
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We will now officially start the recording of today's conference call. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening and welcome to the EURALO Monthly Conference Call held on Tuesday the 18th of December 2018 at 19:00 UTC.

On today's call, we have Olivier Crepin-LeBlond, Sebastian Bachollet, Oksana Oksana Prykhodko, Yrjo Lansipuro, Joanna Kulesza, Roberto Gaetano, and Wale Bakare.

We have apologies from Leon Sanchez.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Andrea Glandon, on call management.

I would like to remind everyone to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes and to please keep your phones and microphones on mute when not speaking to avoid any background noise. Thank you, and over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much and welcome everyone for this last EURALO call of the year 2018. We've got a reasonably busy agenda today with first looking at our action items from prior calls and from our General Assembly. Then we'll continue with the policy work that is currently taking place in the ALAC and the Consolidated Policy Working Group.

We'll have a brief look at the EURALO hot topics. I did mention it on the last call but we haven't had this much input on this, so I'd like to go

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through this once more, bearing in mind that we should have something ready by January of next year. Then an update from the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce. Again, we spoke about this during our last call and there are a few updates on this.

Then, something quite important I would say, the fiscal year [inaudible] additional budget requests which we file every year for additional EURALO activities. We'll have to discuss what we would like to submit this year. Are there any amendments or any additions to the agenda, like any other business? I see Sebastian Bacholett's hand is up, so Sebastien, you have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Olivier. I would like to add one item. It's about [inaudible]. We just knew that the team is now set up and work with staff beginning of January. I would like to inform you where we are, what is the plan for that, if you wish. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Sebastien. Thank you. We'll have this in any other business. I also recognize Yrjo Lansipuro's hand being up.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Yeah, thank you. Perhaps also an update on the EURALO Taskforce on ALS engage. We had that call from [inaudible] about that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Yrjo. I note that there is an action item from the last EURALO conference call, so maybe you can update us on this [inaudible]. Sorry, I'm getting completely confused. Let's add this to the agenda in the any other business as well. Thanks for this. I'm not seeing any other hands up, so we have two items for any other business. Alright, sorry, I'm typing at the same time and I'm not very fast tonight

Let's go swiftly to our second agenda item and that's the review of the pending action items. The monthly conference call of last month had a mention of the framework of interpretation with Annette Muhlberg. There's still no movement on this for the time being, so I think we might move that over to January. All the other points have been followed, including the one which speaks about the – let me just see. Okay. So, the one about the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce. Because we've got something on it on this call, we'll follow later.

And on the other one, I think that we've had some ... Yes. All the others are completed. So, there's no really outstanding agenda item, action items, from the last EURALO call. The ones that are remaining are the ones that are on the General Assembly, and in the General Assembly ones, there was a note from Jean-Jacques Subrenat regarding the Articles of Association discussion. We'll speak about this in a moment. Annette is also there. I think maybe we should just take those as being done.

Then, EURALO to ask for further clarification of the rationale for not having the address of ICANN [inaudible] not having a bank account. That's also in the EURALO Taskforce on [inaudible].

So, no real outstanding action items right now. What I would propose is that we move swiftly onto the review of the ALAC public consultations. You'll notice in the agenda there are several recently ratified comments. I'm not going to read through each one of them. Just mentioning the [inaudible] is enough.

And underneath, this is a new format. We now have a summary of the points which were made by the ALAC. The first one was a proposed consensus policy on protection for certain Red Cross and [Red Crescent] names in all generic top-level domains. The process has lasted for quite a while, several years. Now the ALAC has a response to this.

Follow-up on the joint statement by the ALAC and GAC, enabling inclusive, informed, and a meaningful participation at ICANN. This is ALAC advice that was submitted to the board and it's a joint statement from the ALAC and the GAC.

Next was the draft post-transition IANA which is [inaudible] public technical identifiers and IANA fiscal year 20 operating plan and budget. Of course, the IANA functions are the ones relating to the root of the Internet and a short comment was submitted on this.

Then, the next one was on competition, consumer trust, and consumer trust review team final reports and recommendations. Again, a long process that feeds into the recommendations of the new gTLD and next rounds effectively with a lot of work which was made here in the consumer trust review and much input from the ALAC on this.

Initial report on the new gTLD auction proceeds cross-community working group. Again, we had people who worked in that cross-

community working group and the ALAC having followed this very closely and discussed internally had a number of points to make as well regarding the application for the fund and type of applicant that could apply for the funds that of course we strongly believe that At-Large Structures and individual members should be able to apply for the funds.

Then, the draft final report on the security and stability committee review. As you know, every part of ICANN goes through a review process and so the SSAC has gone through its second review process and we support – I think there's a broad support of the several recommendations in this review. And of course this was really helped very much by the work that our SSAC liaison has done.

At the moment, there are four public comments still under decision. Now, it's a decision whether the ALAC should submit a statement or not.

