

Principles for Remuneration of the RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair

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Introduction

The RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair (together, the RIPE Chairs) have roles described in *The RIPE Chair* ([ripe-714](#)). They are selected according to the process set out in *The RIPE Chair Selection Process* ([ripe-787](#)).

Over the years, taking on the role of RIPE Chair has become a significant commitment, as recognized in discussions on the RIPE Discussion List in [2017](#) and [2018](#). The role of RIPE Vice-Chair has subsequently been revived, and involves a comparable level of commitment. The sensitivity to conflicts of interest has increased too.

In 2020 the RIPE Nominating Committee selected Mirjam Kühne as RIPE Chair. Mirjam needed to resign from her job with the RIPE NCC before taking on the role. On recommendation by the Nominations Committee the RIPE NCC offered to provide reasonable remuneration while making [arrangements](#) so that Mirjam can act without undue influence from the RIPE NCC.

During this process questions were raised from the community about providing remuneration for either or both of the RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair, and specifically whether it is appropriate that the RIPE NCC provide such funding.

The RIPE Nominating committee made this recommendation (among others) in its report ([ripe-762](#)), "*Document community consensus about remuneration of the RIPE Chairs*."

At the time of writing the community has had some experience with the [arrangements](#) mentioned above.

Scope

This document describes the principles of the RIPE community for remuneration of the RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair, and makes requests to the RIPE NCC in this regard.

Principles

The community wishes to be sure that the RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair are able to put in the necessary effort for their roles and to stay clear of undue influence, whether actual or perceived.

The RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair will disclose to the community all potential conflicts of interest relating to their respective RIPE leadership role as they arise including how they address them. In particular they will disclose their significant means of subsistence. Nominees for either of these roles will make this disclosure to the RIPE Nominating Committee.

The community requests that the RIPE NCC continue to reimburse the expenses incurred by the RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair in these roles.

The community requests that, upon request by either or both of the RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair, the RIPE NCC provide appropriate remuneration for the time each individual spends performing their respective role.

The community requests that the concrete arrangements for this shall ensure that the RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair can perform their duties without undue influence from the RIPE NCC and that the RIPE NCC inform the community how this is arranged.

The community requests that the RIPE NCC Executive Board take responsibility for implementing these concrete arrangements.

The community requests that the RIPE NCC continue to disclose the total cost of support for the RIPE Chair and Vice-Chair including expenses and any remuneration.

Provenance

The RIPE Chairs started working on this document in mid-2022, taking advice from the RIPE NCC. Daniel Karrenberg subsequently made a more concise draft on request of the RIPE Chairs.

The RIPE NCC has indicated that it will consider the requests made in this document once the community reaches consensus on the final text.

Historical timeline

- 2017-11-25: [initial discussion](#) on RIPE Discussion List started by Erik Bais
- 2018-02-19: [call for further discussion](#) by Nigel Titley
- late 2022: preparation of draft proposal
- 2023-03-07: initial [draft](#) released for community discussion
- 2023-03-dd: call for consensus issued
- 2023-04-dd: consensus declared
- 2023-04-dd: published as RIPE-nnnn

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References

- *The RIPE Chair* ([ripe-714](#))
 - *The RIPE Chair Selection Process* ([ripe-787](#))
 - *2020 RIPE Nominating Committee Report* ([ripe-762](#))
 - *RIPE-list discussion, November 2017* ([initial discussion](#))
 - *RIPE-list discussion, February 2018* ([call for further discussion](#))
 - *RIPE-list announcement, August 2020* ([arrangements](#))
 - *RIPE-list discussion, March 2023* ([draft](#))
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