

Plan to eliminate the Continued Operations Instrument in subsequent rounds of new gTLDs

As noted in the [Operational Design Assessment](#) (p.241), during the 2012 round of the New gTLD Program, the Continued Operations Instrument (COI) led to significant burdens for applicants and ICANN org in “managing almost 2000 COIs at the peak of the 2012 round.”

Following the Board’s action on recommendation 22.7 (See p.99 of the [Final Report](#)), ICANN org has decided to discontinue the COI and is now assessing what a replacement of the COI could look like and how to best ensure that there are adequate resources available to mitigate any potential EBERO event.

We plan to share our proposal around this issue with the IRT at the earliest convenience - currently envisioned for Q1 2024. However, we decided to reach to you at this stage, so that the GNSO small team can determine, based on this new information, whether it wants to start on discussing a supplemental recommendation on 22.7 or whether it may want to focus on other topics first and assess, once the ICANN org proposal is public, whether to still pursue a supplemental recommendations for 22.7.