Nominet: a governance update

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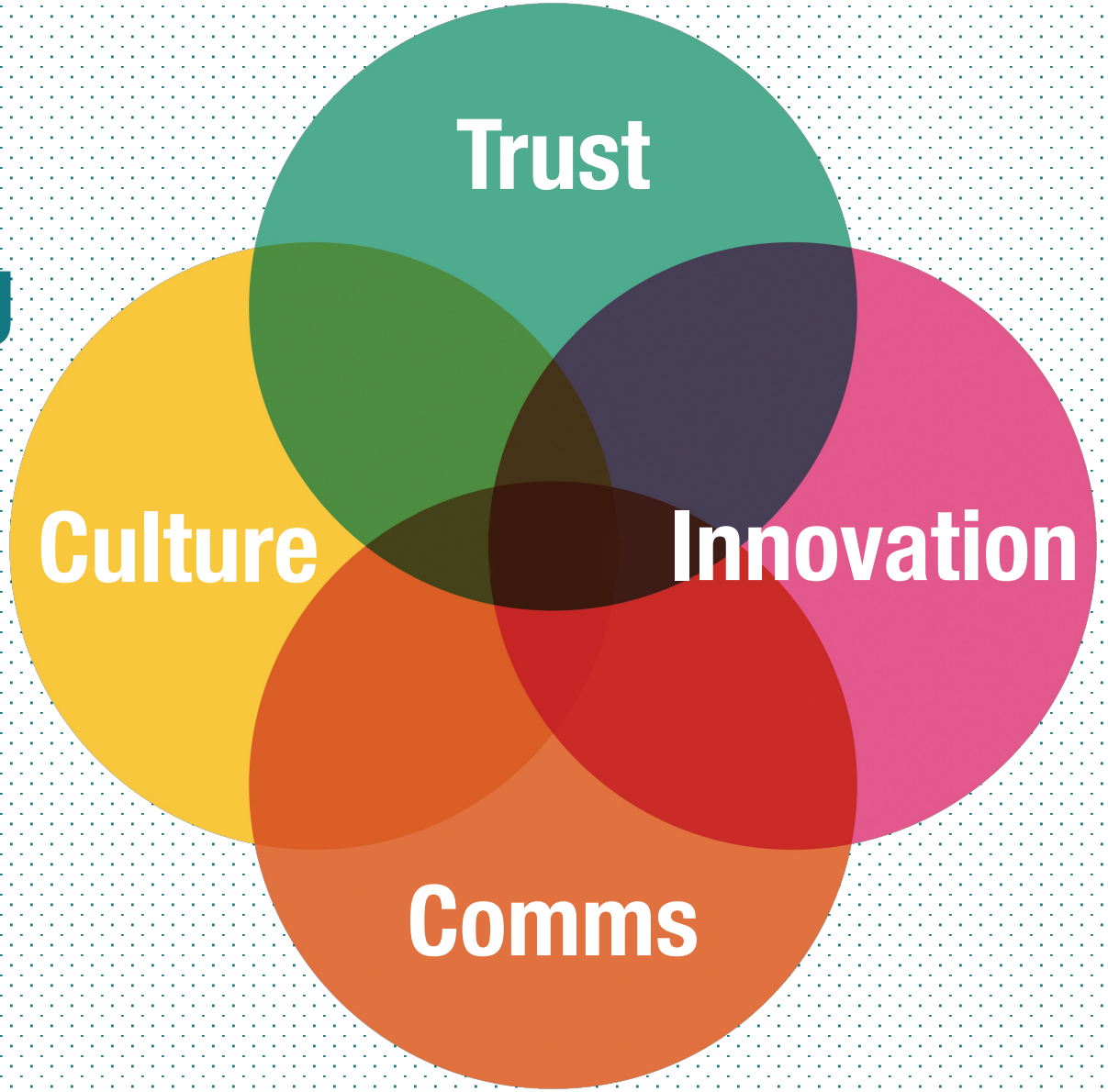
What's going on and why am I here?

- Nominet runs the .UK registry
- EGM in 2021 led to significant changes
- All new Board
- New CEO, CFO, CTO
- Investing heavily in tech update and renewal
- Revamping finance function
- Focused on DNS & registry services

What's next?