The first one is a policy status report on the inter-registrar transfer policy, IRTP. That does have some implication for end users. It's when we wish to go from [inaudible] domain name, whether you wish to change your registrar. There are different processes and there's a policy to deal with.

However, from what I understand, this part is a little – what should I say? Technical in nature and there were some questions as to whether this affected end users directly. So, at present, it's still a question mark whether the ALAC would draft something or not.

The application for the new uniform domain name dispute resolution policy (the UDRP) dispute resolution service provider, that's a call for new dispute resolution service provider. These are external consultants that act as the [inaudible] ... So, this is the commenting for the actual application for it if we wish to make any changes to this.

The ICANN draft for fiscal year 20 operating plan and budget and five-year operating plan update, that has just come out recently, so it's still under discussion. That's pretty likely that the ALAC will draft a comment on this, as of course the operating plan and budget are directly affected in our community and effectively the At-Large in both RALOs and ALAC. The deadline for this is the 8th of February, so it's still quite some time away.

And the updating operating standards for specific reviews, that's the standards of the review themselves. So, we have reviews and this is [inaudible] wish to make any amendments to the reviews themselves.

The important statement – I mean, of course, they're all important, but the ones that are really at crunch time are the ones that we currently have on the supplemental initial report and the new gTLD subsequent procedures. This is a policy development process that is taking place for quite a while. It has a number of points that are listed in there. A lot of questions. An enormous number of questions that were asked by the working group with answers that were provided via a lot of discussion in the Consolidated Policy Working Group. Justine Chew was holding the pen on this. And just a few moments earlier, the ALAC had a brief discussion on a couple of those points.

Tomorrow there will be a discussion on this, primarily looking at the process—

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I think someone needs to mute. Roberto, maybe? Supplemental initial report and the new subsequent procedures. The important thing in there is the question regarding the auction as the mechanism of last resort. Still under discussion and the Consolidated Policy Working Group will probably address this tomorrow.

There's also we're reaching the end of a public comment on the initial report of the expedited policy development process (the EPDP), the whole thing about GDPR, General Data Protection Regulation, on the temporary specification for gTLD registration data. This is, again, a very involved process which the Consolidated Policy Working Group has followed very closely and Alan Greenberg and Hadia Elminiawai have drafted a very good comment on this. So, if you are interested in this, please have a look at it, especially since this deals of course with the General Data Protection Regulation. That is a European thing. Very strong European component part on that.

Finally, the work track five on geographic names at the top-level domain. So, we're dealing here with the likes of dot-france, let's say, or dot-germany. Supplemental initial report on the new gTLD subsequent procedures policy development process. So, the previous one was work

tracks one to four which dealt with all of the other points of the next round of new gTLD and this work track five works specifically on the geographic names. Again, I think that some in our community followed this pretty close and I see that Yrjo is one of those people in Europe that is one of the penholders for this statement. That has a little bit of time until it needs to be submitted. It's the 22nd of January, so still in drafting stage. That's the policy.

I now open the floor for anyone to comment on any of these policy commenting processes that we have, if there's any points that you would like to make, as I said. And there was a question there regarding the statements that were noted as being status comment. It's never too late to comment until it actually goes to the voting. When it goes to the ALAC vote, it really is too late to comment at that point. So, we still have a couple of days left for commenting on any of the first two current statements and over a month for the work track five on geographic names.

I am not seeing anybody's hand going up, so I've either confused you all very much or gone through this and it's been helpful or whatever. Okay. So, I guess there doesn't need to be any further discussion on any of these. We've gone through them quite fast. That's good.

As I've said, if you are interested in any of these and you would like to discuss them in further detail, then I invite you to join the Consolidated Policy Working Group call that will take place tomorrow. It's at 13:00 UTC. If you don't know ... I think it shows on the At-Large calendar if you go on the At-Large website. So, you can go there. You don't need to be a member of the working group as such to join in and participate.

Let's go to the next thing in our agenda and that's the hot topics, the EURALO hot topics. [inaudible] last month. It seems that it was a year ago, so many things have happened.

Here's a link. Well, there are two links really that you've got. The important one is the one to the Google Doc. What's happened is we haven't had that much feedback from anyone so far on these hot topics, which is a little bit of a concern because either no one is looking at them or everyone says, well, the topics haven't changed, so there isn't really very much movement.

