

Public Acting Executive Director Report

For the IETF Administration LLC Board meeting on 14 January 2026

12 January 2026

This report is provided by the Acting IETF Executive Director and is taken as read. This report is public.

1. Strategic Matters

Nothing to report.

2. Policies

Antitrust training

A final sign-off from legal on the custom course for the IETF produced by staff is expected shortly. Once that is complete, it will be used to produce a variety of training formats.

3. Finance

Audit

Planning work for the audit is complete. The year-end audit work is scheduled to start mid-February.

2026 Budget

The draft 2026 budget was sent to the [community for feedback](#) by 9 January 2026. As of 7 January, no feedback has been received. A further verbal update will be provided for any feedback received before the board meeting.

A few adjustments based on better information available after the draft budget was shared are reflected in an updated 2026 budget provided to the board on 5 January.

4. RFPs and contracts

Secretariat RFP(s)

This will be discussed in the Board + ED section of the agenda with the Director of Finance in attendance.

5. Meetings

IETF 125 Shenzhen

The plan for managing equipment is being tested during the pre-meeting venue visit taking place the week of 11 January.

Remote rooms

A [consultation on a new "remote rooms" feature](#) initiated on 23 December 2025 has generated some feedback. For the proposed approach using the new Meetecho feature, this has included comments about costs and fees, and the agreement required of organizers. There have also been questions about operational details such as audio set up and how chairs might participate from remote rooms.

To help better understand specifics about these issues, an experiment for IETF 125 is proposed that would not require fees and would limit the number of remote rooms. This would allow working through issues of costs and setup with remote room organizers and participants. Information gathered in the experiment would be used to inform plans for future editions.

6. Tools/RPC/RSWG/RSCE

Updates on Tools and RPC work are now being shared monthly via email. With the return from year-end break not all of them were ready in time to be included in the initial edition of this report.

Tools update

A new structure for communicating the tools roadmap has been proposed and feedback already received is being taken into account to adjust the content; a community call in the next few weeks will discuss the roadmap further. A primary focus is the RFC Production Center modernization task, which addresses issues that must be resolved before publication of RFC10000, which is expected between IETF 125 and IETF 126. A number of

other areas of work underway, though at a lower priority, include refactoring Datatracker to make it more performant, progressing the IESB dashboard and IAB liaison management tooling projects, and stabilizing the mail system. The [full update for January 2026](#) has further details.

7. IESG/IAB/IRTF/Trust

Nothing to report.

8. Communications/Outreach

Research and insights analyst

Interviews with candidates identified by the recruitment firm engaged to help fill this position have begun.

Annual community survey

The annual community survey is currently underway. This will run until late January with the report due in March.

2025 Snapshot

A 2025 edition of the annual snapshot of IETF activity (cf. [IETF Snapshot 2024](#)) is in progress and an initial edition is expected to be published this month. An update with information from the community survey is planned for March.

9. Fundraising

Nothing to report.

10. Miscellaneous

Nothing to report.