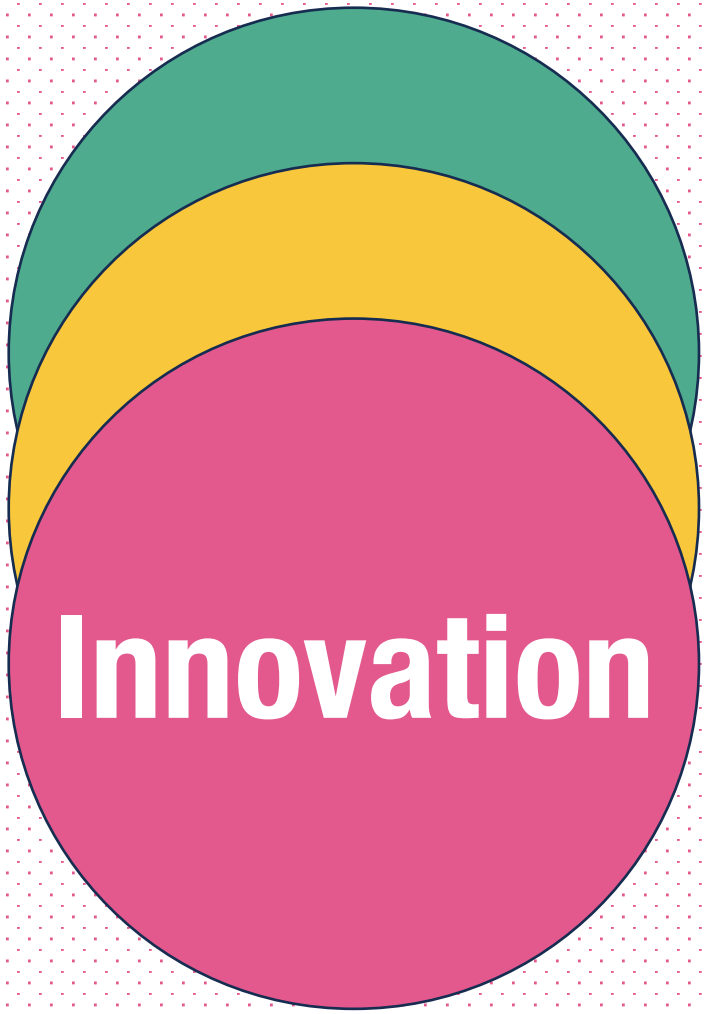
- Strengthening of .uk registry
- Improved communications
- Clear vision and purpose
- Better member engagement
- Sharper focus on the future

What are we working on?

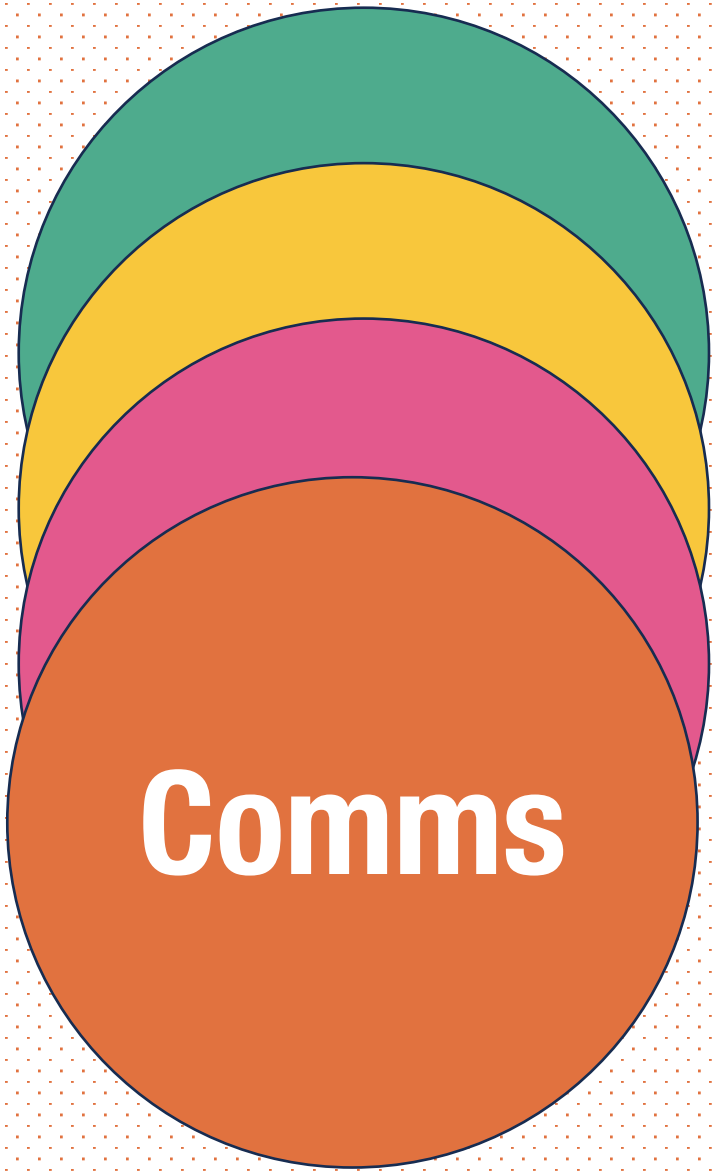


- Needs rebuilding
- Tackling through improvement
- Determined opposition
- A cultural issue (i.e. hard)