Or the third thing is that they are all completely wrong and nobody wants to raise their hand and say, well, none of this is important anymore. So, I'd appreciate some feedback on these. Just looking at the actual Google doc itself, policy issues for European end users. The first one is the registrar data retention waiver request and WHOIS policy conflict with national privacy laws. So, everything to do with the General Data Protection Regulation. I think this one probably is still very much very important for people in Europe. Let's go through each one of them in turn since we have a bit of time. Does anyone believe that they shouldn't be and that this should be demoted? I'm not seeing any hands up for that, so then we can go to the next one, if I can find it now. Here we go.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Olivier, may I?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Sebastien, you have your hand up. Please, go ahead. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Thank you, Olivier. Just to come to the first point is that I am always in trouble where we call still the WHOIS as it may be or must be or will be Registry Data Services, RDS, or something like this. At least let's put the two words or the two acronyms – or not acronyms – WHOIS and RDS together. I really hope one day we will say, okay, we are [inaudible] and we are working on the future and the future, etc., of RDS. Thank you. Even in the title will be good. But just to propose it. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Sebastien. I'm not seeing anybody else putting their hand up, nor anyone writing in the chat that they're against this. I'm not against it, either. I think that probably is a good idea. I don't think it makes that much of a huge difference, but symbolically, definitely it is important to recognize there should be or there would be at some point Registration Directory Services, RDS. Thanks for this point.

The next one, I just changed the title here. I proposed change in the title because we spoke about CCWG Accountability work stream two topic and that topic, as a cross-community working group activity, has now ended. There's still a discussion about ICANN jurisdiction that is ongoing.

So, although the actual discussion itself is ongoing, the work stream itself, it's my understanding the work stream itself is closed. The

question is: is this discussion still very much important for European Internet users and for you? It's difficult for us to know globally or throughout Europe. Is this something that you've heard being of importance? Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. Really [inaudible] shut my mouth, but if there is nobody, I will take the opportunity. I don't think it's a hot topic for the moment anymore and for the moment. It will become or it could become [inaudible] hot topic, but not that what I see next year or the next two years.

There is work going on. There is a group. I don't know really the status of this group working on this question. Maybe it's a follow-up on the work stream two jurisdiction subgroup. But it [inaudible] the time to spend time on that. Therefore, my point of view, even if it's important topic, it's not a hot topic for 2019. Thank you.

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Thank you. [inaudible] comment now on the title with writing proposal to remove from the hot topics 2019. That's a comment and if you are on the Google Doc, it's possible for others to comment on the comment. Okay, thanks. Let's continue then.

The one after that, there's another cross-community working group on accountability work stream two topic and that was human rights. Now, there is a human rights work party that is ongoing that, as you've heard earlier, was supposed to come up with a Framework of Interpretation

on human rights, but that doesn't appear to have so far moved forward or at least it is going on, but there isn't – there hasn't been a movement with it with the board, etc. So, this was a hot topic last year. Is it still a hot topic for this year?

Now, unless I hear otherwise, by the way, for any of these topics, I would leave them on the current list. I'm not seeing anyone speak against this, so human rights is still important. Oh, I see Sébastien Bachollet.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Once again, I would like to be sure if we define that as a hot topic, we have people working on that. It's not just a wishful thinking list. I know that there are people within EURALO who are very concerned with human rights, but if it's just to say we add that to the list and that's it, I would remove it, from my point of view. If we are really working on that, [inaudible] to work on that, then okay, no problem. But for the moment, I don't see so much people from At-Large, from EURALO, moving and taking care of this topic. Thank you.

Olivier Crepin-Leblond:

Thanks for this, Sébastien. The current chair of the work party is Collin Kurre and she is with Article 19 and Article 19 is one of our At-Large Structures. So, she works in there. I'm not aware of anyone else in EURALO unless somebody who is here is on that work party at the moment. I can certainly put a question mark again next to this. There we go. I'm not seeing any other – oh, no, Roberto Gaetano. Sorry, my

apologies. I can only open one window at a time. Roberto, you have the floor.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I hope I have unmuted correctly. If not, somebody will scream. Although I agree in principle with Sebastien that it would be pointless to put items on the list where we do not have resources to work on it. I think that, for the time being, we should have them on the list anyway just to go back to the whole membership and propose this as a hot topic and have a certain sort of call for contributions and for action by At-Large Structures or members.

At this point in time, since we are dealing with the plan for next year, I would leave them in, even if there are not a lot of people working on it. Then, maybe drop them if in practice we don't have the resources or not the interest. But for the time being, I would keep topics on the list. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Roberto. Does that include then both the topic of human rights and the topic of jurisdiction?

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes, absolutely.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Both of them. Okay. Understood.

ROBERTO GAETANO: If I may, on the topic of jurisdiction, there is the annual meeting of the jurisdiction team led by [Bertrand]. They are meeting in Berlin this year and since it's in Europe we might have over the year some interest in participation and possibly participation by people. I think that should definitely stay. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Roberto. That meeting is indeed in Berlin this year, so Internet and jurisdiction. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. And thank you, Roberto. I agree in principle with you. I have just trouble that it's already on our list since one year, if not more, and we have not so much people jumping in. Therefore, if you think that it's useful to keep it. But we need to be sure that we drop it in, let's say, three months from the beginning of the year, we drop it by the meeting in Kobe, if we have no involvement. If not, we will keep it one year and next year we will say the same and so on and so forth.

