

## Question 145: Established presence of the identified community

Was there an established presence of the identified community prior to the opening of the application submission period?

Yes. The community predates the opening of the application window by more than fifteen months, and the record is continuous.

Founding and infrastructure. The community's organized existence began on 3 January 2025: its X account was created that day and its first public post went out the same day. Its blog began on 4 January 2025. Its permanent home, agentcommunity.org, was registered on 16 May 2025. The applying entity was incorporated on 29 July 2025, more than six months after the community it was formed to serve.

Continuous growth before the window. The register shows new member signups in every single month from January 2025 onward: sixteen consecutive months of signups before the window opened. At the 30 April 2026 cut-off, membership stood at 22,045 members.

Activity before the window. Of the 64 event listings on the community's calendar, 35 pre-date 30 April 2026, with at least two listings in every month from September 2025 through April 2026. Agent Brief, the community's weekday newsletter, began on 29 November 2025. The community's discovery specification entered the public standards record before the window: its reference packages were published to the public npm and PyPI software registries in July 2025, an IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) Birds of a Feather (BOF) request of 26 September 2025 lists the community's repository among open source projects implementing the work, and the Internet-Draft was submitted on 16 March 2026 and discussed on the DNSOP mailing list.

Third-party notice before the window. Outside parties named the community in public before 30 April 2026. An event program of 10 December 2025 printed ".agent Community" as an affiliation on its panel about agent registries. An independent technical blog of 4 February 2026 described the Agent Community as an open standards initiative. A conference published a talk to its public video channel on 21 February 2026 with the community's name in the title. Slides presented to an IETF working group on 19 March 2026 list the community's Internet-Draft among existing similar proposals. Brave, a disclosed member, posted publicly about the community and its .agent effort on 24 March 2026; independent notice followed, with Wes Roth describing the effort as decentralized and community-driven on 25 March and Ruby AI News reporting the community's ICANN application on 27 March (see Q146 and its attached exhibit). A separate Internet-Draft of 7 April 2026 gives the community's discovery specification its own numbered section. A podcast episode of 24 April 2026 introduced its guest as the founder of the .agent community. Named individuals outside the community also posted publicly about the effort before the window: Justin Schroeder on 25 March 2026, Nagesh Nama on 26 March, and Josh Lim on 21 April (see Q148 and its attached exhibit).