

Vote Rationale

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Summary

The Cardano Foundation, as a DRep, votes YES on this info action. As the proposer, we are adding our vote to the rest of the community's to show support for this strategic, self-funded initiative. Securing the .ada and .cardano gTLDs is a great opportunity for the entire ecosystem.

Rationale Statement

This info action, submitted by the Cardano Foundation, serves a clear purpose: to gauge on-chain community sentiment and gather a formal record of support for a potential ICANN application for the .ada and .cardano gTLDs.

Our decision to vote "YES" on our own proposal is based on the following:

- **Our Role as a Community DRep:** The purpose of this info action is to measure community support. As a DRep, the Cardano Foundation represents not only its own organizational stance but also the will of the community members delegating their ada to our DRep. We are a part of the community, and we are voting for this strategic initiative on behalf of our delegators as we believe it would be a positive course of action.
- **No Cost to the Treasury:** This is not a request for treasury funds. The Cardano Foundation has committed to using its own financial resources for the entire ICANN application and management process. This info action is purely a request for community endorsement, making it a simple and high-value proposition for ada holders to support.
- **Strategic Importance:** Securing the .ada and .cardano gTLDs is a rare, time-sensitive opportunity that aligns with the upcoming ICANN application window in Q1 2026. These gTLDs are vital for the ecosystem's long-term brand protection, digital identity, and ability to foster Web2-to-Web3 innovations.
- **Commitment to Community Governance:** The Cardano Foundation, as a non-profit dedicated to the development of Cardano as a public digital infrastructure, is the right long-term steward for this project. The proposal's plan to establish a dedicated Community Advisory Group to guide the gTLDs' development ensures this project will be managed in the ecosystem's best interest.

Conclusion

The Cardano Foundation, as a DRep, votes YES. It is a clear, non-controversial step toward strengthening Cardano's digital infrastructure without drawing on treasury resources. We invite the community to join us in supporting this important initiative.

NOTE on 'Internal Voting': The fields *constitutional* and *unconstitutional* below reflect the CF governance teams' individual opinions whether they are *for* or *against* the proposal. Reason for this inconsistency is, that CIP-136 is at the moment only applicable to CC rationales, but we want to record the internal opinions of our DRep assessment transparently as well.

Internal Vote

- Constitutional: 5
- Unconstitutional: 0
- Abstain: 0

- Did not vote: 0
- Against vote: 0

References

- GovernanceMetadata: [Metadata Anchor URL \(IPFS\)](#):
- GovernanceMetadata: [Metadata Anchor Hash](#)
- RelevantArticles: [Cardano Constitution](#)
- RelevantArticles: [“Our Cardano” by the Cardano Foundation](#):