It could be one way, also, to have people moving on it. If they see it disappearing, then maybe they will manage to help on the topic. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Sebastien and I note that ... Roberto, yes, go ahead.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I was noting on the phone, but anyway, it's not a good day for the connection. Yeah, I fully agree. I'm just saying this is not the right time to drop it and maybe by Kobe we can drop it and we can have a record on why we have dropped it. I fully agree with Sebastien. Thank you.

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Thanks for this, Roberto. Let's go to the next one, how ICANN aims to defend the public interest. You will have seen quite some discussion on the At-Large mailing list and that included some people from our region, so perhaps that will need to remain for the time being, especially since we do have an At-Large working group on the public interest as well. That one I'm seeing probably as remaining here.

The next one is the one which we – I think we discussed last time as changing, perhaps. Changing the name from root zone label generation rules to a wider topic of internationalized domain name universal acceptance. That includes the projects on Cyrillic, Greek, Latin scripts, etc. Yrjo Lansipuro?

Yrjo Lansipuro: Yeah. Thank you, Olivier. I would like to keep public interest on the list. I think that would be another [report] for At-Large Organizations. But I would like to give it a new twist and I would refer to an e-mail track that was circulated. Initiative was [started] by Evan Leibovitch. Of course, it developed into some type of ALS defending exercise that, to my mind, original point was that the advantage that ALAC gives to the board

should be based on surveys, should be based on research, should be based on actual, factual knowledge from the grassroots.

And when we talk about defending public interest, then I think that [inaudible] is that we tried to understand and we tried to find out empirically what the public interest is.

So, I just want to [inaudible] into this kettle to keep public interest there, but also to try to develop it further and not because so much [inaudible] public interest, but actually try to see what it would mean [inaudible]. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Yrjo. I'm writing notes at the moment. Next is Sébastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, but it's not on the same topic. I'm already jumping on the next one, maybe if you want to finish and I will come back.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Anyone else wish to speak about the public interest? I'm not seeing any other hands up on the public interest. What I've added here as a comment linked to the header is trying to understand, find out, how At-Large – us – can have input from its ALSes, perhaps through public surveys. One of the component parts of being sure that ... Maybe not sure, but reassured, that we act in the public interest.

Okay. And I note from Oksana that the link to the working group on Cyrillic doesn't work. Maybe that has changed. I know that pages keep on appearing and disappearing. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Thank you. I wanted to suggest that we tweak a little bit more the type of ... I think universal acceptance must be our hot topic, including international domain names. But the question of the length of domain name is also part of universal acceptance. Therefore, I would like to suggest that we [inaudible] universal acceptance and including the IDNs. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Sebastien. I've suggested swapping around, keeping it tracked so we can see the proposal that changed. Roberto Gaetano?

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes. Just wanted to bring to your attention that there was, yesterday and today, some teleconference from [CEEDIG] about the meetings of CEEDIG and the issue of IDNs and universal acceptance is on the list of topics for CEEDIG, as is for EuroDIG later on next year. So, I'm personally interested in this topic and I have volunteered already to be active on this.

I think we have probably up to now not given the necessary – how can I say? Relevance to this topic. And I would like to say that this is not just an issue about the domain name system. It's not just universal acceptance in terms of domain names, but it's also how non-ASCII

scripts or generally local content has a role and is satisfactorily treated by things like search engines and this sort of thing.

So, I would like to stress that the issue about providing prominence to local contents and so addressing the needs of the communities that are not using the ASCII script is a little bit wider than just the problem of internationalized domain names in the domain name system and e-mail addresses.

So, it's just a warning that the problem is wider and I think it's becoming more and more important and [addressed] and different contributions of ALAC, of EURALO in particular would be more than welcome in 2019.
Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Roberto. Would you mind adding some text to this section, then, on this Google doc, reflecting what you said so as to widen the focus from just IDNs to the wider international – sorry, universal acceptance that includes content, etc.?

ROBERTO GAETANO: I can, indeed. I can indeed add this. Probably the next couple of days is not the best moment, but I understand that the deadline is the end of the month. So, I think that in a couple of days I can put some meaningful text and also planning to raise the issue with our Association of Individual Users that have people from [Georgia, Armenia], Serbia that are interested in this topic, so we can come up with some

meaningful text and probably some commitment and engagement.
Thank you.

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Thanks for this, Roberto. We're just looking for a few bullet points. These are meant to be quite short. So, any additional bullet points would be very welcome indeed and certainly involvement from anyone, any of the individuals that you mentioned would be really great as well.

I'm not seeing any other hands up. Now, beyond these topics, the B part is just a copy of our outreach and engagement plan with just a handful of little amendments being made.

The question I do have is, as you note, there are currently five hot topics listed. The question was whether we should have more than five additional topics beyond that. I'm not seeing any additional ones currently being proposed. So, I'm a little surprised. If we are taking one out, we could have additional topics that are really important.

I'm not going to ask you to think of more topics off the top of your head right now, although if you do have additional topics that you'd like to submit, then please put your hand up. I see Sebastien Bachollet. Sebastien, you have the floor.

