

EUROPE REGIONAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM THE SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The regional engagement efforts in Europe aim to foster increased and active participation by the European stakeholders in ICANN's policymaking and technical coordination processes. Our key tools for those efforts are awareness raising, education, and advocacy. Over the past five years, the outreach efforts led by the Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) team in Europe, have resulted in increased awareness of ICANN among various stakeholder groups, and a steady increase in their participation in ICANN's work. Multistakeholder forums have blossomed across the region thanks to impetus by the GSE team in Europe and ICANN's dynamic local community members. The International Governance Forums in Poland, Croatia, and Bosnia, as well as the impressive growth of South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG) are vivid examples of that collaboration.

Now the GSE team in Europe is shifting from solely raising awareness to encouraging active participation through more in-depth capacity development activities. The regional stakeholders need to be better equipped to become more effective and impactful in ICANN's policy-related and technical work.

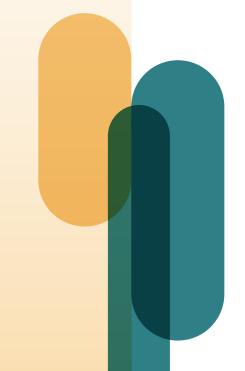
GSE Europe is proud to have seen the consistent strengthening of ICANN's European stakeholder community over the past five years, and is working hard to reinforce it with novel capacity development initiatives.

Sincerely,

Sally Costerton

Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement





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YEAR AT A GLANCE - TIMELINE



REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

A NEW APPROACH IN EUROPE: POLICY AND OPERATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Understanding ICANN is not always easy for a newcomer and can discourage active participation. To address this issue, ICANN org developed a pilot Community Engagement Training in Europe in early 2018.

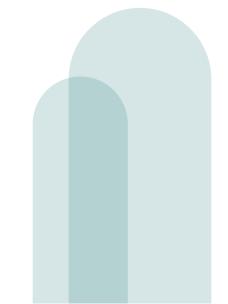
The latest workshop was held in June 2019, aimed at training DNS industry professionals in Southern Europe. Participants learned about topics like the effect of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on ICANN org and its contracted parties, and the operation of ICANN org's compliance department.

The plan is to institutionalize this training program by broadening the spectrum of community groups that can be potential trainees. Anyone interested in becoming more active at ICANN is invited.

ICANN ACTIVITY IN THE IBERIAN PENINSULA

ICANN63 in Barcelona, Spain, allowed the ICANN org to roll out a series of significant outreach activities before and during the meeting. The team was able to engage with a variety of stakeholder groups, from academics to top judges and ministers, as well as telecom operators. Some of these activities include:

- Five ICANN-focused lectures at Spanish universities, including the world-renowned ESADE Graduate / MBA Business School in Barcelona, Nebrija University Law School in Madrid, and Complutense University of Madrid, held from September to mid-October.
- ICANN Keynote Lecture organized at the Spanish Royal Academy of Law in Madrid on 17 October.
- Barcelona Internet Governance School Week, organized by ICANN org with the Pompeu Fabra University, IBEI School of International Relations, CSUC Spanish Education Network, with the support of the Anti-Phishing Working Group and La Caixa Bank, from 15-19 October.
- Press conference with ICANN org involvement, organized at the Spanish Internet Governance Forum Spain in Madrid on 18 October.



SEEDIG GROWS IN EUROPE





The South Eastern Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG) continues to grow stronger. ICANN has been one of SEEDIG's main supporters since it was initially conceived at the ICANN Public Meeting in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in 2014. At the May 2019 SEEDIG conference in Bucharest, Romania, participants discussed concerns from content regulation to Universal Acceptance. The multilingual Internet is a topic of special interest to this community, notably with the Cyrillic script developing as an increasingly popular tool for the development of local content. SEEDIG has steadily informed a multistakeholder approach to solving issues related to the Internet in the region, with SEEDIG participants now regularly consulted and involved in the development of Internet policy across the region.

