RIPE NCC
RIPE NETWORK COORDINATION CENTER

Introduction to RIPE Meetings

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What will we talk about?

- The RIPE community and the RIPE NCC
- RIPE Policy Development Process
- RIPE meetings
- RIPE 93 programme
- Logistics
- Social events
- Beyond RIPE 93

About me

- Community Development Specialist
- At the RIPE NCC for 13 years
- Before
  - Organised the RIPE, ENOG and SEE meetings
  - RACI (the RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative)
- Now part of Community Development
  - SEE, MENOG, CAPIF, RIPE NCC Days
  - Community events, NOGs
  - Internet governance
- Bulgarian, lives in Spain



RIPE and the RIPE NCC

RIPE

- A community
- Formed in 1989
- No legal entity or formal membership
- Open, inclusive, bottom-up, transparent
- Sharing information and best practices
- Policy development

RIPE NCC

- Secretariat
- Formed in 1992
- Non-profit, membership organisation
- Neutral and independent
- Over 190 staff in offices in Amsterdam and Dubai
- Provides services
- Implements policies

What is RIPE?

Réseaux IP Européens

- French for "European IP Networks"
- Public archives
- Work is structured around:
  - Working Groups (WGs)
  - Task Forces (TFs)



Join the mailing list!
ripe.net/mailman/listinfo/ripe-list

Working Groups

- Address Policy
- Connect
- Cooperation
- Database
- DNS
- IPv6
- Measurements, Analysis and Tools (MAT)
- Open Source
- The Internet of Things (IoT)
- RIPE NCC Services
- Routing
- Security

All Working Group and Task Force mailing lists:

ripe.net/participate/mail/ripe-mailing-lists

Task Forces

- Best Current Operational Practices Task Force (BCOP)
- Recently closed:
  - DNS Resolver Best Common Practice Task Force
  - Code of Conduct
  - RIPE Database Requirements

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RIPE Chair Team

- The role of the RIPE Chair is to ensure the smooth functioning of the RIPE community
- There is a RIPE Chair and RIPE Vice Chair



