

# Rejection Actions: Introduction

ICANN Bylaws give the Community certain powers to ensure that the ICANN Board and Organisation are accountable. The mechanism to enforce these powers is called the **Empowered Community (EC)**. The EC is composed of five **Decisional Participants (DPs)**.

The **Empowered Community Administration (ECA)** is the administrative body through which the EC acts. Each of the DPs designates one representative to the ECA.



## Rejection Actions vs. Approval Actions



### Rejection: NO

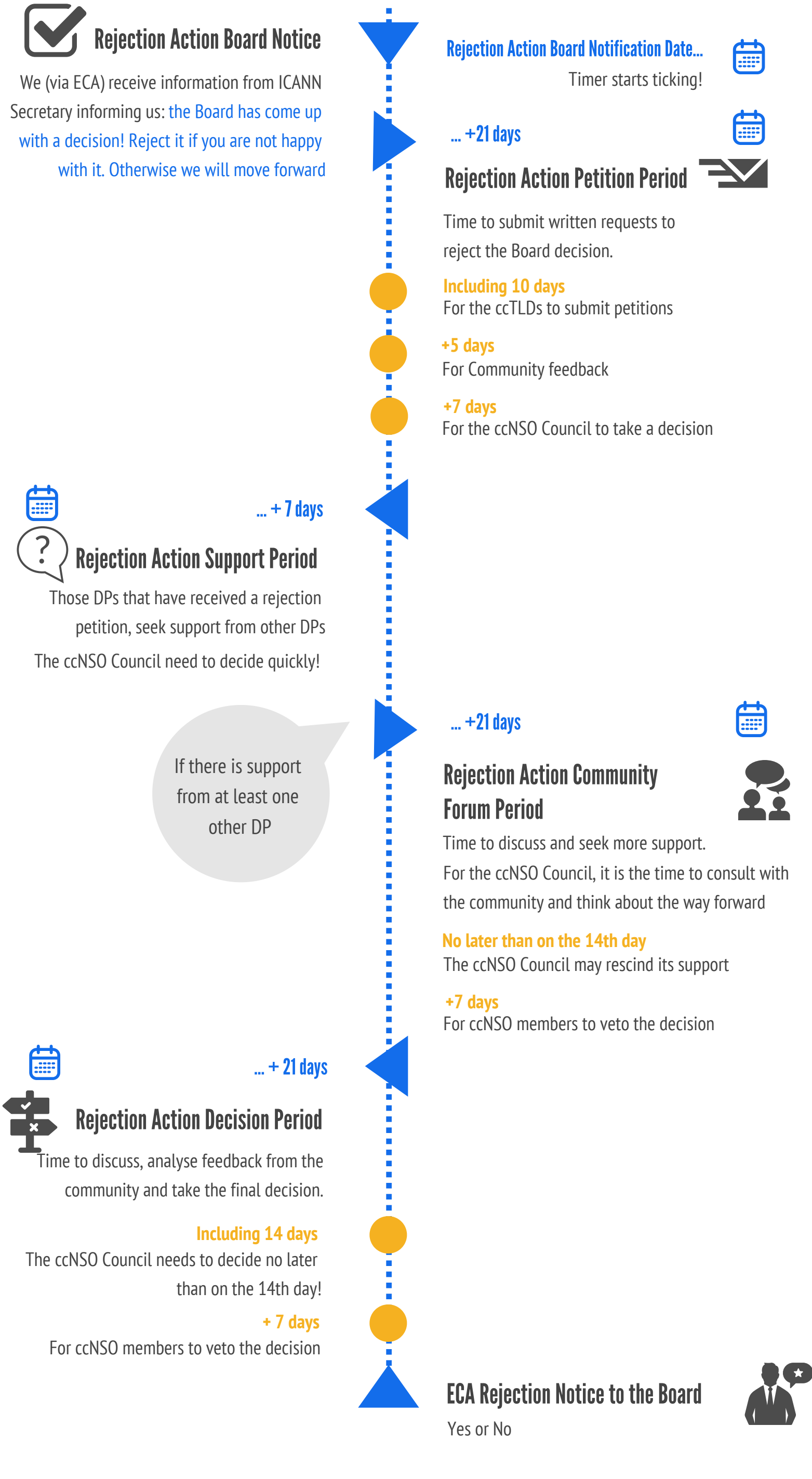
If the Community is **unhappy** with the proposal, it needs **actively reject** it by providing **arguments** for the rejection. Rejection needs to be **supported by at least three DPs**.



### Approval: YES

If the Community is **happy** with the proposal, it needs **to support** it. The proposal is approved only if it is clearly **supported by at least three DPs**.

## Rejection Actions: Timeline



## Rejection Action Petition Review Committee



### Rejection Action Petition Manager

Receives the petitions and leads the work of the Rejection Action Petition Review Committee



### Deputy Rejection Action Petition Manager

A back-up Rejection Action Petition Manager



### Rejection Action Petition Review Committee Member

Carry out preliminary analysis of the petition together with the Rejection Action Petition Manager and Deputy Rejection Action Petition Manager



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## Rejection Action Petition: Checklist



### Who can submit a petition to the ccNSO Council?

- ccTLD Managers,
- individual(s) directly related to a ccTLD manager,
- ccNSO working groups or committees mandated to submit such a petition,
- regional ccTLD organisations,
- the ccNSO Council.



### What each petition should include?

- name and affiliation of the Petitioner,
- if it is a ccNSO mandated group, reference to its mandate,
- if it is a ccTLD community related group, the nature of its relationship to the ccNSO,
- the **rationale** upon which rejection is sought

If the Petition relates to a Standard Bylaw Amendment:  
1) a statement, if applicable, that the Standard Bylaw Amendment is based solely on the outcome of a PDP, citing the specific PDP and the provision in the Standard Bylaw Amendment subject to the Board Notice that implements such PDP.  
2) the name of the SO that undertook the PDP.

If the Petition relates to an ICANN Budget, an IANA(PTI) Budget, an Operating Plan or a Strategic Plan, it shall also include a clarification that the rationale is based on:  
1) one or more significant issues that were specifically raised in the applicable public comment period(s) and  
2) that these issues relate to perceived inconsistencies with the ICANN mission, purpose and role set forth in ICANN's Articles and Bylaws, the global public interest, the needs of ICANN's stakeholders, ICANN's financial stability or other matter of concern to the community.