Roasting the RIPE Meeting

not burning tho

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RIPE 87 in Rome

Sasha Romijn: physical accessibility

Annika Hannig and Maria Matejka: psychological barriers



RIPE 88 in Kraków

Maria: summary e-mail to diversity mailing-list

Things went much better. One reply in list.

RIPE 89 in Praha

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Things went worse. Several replies in list.

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But! Board games!

Some of the hurdles

- physical movement, transportation
- visual, auditory, smells
- eating and drinking
- minority stress
- air, temperature, humidity

RIPE 90 in Lisboa

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Information and communication beforehand is better than saying what went wrong.

Clear NO is better than uncertainty





Clear NO is better than formal compliance





Let's create Accessibility Team

Proposed Accessibility Team

- selected, not elected
- diverse people with diverse experience and insights
- consults accessibility with meeting organisers
- produces accessibility info on event website
- the go-to group for participants with any accessibility needs



Proposed Accessibility Team

- it's quite some work
- members become tokens
- members are too visible
- making it easier for the general public

Times are politically unstable.

What do you think about **Accessibility Team?**





What do you think about **Accessibility Team?**

Would you like to volunteer?





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