Mirjam Kühne
RIPE Chair

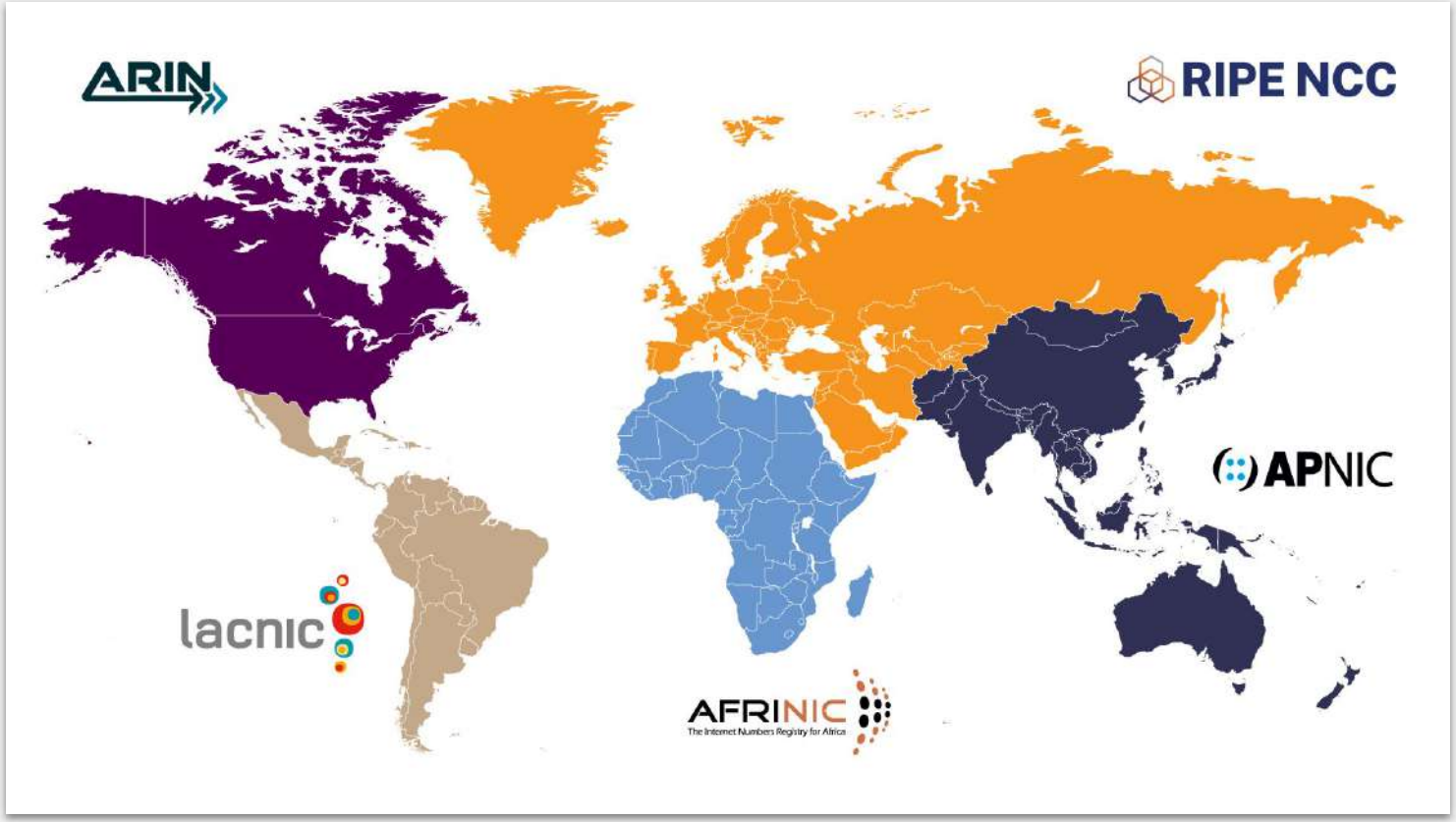


Anna Wilson
RIPE Vice Chair

The RIPE NCC

- One of five Regional Internet Registries in the world:
  - Allocates and registers blocks of Internet number resources to ISPs and other organisations
- Provides a number of technical services and tools
  - K-root, RIPE Atlas, RIPEstat, RIS
- Involved in public policy discussions and Internet governance

Where are the RIRs?



The RIPE NCC Executive Board



The RIPE Policy Development Process

The RIPE Policies

- Developed by and for the RIPE community
- Specify how Internet number resources (IPv4, IPv6 addresses, AS Numbers) are distributed, managed, registered and transferred
- Apply only to the RIPE NCC service region

The RIPE Policy Development Process

- Proposals can be discussed on
  - Mailing lists / Forum / Social Media / Meetings
- Decisions based on
  - RIPE WG Mailing list discussions
- ‘Rough Consensus’
  - Properly address all concerns and objections
  - Work out differences
  - **No** voting or counting
- ripe.net/participate/policies

Participate in the RIPE PDP

- Sign up for the Policy Development Process Announcements mailing list
  - ripe.net/policy-announce
- Join discussions about policy proposals
- Stay up-to-date with new policies
  - ripe.net/publications/docs/ripe-policies
- Propose a new policy



Who does what?

- The RIPE community:
  - Creates and discusses proposals
  - Seeks consensus
- RIPE Working Group (WG) chairs:
  - Accept proposals
  - Chair the discussions
  - Decide if consensus has been reached
- The RIPE NCC:
  - Acts as the secretariat to support the process
  - Publishes policy documents and implements them

RIPE Meetings

What is a RIPE Meeting

- Five-day event where ISPs, network operators and other interested parties gather to
  - Discuss policies and procedures to allocate IP addresses and ASNs
  - Discuss current technical and policy issues
  - Share experiences, latest developments and best common practices
  - Network with peers
- Usually held twice a year





RIPE NCC General Meeting

- Discuss the RIPE NCC operations and activities
- Give feedback on the draft RIPE NCC Activity Plan and Budget
- Vote on
  - Charging Scheme
  - Executive Board
  - Financial Report
  - Other resolutions
  - It’s a separate meeting
- Open to RIPE NCC members only



Newcomers

- Around 25% of the attendees are newcomers
- On Monday
  - Newcomers Introduction
  - Newcomers Lunch
  - Meet & Greet desk
- We want to hear from you:
  - Come to the mic
  - Talk to us during the coffee breaks



RIPE 93 Programme

Types of sessions

- Decided by the Programme Committee (PC)
  - Plenary
  - Tutorial
  - Birds of a Feather (BoF)
- Decided by the Working Group Chairs
  - Working Groups
- Topics are expected to be non-commercial
- The General Meeting is a separate meeting that takes place at the same time.*

Interactive Meeting Plan

	Monday, 26 Oct		Tuesday, 27 Oct		Wednesday, 28 Oct		Thursday, 29 Oct		Friday, 30 Oct	
08:30	Welcome Coffee		Welcome Coffee		Welcome Coffee		Welcome Coffee		Welcome Coffee	
09:00	Tutorial	Tutorial	Plenary		Connect	Open Source	IPv6	Database		
09:30									Plenary	
10:00										
10:30			Coffee Break		Coffee Break		Coffee Break		GM Results	Coffee Break
11:00	Coffee Break		Plenary		Routing	Cooperation	Address Policy	DNS	Closing Plenary	
11:30	Newcomer's Introduction									
12:00										
12:30	Newcomers' Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch		Lunch		Lunch	
13:00										
13:30										
14:00	Opening Plenary		Plenary		RIPE NCC Services		Address Policy	IoT		
14:30										
15:00										
15:30	Coffee Break		Coffee Break		Coffee Break		Coffee Break			
16:00	Plenary		MAT	Security	General Meeting		RIPE Community Plenary			
16:30										
17:00										
17:30	Coffee Break		Coffee Break				Coffee Break			
18:00	BoF	BoF	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Tech				BoF	BoF		
18:30										

