

NOG Community Comments to the RIPE NCC Strategy Proposal 2027-2031

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Background:

The RIPE NCC is currently finalising its 2027-2031 strategy which defines the priorities and investment areas for the upcoming 5 years. Input and comment phase end with closing of the current RIPE92 meeting (Friday 22 May 2026).

Current Draft of the proposed draft strategy:

https://pretalx.ripe.net/media/ripe-92/submissions/ZCSWAA/resources/RIPE_NCC_Strategy_20_TCR3iCi.pdf

General Comment:

- RIPE NCC today is very actively involved and supporting Network Operator Groups across the service region. This is highly appreciated, and foundationally required and our aim is to ensure for the next strategy period (2027 - 2031) this continues at a minimum at this level.
- RIPE NCC over the last years has consistently aimed to establish itself as the overarching “arm” of NOGs (Network Operator Groups) in the service region
- RIPE NCC consistently reports itself as supporting, fostering and engaging with regional and national NOGs
- While the strategy proposal itself references several groups and stakeholders in the “Key Areas” - it does not explicitly reference NOGs or Network Operator Groups.
- While the strategy proposal in the Community Engagement and Coordination section references “Being a Super Connector That Enables Communities” and references “among local and pan-regional technical communities” and “enable communities to operate, grow and renew themselves” - it does not explicitly reference NOGs or Network Operator Groups.

Feedback to the RIPE NCC strategy for 2027 - 2031 draft:

- We ask the RIPE NCC and NCC Executive Board to engage with the supportive parties of the NOG Community ahead of approval of the strategy at the June 2026 Executive Board meeting
- We believe that Network Operator Groups are part of the core foundation of the RIPE Community and should be acknowledged in the strategy as a stakeholder group to ensure they continue to be on the priority list of the RIPE NCC

- We suggest adding language to the RIPE NCC Strategy for 2027 - 2031 which acknowledges the strong bond and the priority of the NOG Community.

NOGs & affiliated groups supporting above feedback

- DENOG (German Network Operators Group)
- NetUK
- LUNOG (through LU-CIX)
- RONOG (through InterLAN-IX)
- GRNOG (Greek / Hellenic NOG)
- PTNOG
- Denesh Bhabuta (long term NOG stakeholder)
- RSNOG (Serbian NOG)
- NLNOG (Dutch Network Operators Group)
- NONOG (Norwegian Network Operators Group)
- ESNOG (Spain / España NOG)
- nog.fi (Finland)
- ITNOG (Italian NOG)
- SwiNOG (Swiss Network Operators Group)
- FRnOG (France)