Sebastien Bachollet: Thank you very much, Olivier. I just have trouble with my memory, but during the call on the EURALO Taskforce on ALS engagement, I thought that we were talking about one specific topic to add. I was trying to find the transcript and it's not yet there and I have no time to listen to the

recording during this call. But I remember something that I am unable to know about what we are discussing and I know we are discussing something.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you, Sebastien. I see Silvia Vivanco has put her hand up. Maybe Silvia has a record of this.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Actually, [inaudible] related to the use of the document. I just wanted to share with you, AFRALO, the African RALO, is in the process of finalizing a document, AFRALO Hot Topics. We have been working with our [inaudible] department to put together a [inaudible] brochure of our – it would be four pages, double-sided, [inaudible] so AFRALO can use the document to distribute at regional events as an outreach document. So, I will be happy to share the nearly final document with you and perhaps EURALO, when the document is complete, would be interested in doing something similar. [inaudible] to share this. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Silvia. That comes further down the line, but that's a good thing to note and to know for the future. Let's put this to the side. So, noting Sebastien's note regarding the working group on ALS engagement that has come up with an additional idea. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. May I suggest that you put an action item on me to have a look to the last [inaudible] call and find out if we did have the discussion about specific hot topics, and if yes, I will come back to you. If not, I will tell you that I was wrong. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Sebastien. So, Sebastien to review the call of the Taskforce on ALS Engagement to find any hot topics that were raised. Yrjo Lansipuro?

YRJO LANSIPURO: Yeah. I think that actually at the meeting of the Taskforce on ALS Engagement, we talked about – I think I raised that actually. Talked about the speech by [inaudible] at IGF in Paris which raised a lot of attention and eyebrows about increasing regulation and about the multi-stakeholder system and how to improve it and so on and so forth.

I think this was the idea that was mentioned, how to [inaudible] that into a hot topic. That is [inaudible]. I think that was something that was mentioned. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much for this. I have now put a note on the document, so this could be our sixth hot topic as listed. Alright. I'm not seeing any other hands up.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sebastien with a new hand.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Sebastien, yes. Sebastien Bachollet, go ahead.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. Sorry about that. Just to say thank you very much. You're right. It was something around registry stakeholder and [inaudible] it was pushed by both the President of France and the Minister at the end of IGF. I really think it will be – it is a hot topic and [inaudible] will become more and more for, even if they say that multi-stakeholderism is very different than the one before, it's something we need to keep an eye on and work on it. Thank you, Yrjo.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thanks, Yrjo and thanks, Sebastien, for this. Jean-Jacques Subrenat?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Hello. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. We can hear you.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Good. Thank you, Olivier. Sorry for being late on this call. I'd like to refer to Yrjo's suggestion, which I support. I would like to enlarge it or suggest edits because as it is referred to just now, with the additional line which

is put in red, number six, speech [inaudible] multi-stakeholder [inaudible] models. I think that it would be a bit limiting to take mostly those two aspects as if there were two opposite sides of a debate.

I think there is also a hugely important thing which is, at least from the point of view of the end user or the global user of the Internet, it is also the affirmation of rights, of basic rights, and for the rule of law.

For instance, it will be unfair and certainly incomplete to oppose on the one hand what [inaudible] said as opposed to what big business in the United States says, the corporations. And then to [inaudible] understanding completely, another big difference, at least as important [inaudible] effect on the Internet governance which is the rule of law or the absence of rule of law.

For instance, China is pretending to support a multi-lateral model, like Brazil and a few others. But a feature which is just as important, which is the respect of the rule of law is not implemented or respected.

So, I don't have a formulation right now which will be satisfactory but I suggest that we think along those lines. And if you wish, Olivier, I can send you by e-mail to this list some formulation for that, if it helps. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Jean-Jacques. That's very helpful, and yes indeed, any input would be gratefully accepted and welcomed. I note the time is flying at an incredible rate tonight, so let's move from the EURALO hot topics. Thank you, all, for bringing some input in there. You've got the

link for this Google Doc. Please feel free to add more amendments to this document since we have until the end of the month. And this is not a hard stop as such, but we do need to aim for the end of the month to have a completed document.

The next thing is a quick update on the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce. The few changes, few things, basically the update is what I've sent earlier on the mailing list. I made investigations regarding the two questions that had been asked during our last call. The first question was to do with the address, the postal address as such, for the EURALO that will be listed in the EURALO bylaws.

There are several solutions that are opened for us. There are some expensive solutions if one needs to host EURALO at a fiduciary of some sort. But there's also a postal redirection service provided by Swift Post for a very small nominal fee. That could be the right thing for us in that, for the time being, the redirections – you have basically a generic address in Switzerland and the Swiss Post forwards it to whoever it is that it needs to be forwarded to. It could be forwarded over to me. If we ever receive any notices by post.

Then, for the next chair, the post could be forwarded to the next chair as such. The changes of address and so on can all be done online. The only question being whether this can actually send the post abroad, but I will check that for our next call on this.