Legend

- Main Room
- Side Room
- General Meeting
- Intermission

RIPE Meeting Archives

- RIPE Meeting sessions are recorded and archived
- You can find the videos at:
  - ripe92.ripe.net/presentations/presentation-archive
  - where XX is the number of the RIPE meeting (93, 92, etc)
- WG sessions are also minuted
- Watching the recordings will give you a good idea of the work of the Working Groups

Programme Committee



Massimiliano Stucchi
PC Chair



Brian Nisbet
Vice Chair



Osama Al-Dosary
MENOG Representative



Jan Žorž
SEE Representative



Svetoslav Naydenov
Host Representative



Annika Hannig



Clara Wade



Babak Farrokhi



Antonio Prado



Mikhail Anisimov
CAPIF representative



Amedeo Beck Peccoz



Paulius Judickas



Matt Parker

Working Group Chairs

Address Policy


Franziska Lichtblau


Leslie Nobile


Alex le Heux

Connect


Will van Gulik


Paul Hoogsteder


Stavros Konstantaros

Cooperation


Achilleas Kemos


Peter Koch


Desiree Miloshevic

Database


David Tatlisu


Peter Hessler

DNS


Yevheniya Nosyk


Marc van der Wal


Ulrich Wisser

IoT


Ramona Marfievici


Anna Maria Mandalari

IPv6


Raymond Jetten


Christian Seitz


Wolfgang Tremmel

MAT


Massimo Candela


Stephen Strowes

Open Source


Marco d'Itri


Marcos Sanz


Sasha Romjin

RIPE NCC Services


Rob Evans


Stefan Wahl


János Zsakó

Routing


Ignas Bagdonas


Sebastian Becker


Ben Cartwright-Cox

Security


Brian Nisbet


Markus de Brün


Tobias Knecht

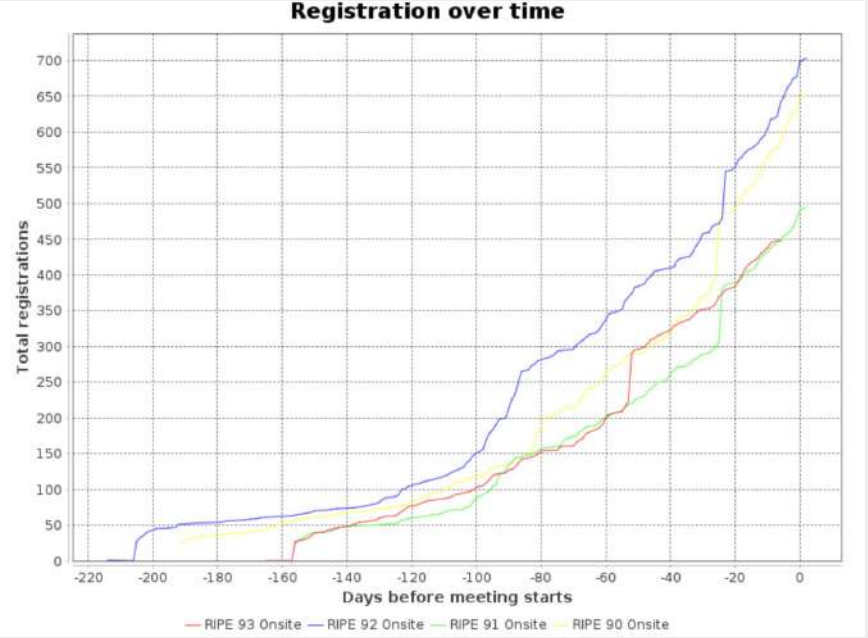
Not too late to submit Lightning Talks!

