

# W3C TPAC 2025

## Exploration IG Process

## Exploration IG Charter (1 of 3)

- Monitor industry and technology trends and analyze their potential impact on the Web.
- Based on these findings, develop strategic narratives to help the W3C community understand these trends, the relevance of W3C activities, or a gap analysis where there are no current W3C activities.

## Exploration IG Charter (2 of 3)

- Provide a forum for members of the W3C community (including the W3C team) to share updates with the Membership as part of broader strategic discussions (e.g., [Strategy Team's Incubation Pipeline updates](#), [liaison updates](#), [Community Group updates](#)). This is intended to complement other venues for updates, including both Member-focused discussions (e.g., AC meeting or AB-led Member meeting) and broader community discussions (e.g., TPAC breakouts). The value proposition of this Interest Group is to support deeper ongoing strategic conversations.

## Exploration IG Charter (3 of 3)

- Provide a forum for members of the W3C community (including the W3C team) to seek in-depth strategic input from the W3C Membership. Examples of who might seek strategic guidance from the Interest Group: Community Groups considering transitioning to a Working Group; parties who seek help resolving strategic issues related to a charter in development (as opposed to issues for which another group such as the TAG would be more appropriate).

# IETF ART DISPATCH

“The DISPATCH WG is chartered to bring on new work in the ART area and provide a conduit for new drafts, ideas and potential WGs. We're like a matchmaker between keen engineers and IETF processes / groups / procedures. DISPATCH is a catalyst to make recommendations to ADs or Chairs, based on the wisdom of the group – we don't make the decisions ourselves.”

<https://wiki.ietf.org/en/group/dispatch>

# IETF ART DISPATCH - What works

- Charter: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/dispatch/about/>
- Well-understood in the IETF community
- Well-attended at the beginning of IETF week
- Well-documented (<https://wiki.ietf.org/en/group/dispatch>)

# ART DISPATCH Disposition Possibilities

Focus on answering the Dispatch Question. Should we:

- Direct the work to an existing WG
- Propose a new focused WG
- Recommend to hold a full BOF
- Publish as AD-sponsored (assuming AD is willing)
- Recommend additional discussion or community development (e.g., with a new non-WG mailing list)
- Find that work is not appropriate for IETF

# Exploration IG

Starting to fill a similar role to IETF ART DISPATCH (but not exactly)

- The W3C is not the IETF
  - Possible solutions are not the same
- Exploration IG is not well known in the W3C
  - Disposition of items depends on the feedback of IG members
- Documentation for submitting to the IG could be improved
  - Current proposal template sees people select all-of-the-above rather than being critical

# Exploration IG Improvements

## Ideas

- Regular outreach to the AC
- Regular outreach via liaisons to other SDOs
- Triannual meetings (one per region)
- Update the wiki similar to the DISPATCH wiki
- Encourage WG, CG, and IG chairs to participate to help route work