There was also another follow-up on the treasurer. Annette Muhlberg mentioned that she wanted to ... She was proposing that we include a treasurer again, the new Articles of Association. So far, I've only seen

negative feedback about this with a reminder that the idea is with the new drafting of the bylaws was to simplify them and to actually get the bylaws to adhere to the reality of things.

And since EURALO doesn't currently run its own funds or have any funds to manage as such, and doesn't have a bank account and there's no plan for EURALO to have a bank account, having a treasurer is probably not the right thing to have for the time being. These are the two updates on the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce.

I'm not seeing any other hands up, so the next thing – and now we are supposed to have 20 minutes, but we are very late on this call – it was the fiscal year 20 additional budget request.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Excuse me, Olivier. I was a bit slow in putting up my hand again.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Jean-Jacques Subrenat.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you very much. I'm sorry to have been late on reacting. But about that, I sent out an e-mail to you and to the list with my reactions on the questions you put and it included [no] to treasurer, but also about postal address or physical address for EURALO, etc. Did you receive that? This is from today.

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Oh, from today. I must have received it. I'm not quite sure whether I had a chance to read it.

Jean-Jacques Subrenat: Right. Just in case—

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Please summarize it.

Jean-Jacques Subrenat: Just to make you aware that I have responded to that, so maybe it's useful. I did put not only the links but also the price ranges for three solutions. Thank you.

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Okay, thanks. I haven't read it so far, so it will have to be a follow-up after this call. Thank you. Let's move on.

The next thing is the fiscal year 20 additional budget request. Bastiaan was unable to make it to the call today, but Wale Bakare is with us. Wale and Bastiaan are both representatives on the Finance & Budget Subcommittee. Wale, did you wish to make a quick introduction on this? We're going to have to be quite fast I guess to ask everyone to come up with, well, either file the same things as last year, the same requests as last year, or have some new requests. So, I hand the floor over to Wale Bakare. You have the floor. Wale? I'm not sure we can hear Wale Bakre. Heidi Ullrich?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Is Wale being connected? Thank you so much, Olivier. I wanted to let everyone know about the fiscal year 20 budget cycle. This is now not only the fiscal year 20 budget that just was released today for public comment, but as we're talking about now the additional budget request, this is your only chance that you are able as a region to really develop, put in requests, that will benefit your region.

You will see on that page that it contained the criteria. And these are taken primarily from years past, but also Maureen Hilyard, the FBSC chair, has added a few. One is that all RALO requests need to be endorsed by the RALO before being sent to the FBSC, the Finance & Budget Subcommittee. So, that is a new step that you will need to incorporate in your schedule. Also, the schedule is that RALO requests should be with the FBSC endorsed by the RALO by the 4th of January. So, that's the end of the first week when everyone is coming back from their holiday or winter breaks.

Just on this page you will have – again, please read the criteria and also there's information from the finance department, including some of the rules and timelines that they have as well as the template that you will need to fill out with the information for that request. Any questions? Olivier, should I go ahead and talk about what the FBSC will do then or is that going to be enough for the time being?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thank you for this, Heidi. I have a question because the home page of the additional budget request work space has a table with a timeline

and none of the times which you've provided are on that timeline. In fact, I'm quite confused about all the times that we have here.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. So, [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. It's very strange.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Well, there's a timeline in that link that I put in at the bottom and it says fiscal year 20 additional budget request timeline. It's not the finance timeline. You have to scroll down a little bit and you'll see the table that includes not only the finance schedule which includes the entire process, but also the FBSC additional process and deadlines that At-Large will need to go through. Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, I'm here, Heidi. I'm here and I'm reading this and it's a bit confusing at the moment.

WALE BAKARE: Hello. This is Wale Bakare.

HEIDI ULLRICH: It's the same as when you were chair, Olivier. [inaudible] through the years.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Heidi, it's just that I'm seeing here the FBSC representatives send notice of opening of the FY20 additional budget request. So, that was a month ago already, was it? I see here 15-11-2018.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. That was actually ... That was already ... That's completed. Sorry. I just haven't updated it. I sent that out I think even before that deadline.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. That was quite some time ago. It's been a month and I don't know if we've received anything so far. Let's hear from Wale Bakare. Wale, you have the floor.

WALE BAKARE: Hello. Good evening, everyone. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

WALE BAKARE: Right. Thank you so much, Olivier. Basically, what we – Bastiaan and myself – [inaudible] additional budget request. Sorry, ALAC Finance & Budget Subcommittee.

So, the very first task we'll be looking at is the At-Large FY20 additional budget request. What we are trying to do the next few days – so,

Bastiaan, myself, and the RALO chair, Olivier. So, we will be discussing about the additional budget request that we are trying to present to EURALO.