- Great way to make a first impression!
- 10 minutes, including Q&A
- May or may not include slides
- Announced on short notice
- ripe93.ripe.net/present/call-for-presentations

Logistics

Registration Stats On Site

- 450 registrations so far
  - 100 newcomers
  - 107 members
  - 70 staff
  - 54 countries
- Attendee list
  - Can view profile picture and contact details once logged in
  - ripe93.ripe.net/attend/attendee-list



Registration Stats Online

- 150 registrations so far
  - 40 newcomers
  - 46 members
  - 48 countries
- Attendee list
  - Can view profile picture and contact details once logged in
  - ripe93.ripe.net/attend/attendee-list



Country and Venue

- Currency: euro (€, EUR)
- Electricity socket type C and F
- Dialing country code: +359





- Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia
  89B, Vitosha Boulevard, 1463 Sofia
  +359 2 445 6789

- Parking on levels -2 and -3
- €20 per day for guests of the hotel and €3.50 per hour for visitors
- Cheaper parking options available off-site

Getting to the Venue

- Local apps: Yellow!, TaxiMe and OK Taxi
- From airport:
  - Taxi: 13-25 min drive (€12-17)
  - Sofia Airport Metro Station is located next to Terminal 2. Take the metro to Serdika Station, change to Line 2 and travel one more stop to National Palace of Culture (NDK) Station. The venue is 10 minute walk from there.
- From the venue:
  - 10 min walk to pedestrian Vitosha boulevard
  - 25 min walk to Borisova gradina park
  - 35 min walk to Aleksandar Nevski Cathedral
  - ripe93.ripe.net/on-site/getting-there

About Sofia

- GMT +3 / UTC+3 time zone
- Debit card payments are common - ask if places accept credit cards and cash
- Safe, the usual big city, common sense safety rules apply
- Emergency numbers: 112
- ripe93.ripe.net/on-site/guide-to-city/



Meetecho

- You will receive confirmation email with a link to the Meetecho Desktop in the morning of the RIPE Meeting
- You will enter the platform as ‘Participant’ with the name entered during registration
- Participants will be recognised by the laptop icon next to their name
- The platform allows you to
  - View the presentations
  - Use the chat
  - Join the mic/video queue
  - Ask questions in writing
  - View stenography
  - Join polls
  - Change rooms

Join the queue



To speak, click the microphone or camera icon.

This will add you to the queue.

Ask questions



Type your question in the Q&A window.

Your question will be read out.

Chat



Chat with your fellow attendees in the Chat window.

Mentoring

- Matching experienced community members with newcomers
- Provide your mentor with an idea of what you want to achieve at the RIPE Meeting and how they can help you
- Contact your mentor when you have questions

Social Events

Newcomers' Lunch
Mon, 26 Oct | 12:30 – 14:00
Floor 3, Da Vinci Hall



Welcome Reception
Mon, 26 Oct | 19:00 – 00:00
Ozone Skybar and Lounge (29th floor)



Networking Event
Tue, 27 Oct | 21:00 – 01:00
The 1 Exclusive



Social Events

Board Games BoF
Wed, 28 Oct | 18:00 – 20:30
Newton Hall, Floor 2



DIY Social
Wed, 28 Oct



RIPE Dinner
Thu, 29 Oct | 19:30 – 01:00
Laura Restaurant (located in NDK)



Other things going on…

- Newcomers’ Kahoot! quiz on Monday
- Grab a yellow lanyard from reg desk if you don’t want to be in photos
- Masks and COVID-19 self-tests available at the registration desk
- Look out for informal gatherings set up by other attendees…
    - Some of them get posted on the forum (forum.ripe.net)



Other things going on...

- RIPE NCC Services Desk
- IT Support Desk
- Assisted Registry Checks (ARCs)
- Learning & Development needs assessment
- User Research for self-check ARC
- RACI poster sessions

Certified Professionals Exams at RIPE 93

- Book your exam: https://ripe93.ripe.net/programme/parallel-events/ripe-ncc-academy-certification-exams/
- Prepare: academy.ripe.net
- Slots available on a first-come, first-served basis
- ~ 60 minutes, arrive ~15 minutes prior; bring a photo ID



Beyond RIPE 93

Fellowship

- Aims to increase participation from under-represented regions and groups
- Receive ticket, flight and accommodation for the meeting
- Expanded coaching and learning component
- Call for applications for RIPE 94 and RIPE 95 is open until **23 November**
- ripe.net/fellowship



RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative (RACI)



- Connect RIPE with the research community
- Offers academics the chance to present to industry, make connections and get feedback
- Receive ticket, flight and accommodation for the meeting
- Call for applications closes two months before the meeting
- ripe.net/raci

Regional Meetings



ripe.net/see



ripe.net/capif



menog.org

To Do: Set Your Personal Goals

- Get to know some of the RIPE Chair team, the Working Group Chairs, the Programme Committee, and the RIPE NCC Executive Board
- Read about the RIPE NCC Policy Development Process (PDP)
- Make a list of your goals for the RIPE Meeting
  - Which sessions interest you? Check the agenda.
  - Who would you like to connect with? Check the attendee list.
- Plan your trip
- Register in advance if you want to take a RIPE NCC Certified Professionals exam
- Decide if you want to submit a Lightning Talk



Newcomers' Survey

Please help us improve the meeting.
Fill this in by **23 October**

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US !

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