## **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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**But! Board games!** 

## Some of the hurdles

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

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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.

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Would you like to volunteer?





## BIRD 1 is EOL

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