So, because of the time factor, [inaudible] – let me put it that way – the general report is the deadline. So, we will be working towards this. And in the next ... So, we have received [inaudible] from the RALO chair that we should discuss about this, but what we are trying to look into first, we had about [inaudible] sent out last year. But unfortunately none of these proposals were granted.

So, in that regard, our task is just looking to this proposal, that [inaudible] number one the proposal is diversity in ICANN leadership bodies. The second one is the Internet of Things and the increasing [inaudible]. So, this workshop, this was presented to IGF 2008 workshop, but unfortunately it wasn't granted.

So, the third one we're looking at is support participation of individual users in EURALO and the last one is joint NCUC [inaudible] event. Sorry, [inaudible] was supposed to be an ICANN 63 meeting in Barcelona.

So, these workshop proposals will be the ones we are going to be looking at in the next [session]. For instance, we are going to determine when exactly we are going to discuss about this proposal and [inaudible] we need to put into the proposal. So, what are the terms we need to have to this proposal so we know that when we file them for the FY20?

So, the FY20 basically is [inaudible] for 2020, which means it [inaudible] from July 1, 2019 through to 30th of June 2020. So, this is the period that this FY20 covers.

Then, the new ALAC chair came out with some criteria that said every EURALO, every ALAC finance budget committee for each RALO should follow. So, these criteria means that it must be At-Large community [inaudible] proposal.

What does that mean? We need to develop every workshop proposal with our members. That means, for each [inaudible], whatever we are going to conclude with myself, Bastiaan, and the EURALO chair, we are going to present it to EURALO before the deadline, which is on the 24th because time is not on our side.

Basically, we will be doing this [inaudible] present it to EURALO members to ratify. That is what it means. Then, the second criteria, the ALAC chair also listed here is that we should not [inaudible] on the outreach alone. So, it must be some proposal [inaudible] members.

Also, one of the criteria is also any requests that we need to make, it should go through the [core] program or as part of the At-Large and ALAC request for EURALO [inaudible].

Also, like I said before, we will presenting this proposal to our EURALO members. So, [inaudible] to go online [inaudible] statement we have in place. So, it has to be [inaudible] with what we have in our strategic plans. That is what it [needs for] EURALO members to endorse this proposal.

Basically, these are the outlines made by the ALAC chair in order for proposal to be granted. Like I said before, we haven't really discussed much about this because of the issues because of the time [inaudible] and also I believe the next [inaudible] we are going to get back to

EURALO members with the proposal that we come up with that covers the FY20 additional budget request.

We believe that because of [inaudible] 2019 [inaudible], so none of these requests were granted so we are going to [refile] them again and we're going to look at each workshop proposal to look at areas we need to [inaudible], what are the things we need to have, what are the principles we need to put in place in order for a proposal to be granted. So, basically, that's [about that].

Then, the second part of our task is that we will be attending every meeting. So, as we land ... Today, ICANN [inaudible] the draft of FY20 planning document. So, this covers the document [inaudible] about five documents in front of me were [inaudible].

Basically, the public comment has been opened yesterday on the 17th of December, so that we take [inaudible]. So, that means the public comment will close on the 18th of March 2019. So, how we employ every RALO member to go through this document for FY20 in order to make your comment and suggestion, whatever [inaudible] make support into the FY20 operating plan and budget and also the five-year operating plan update as well.

So, because basically what the key component of this [inaudible] by the ICANN yesterday was that the [inaudible] has been forecasted at maybe [\$140.1] million which represents about [inaudible] 2% increase from year FY2019. Then, the budget has been also established at [\$107.1] million. So, the [inaudible] has also been budgeted as a possibly of \$3 million.

So, the key thing [inaudible] to our community is the consistency and fellowship travel support. So, there is no [inaudible] that. So, I think it is a [inaudible] statement that remains the same as FY19, which means that unfortunately [inaudible] be supported.

Then, another key part of the FY20 operating plan statement is that the [inaudible] strategic plan which was FY15 to FY20 is going to go through transition for the next strategic plan, which means that FY2021 to FY2025. That means there's going to be a parallel development of these strategic plans.

So, while we are ending the FY15 to FY20, ICANN will be developing the FY21 to FY25. These are the key components of the statements released by ICANN yesterday and also [inaudible].

So, I would suggest everybody should go through it, make your comment, make your suggestions. Whatever you [inaudible]. Like I said, just to [inaudible], we are going to go back to the EURALO community members. So, we will release the workshop proposal that we [inaudible] [and ratify it]. Thank you so much.

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Thank you very much, Wale, for this very comprehensive review. So, the two things, the comments on the ICANN budget which is a slightly longer timeline and currently the workshops. You've listed four, I understand ... Well, you've listed four different proposals that we made last year. Of course, the one that was the town hall event for ICANN 63 in Barcelona is obsolete. But the three others might be worth looking at and we'll, as you said, come back to the community on this.

What I would say, though, this is a bottom-up process, so please, if you have other workshops that you would like to propose or other proposals that you might have for funding, please send them over to the EURALO mailing list. And as it was mentioned earlier, these could be picked up and could be proposed if we have buy in from EURALO itself.