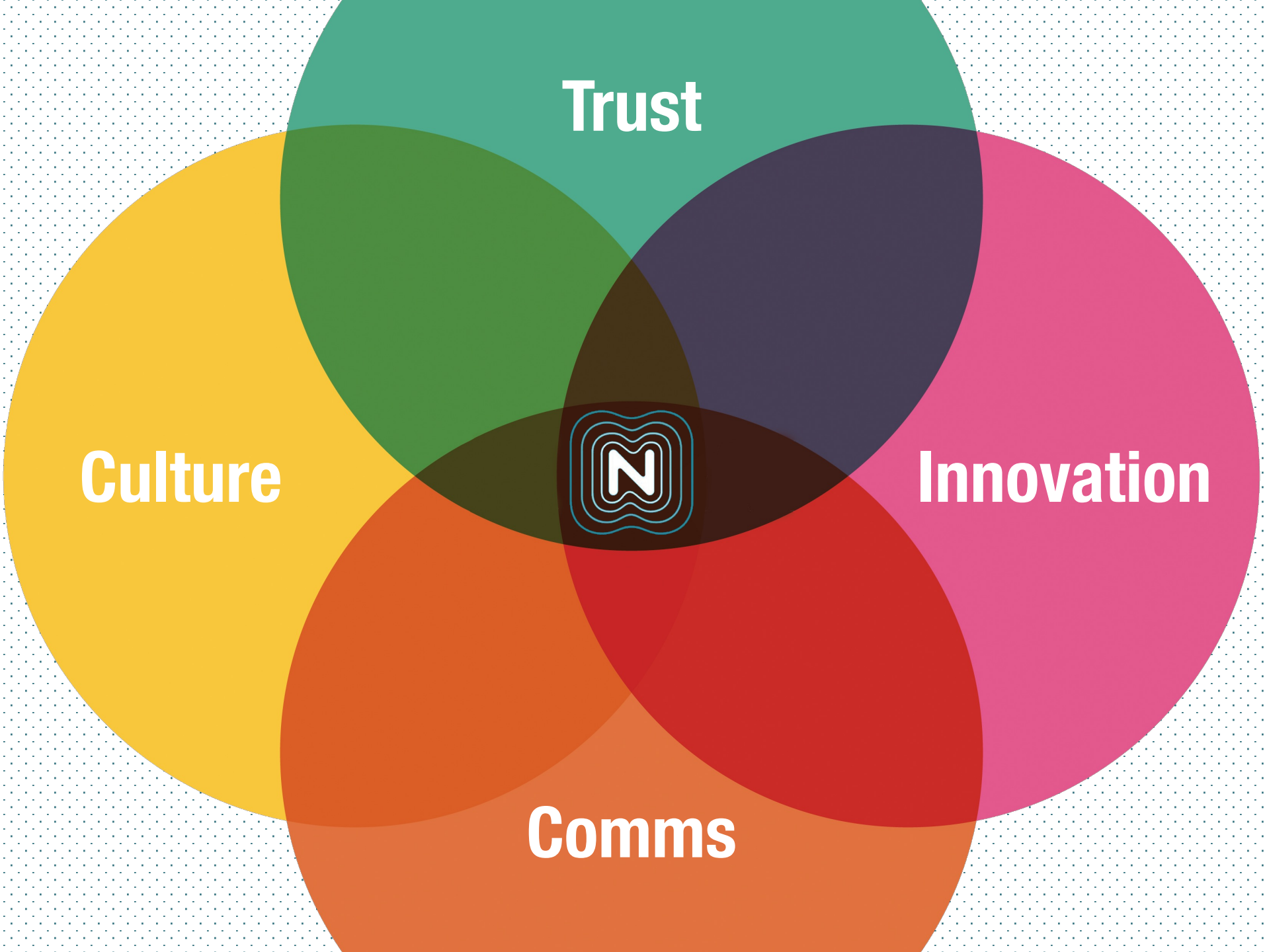
- Disengaged
- Bomb/Bunker
- Registry ops a saving grace
- Goal: shift to collegial rather than adversarial
- Shared goals



- Previously a static market but things are changing
- DNS security, new domains/new uses, shifting & consolidating
- .UK can become source of new ideas and markets



- Cautious
- Under severe scrutiny
- Can signal cultural change
- Innovation key


Trust
Culture
Innovation
Comms

WORK IN PROGRESS

GOVERNANCE

- Articles consultation

DAY-TO-DAY

- Technology refresh

STRATEGIC

- Public benefit direction and spending
- Communication rethink
- Future approach to .UK and DNS

GOVERNANCE

ARTICLES CONSULTATION

- Refresh of outdated, complicated and ambiguous corporate documents
- Goal: clarity, foundation for future
- Will be voted on at AGM in October
- New article stressing Public Benefit

DAY-TO-DAY

TECHNOLOGY REFRESH

- Rebuild and update of core systems
- New CTO shifting to more modern architecture
- Investment in future of Nominet and .UK registry
- Complex, in the background

STRATEGIC

PUBLIC BENEFIT

- Pause on new spending
- More technical projects
- How decide what is/how to view public benefit

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE OF .UK and DNS

- What main goals?
- How industry/market changing?
- How promote and price?

