

IETF Chair and IESG Report

IETF 116

This report, sent out before IETF 116 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 \(iesg@ietf.org\)](mailto: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, 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 116

IETF 116 will be a hybrid meeting, [as announced](#), meaning that both in-person participation in Yokohama and remote participation are possible. We still expect a larger than usual fraction of the participants to be remote, compared to pre-pandemic meetings. While the final headcounts were still in flux at the time of writing, in-person registrations appear to be on track to returning to pre-pandemic levels for a meeting in Asia.

A detailed agenda for IETF 116 is available. At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 00:30 UTC (09:30 JST) each day. A [participant guide](#) is available, and the [meeting FAQ](#) answers many practical questions related to in-person and remote participation. Participants interested in new topics – experienced and new participants alike – can consult the blog post on suggested [IETF 116 sessions for getting familiar with new topics](#).

IETF 116 is the fourth hybrid IETF meeting and we are still refining the use of the Meetecho conferencing platform in new ways. For example, in-person participants must use Meetecho (or the recent Meetecho-lite version for mobile devices) to sign virtual blue sheets, join the

microphone queues, and participate in any chair-initiated polls. You may want to [get familiar with Meetecho](#) before the meeting. Please send your feedback about the meeting tooling to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

Although the host country Japan recently loosened COVID masking requirements, and the IETF 116 venue followed suit, the [IETF LLC and IESG decided to go ahead with the previously-communicated masking policy](#), which is essentially unchanged from IETF 115. The main reason was that Japan changed policies less than two weeks before the start of IETF 116, which did not leave sufficient time for a community consultation, and many participants had booked travel based on the communicated masking policy. For IETF 117 and beyond, the IETF LLC and IESG [have proposed to the community](#) to only adhere to local COVID regulations.

Meeting sponsors

Our Meeting Host is **WIDE Project**. Thank you!



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Hackathon

The IETF 116 Hackathon was held Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26, 2023 in Yokohama, Japan. The IETF Hackathons are open to everyone. The Hackathon is a collaborative event, not a competition. Any competition is friendly and in the spirit of advancing the pace and relevance of new and evolving Internet standards.

The IETF Tools Team held their regular Codesprint on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Working Group actions

The following changes have occurred since IETF 115:

New Working Groups that were approved:

- [Computing-Aware Traffic Steering \(cats\)](#)
- [More Instant Messaging Interoperability \(mimi\)](#)
- [Post-Quantum Use In Protocols \(pquip\)](#)
- [Secure Asset Transfer Protocol \(satp\)](#)
- [Static Context Header Compression \(schc\)](#)
- [Time Variant Routing \(tvr\)](#)

Working Groups that rechartered:

- [Domain Keys Identified Mail \(dkim\)](#)
- [Javascript Object Signing and Encryption \(jose\)](#)
- [RADIUS EXTensions \(radext\)](#)

BOFs at IETF 116:

- [BPF/eBPF \(bpf\)](#)
- [Domain Boundaries \(dbound2\)](#)
- [Key Transparency \(keytrans\)](#)
- [Structured Email \(sml\)](#)
- [vCon \(vcon\)](#)

Working Groups that concluded:

- [Home Networking \(homenet\)](#)
- [IP Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments \(ipwave\)](#)
- [Web Packaging \(wpack\)](#)

New non-WG mailing lists:

- [Certificates without PKIX](#)
- [CONGestion RESponse and Signaling](#)
- [DetNet WG Enhanced Data Plane Design Team](#)
- [Environmental Impacts of the IETF](#)
- [HotRFC Lightning Talk Submissions](#)
- [Inventory Management using YANG](#)
- [Low Latency, Low Loss, Scalable Throughput \(L4S\) Discussion](#)
- [Metaverse Discussion](#)
- [Special Use Domains in RFC 6761](#)

Currently running experiments

In general, the IESG would like to encourage experimenting and trying new things. If you have ideas about potentially useful things to try, try them and tell the rest of us!

Appeals

There have been no appeals to the IESG since IETF 115.

IESG Statements

- 2023-03-15 - [IESG Statement on Second Report on the RFC 8989 Experiment](#)
- 2023-01-27 - [Statement on Guidance on In-Person and Online Interim Meetings \(updated\)](#)

IESG Announcements

- 2022-12-14 - [IESG Reappoints Stephan Wenger to the IETF Trust](#)

Our standards for professional behavior

IETF meetings, virtual meetings, and mailing lists 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.

We also expect civil behavior on all our mailing lists, including the ietf@ietf.org discussion list. There are multiple mechanisms to help list discussions stay focused and appropriate.

Keeping up with the IESG

The IESG formal telechat calls 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 also available. We post both short and narrative [minutes](#). And of course, the best place to follow what is going on with a particular document is the [datatracker](#). The relevant actions such as significant comments from the IESG continue to be automatically emailed to the relevant WG mailing list.

During the IETF 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: never hesitate to contact them even for a simple chat over a cup of coffee.

The IESG continues to work on increasing transparency. We encourage feedback on what aspects need improvement. One item we’d like to call out is the availability of a dashboard giving an overview of the IESG workload, with links to detailed information about each AD’s document processing. The dashboard is in the datatracker at <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/ad>. While this has been available for some time, community feedback seems to indicate that this is not well-known.