# Speak out!

- **Have you ever been frustrated:**
  - ▶ because no valid abuse-c: / contact details to resolve abusive practice or for troubleshooting?
  - ▶ by free rider attitudes: enjoy stable environment but no clean up?
- **Do you think that this proposal is:**
  - ▶ common sense?
  - ▶ won't resolve everything, but is a step in the right direction?

**Contribute to the conversation**

send an email to [anti-abuse-wg@ripe.net](mailto:anti-abuse-wg@ripe.net)

# THANK YOU

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