TIMETABLE

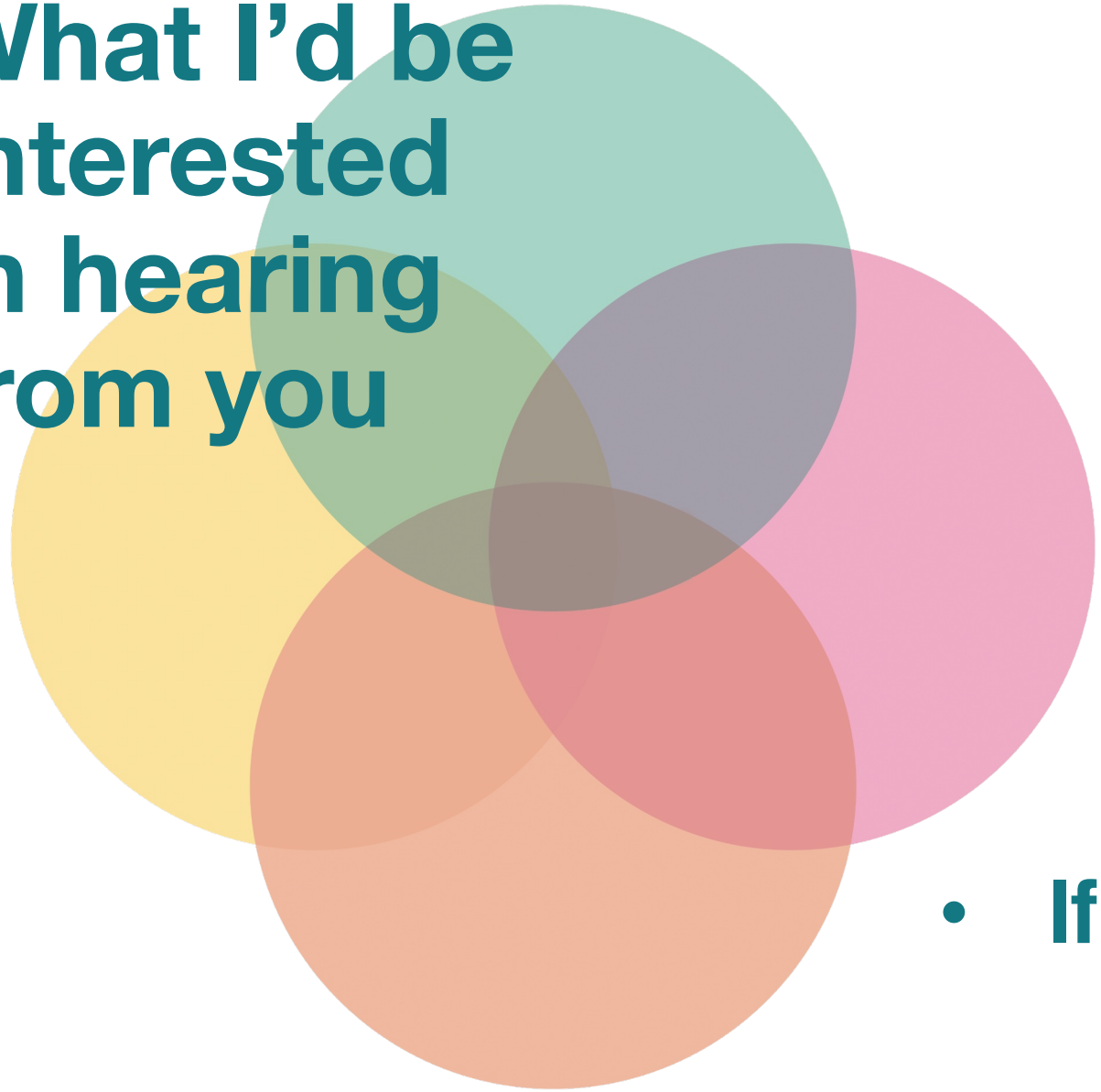
OCTOBER

- NED election
- Board meeting (broad strategy)
- AGM

NOVEMBER

- Board meeting (registry/pricing)

What I'd be interested in hearing from you



- How you think things are going
- Questions over articles consultation
- How Nominet can aid innovation
- Building a more collegial relationship in the UK
- If this presentation was useful

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