



Joint RIR Stability Fund

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Background

- **Financial stability of the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) system is an essential function in global Internet operations**
- **Variety of unforeseen conditions have potential to adversely impact an RIR's financial health**
- **The Number Resource Organization's Executive Committee suggests that, in case of an impacting financial event impacting an RIR, those RIRs with available reserves should be consider supporting RIR in need of financial support**
- **Financial support would be provided only when absolutely needed, and conditioned upon complete financial transparency**

RIR Stability Fund Proposal

- **The motivation for establishing a Joint RIR Stability Fund is to guarantee the continued operation of the registry and ongoing support for the Internet Number Resource policy development community. RIR activities which are not registry- or policy development related do not qualify for support from this fund.**
- **The Joint Regional Internet Registry Stability Fund will be established through voluntary pledges of funds, publicly documented, from individual RIRs' reserves. Each RIR would pledge an amount of funds available for Joint RIR Stability, and amounts may vary by RIR. Pledged funds would remain with the RIR.**
- **The fund is to be used in case of need, to guarantee the continuity of registry operations and related support activities, the latter prominently including regional and global policy development processes. Any use of funds will be contingent upon having public reporting of audited financials.**
- **Beyond the financial aspects, the RIRs may commit to support in kind as appropriate (staff, services, housing), the cost of which will be covered by this fund.**

RIR Stability Fund Access

- **Access to pledged Joint RIR stability funds would need to be made by an RIR seeking financial support, and providing detailed financial statement and recovery plan**
- **Upon review and acceptance by the NRO EC, each RIR would be requested to review the request and approve the transfer of funds (no more than the amount pledged) to the RIR needing financial support**

ARIN Participation Proposal

- **Proposed ARIN approval process for access to pledged RIR Stability Fund reserves -**
 1. **A detailed briefing to the ARIN Board on the request, including financials and recovery plan**
 2. **ARIN Board approval to release committed funds**
 3. **ARIN CEO to provide Board quarterly reporting of RIR recovery status**
- **ARIN to pledge \$250,000 USD to the RIR Stability Fund**
- **The RIR Stability Fund is unlikely to be needed, but a reasonable precaution**