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION: SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS







REGIONAL PARTICIPATION: SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS cont'd



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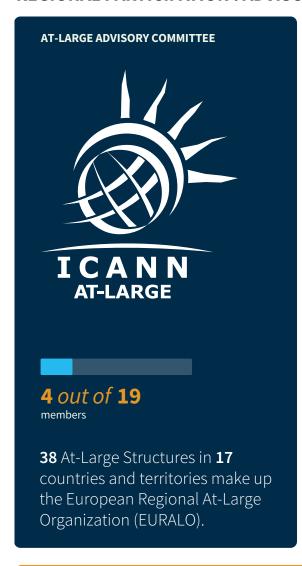




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REGIONAL PARTICIPATION: ADVISORY COMMITTEES







Regional AC leaders



REGIONAL PARTICIPATION: OTHERS

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ICANN NOMINATING COMMITTEE

4 out of 17

delegates are from Europe



TECHNICAL LIAISON GROUP

3

organizations represented in TLG are based in Europe

14

members are from Europe

CUSTOMER STANDING COMMITTEE (CSC)

1 out of 4

members is from Europe

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES (PDP)



INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATION – INTERNATIONAL
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
(IGO-INGO) ACCESS TO CURATIVE
RIGHTS MECHANISMS IN ALL GTLDS



members are from Europe

REVIEW OF ALL RIGHTS
PROTECTION MECHANISMS
(RPMS) IN ALL GTLDS

16 out of **87**

members are from Europe

NEW GTLD SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES

17 out of **87**

members are from Europe

TEMPORARY SPECIFICATION FOR GTLD REGISTRATION DATA EXPEDITED PDP

5 out of **31**

members are from Europe

NEXT-GENERATION GTLD REGISTRATION DIRECTORY SERVICE TO REPLACE WHOIS

54 out of **220**

members are from Europe

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEWS cont'd





REGIONAL WORKING GROUP LEADERS ERIKA MANN GNSO APPOINTED CO-CHAIR, CCWG ON NEW GTLD AUCTION PROCEEDS JANIS KARKLINS EPDP PHASE 2 CHAIR

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION: UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE AND INTERNATIONALIZED DOMAIN NAMES



Universal Acceptance

ICANN org, together with partners in the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG), focused its efforts to promote UA in the region on raising awareness among chief information officers and the wider technical community. The team successfully worked with the International Association of CIOs (IAC) to publish an article on UA in their worldwide newsletter and website. ICANN org members in Europe also gave speeches at several technical conferences, such as the new Czech and Slovak Network Operators Group (CS-NOG) meeting in May 2019, and secured UA promotion via articles in their publications.

Regional UASG Leader

• Dušan Stojičević - UASG Vice Chair

Regional UA Ambassadors

- Lars Steffen Germany
- Tobias Sattler Germany



Internationalized Domain Names

This year, ICANN org has intensified the efforts to promote Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA) across Europe and beyond. The **Hebrew Label Generation Panel** was formed, leading to rules being adopted officially in July 2019. South Eastern European scripts such as Cyrillic are also seeing growing interest and take-up. Below is an update on the status of current script Generation Panels (GPs) in the region. Once the script Label Generation Rules (LGR) are finalized, they are integrated into the Root Zone LGR.

Forming	Working	Finalizing	Integrated
	Greek	Latin	Hebrew
			Cyrillic

CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE

TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

ICANN org provided DNS Network Security and DNSSEC training to the European community.

Total number of workshops:

7

Number of participants:

290

TRAINING FOR NON-TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

The org also regularly helps to build capacity for the community such as accredited registrars and registry operators. In addition, ICANN org engaged with government and civil society for training that is relevant to these sectors.

Total number of workshops:

5

Number of participants:

56

TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ICANN org collaborated with European law enforcement on DNS security training.

Total number of workshops:

4

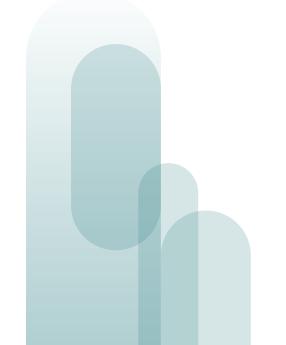
Number of participants:

127

LOOKING AHEAD

In FY20, the approach in Europe will be adapted in line with ICANN org's Strategic Plan for FY21-25. The ICANN org team in Europe recognizes the importance of raising awareness and capacity building on policy and technical matters, as well as addressing upcoming regulatory and legislative challenges. The new ICANN strategic plan encourages the team to continue building on the efforts in that direction.

Through education, raising awareness, and advocacy, ICANN org will continue to build and enhance relations with the key relevant stakeholder groups in Europe, both within the existing ICANN community and beyond.



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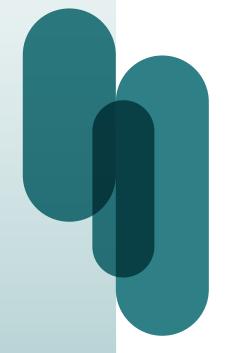
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