Generic Names Supporting Organisation

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GNSO Purpose

• Responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains
• com, net, org, biz, info, aero, coop, museum, pro, name
• http://www.gnso.icann.org
Project management

- Analysis – issues report
- Requirements – policy development
- High level design – implementability
- Detailed design – policy in legal form
- Implementation – make changes
- Testing – measure against policy objective
- Monitoring – compliance and enforcement
- Continuous improvement – refine policy
Project timelines

• Vary depending on complexity of project and degree of early consensus
• Need to make incremental steps within months rather than years
• Continuously improve
• Keep volunteers motivated
• Improve ICANN’s reputation externally
WHOIS Project status

- WHOIS policy minor upgrade – March 2003
  - v1.1 WHOIS data reminder policy (WDRP)
  - v1.2 Redeemed names on hold until accurate details
  - v1.3 Prevent use of bulk access for marketing
  - v1.4 Prevent resale of bulk access
- v1.1 in testing
- v2.0 – major upgrade ??
  - in requirements development
Transfers project update

• Transfers major policy upgrade – Apr 2003
• V2.0 – legal policy published July 2004
• Implementation due – 12 Nov 2004
• Testing not yet defined
• Monitoring will be critical and partially led to failure of v1.0
Deletes project update

- Deletes policy minor upgrade – Oct 2003
  - v1.1 Uniform deletion practice after expiry
    - special circumstances in case of UDRP dispute
- V1.1 – not yet in legal form
- Board approved Verisign wait list service – March 04
  - Registry agreement not yet revised
- Many new registrars focussed on re-registering names immediately after delete
  - Inefficient use of registry resources
  - Raises further policy and compliance issues
Advice on .net criteria

• Subcommittee of Council formed–1 apr 04
• Advice on criteria nearly finalised and will be voted on by Council in the next couple of weeks
• Council welcomes input
Approval process for changes to gtld registry agreements

• Issues report complete in Nov 03
• Initial report due in next couple of weeks
• General steps
  – Determine if approval is required
  – Quick look
  – Detailed review if quick look raises issues
  – Reconsideration process available
• Two broad criteria to guide decisions
  – Competition and Security/stability