I see Sebastien has his hand up and Heidi also has her hand up. I'll get Sebastien to speak and then Heidi to close off on this. Sebastien, you have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. Just a few points. I know that town hall ICANN [inaudible]. I would like to suggest that we tweak this proposal to [inaudible] some gathering of the European RALO or EURALO during Montreal meeting as we will have hopefully more [inaudible] than usually in an ICANN meeting. It would be a way to have some funding to have a EURALO European gathering.

I support the fact that we can try to push again the [inaudible] proposal and that we are also bottom-up.

I will be a little bit more [inaudible] without saying, "Hey, you need to read. All of you need to read." No. Because we have no time to read everything. Therefore, I think that the people who are really interested [inaudible] must read and come back to us and tell us what we need to think about. I'm not sure that all of us can read [inaudible] in any topic in ICANN. We would be dead. But, thank you for this addition, Wale.

WALE BAKARE: Thank you so much, Sebastien. No problem.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Wale. Yes.

WALE BAKARE: Yeah. Thank you so much, Sebastien. It's just, the reason why I said maybe members should read, we are going to do that. On a personal note, anyway, Bastiaan and myself, we tend to work together on this Finance & Budget Subcommittee. What we are planning and what we're looking forward to present to EURALO members maybe on a monthly basis. So, we were trying to give a kind of feedback to meetings on issues that we discuss in the meetings because today there is a webinar being organized. It was organized by the Finance & Budget department from ICANN.

Basically, the purpose of that was just to [inaudible] the Finance & Budget Committee members about this [inaudible] by ICANN. So, just to take us through all the documents because this document – excuse me, [inaudible]. I will go through the document again. The document was segmented into five areas.

Number one part of the document, ICANN strategic plan. Then, the second part involved ICANN five-year operating plan update. Then, the third one of the document is ICANN fiscal year operating plan and budget. The fourth one is PTI.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Wale, sorry to cut you off, but I'm very concerned at the time. It is 15 minutes past the top of the hour. You mentioned this. Would it be possible for you to follow-up on the mailing list? Just write us a very short note. It doesn't need to be a big paragraph. But just to let everyone know that if anybody has comments on the budget, could they just relate to you and Bastiaan and following up on this? Because I do have to close the call very soon and we have two AOBs on this call, so I'm a little mindful of the staff time and other calls pending.

WALE BAKARE: That's fine. [inaudible] mailing list. Thank you so much for that.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Wale. Heidi Ullrich, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. I'll be very brief, Olivier. I just wanted to let everyone know that the FBSC, I believe it was ALT-Plus, has been informed of that. I'm thinking of two primary ABRs, sort of envelope ABRs.

One is again another request for the RALO discretionary funding. As you know, this year, I just put into the chat the work space for this current year, where every RALO has \$4000 for a total of \$20,000 and they're putting in a request for \$30,000 for this next year, fiscal year 20.

So, on that point, keep in mind, again, that currently you have \$3000 remaining to do outreach, to do engagement activities. This is meant for various activities such as publication, regional/local travel even. So,

please do look at that. If you have ABRs that were not approved last year or this current year, you can still go to those with that funding.

The request for this next year, fiscal year 20, is not only going to be increased to \$30,000 but it's also going to ask for one activity to be cross-regional. Now, that would hopefully allow at least one person from regions [inaudible] the IGF, to go to the IGF. So, people couldn't be in Berlin [inaudible], so you should be able to go relatively easily using CROP, etc. But for those regions that are not in Europe then they would be able to take one person, if that's approved.

The second umbrella request is going to be a skills development request connected to the review implementation and that's going to be for policy skills development, leadership skills development, outreach and engagement including communications.

You'll be seeing some of those activities taking place already at this fiscal year where funds are available but also asking for funds for fiscal year 20. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this, Heidi. Wale, your hand is up again. Or is that an old hand?

WALE BAKARE: That's an old hand. I'll take it down.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this. Well, that's a lot of information we have on finance, so it will take a little while for us to digest, but we need to run to AOB, any other business. We have two pieces of any other business. One is the ATRT-3 accountability and transparency review team. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Olivier. I will try to be short. I [inaudible] for the ALAC meeting earlier today. If you will give me the hand to move the slides, it will be easier for me.

What I wanted just to concentrate on two things – three things. The first one is that the objective of the ATRT review is to tackle the accountability and transparency and how it reflects the specific interest. You have in the second slide a longer list of possible topics or topics that we, the ATRT-3, need to take into account but it's open to other topics that the team will take into account.

This team, now the slide shows four people who will represent At-Large, ALAC, ALSes, so on and so forth. I am the one from Europe. Thank you very much. And if you have any questions on ATRT-3, please come to me and I will try to answer.

The rest of the team of ATRT-3, as you see a lot of people from GNSO. One from SSAC, three from [inaudible], and one from ccNSO, one from GAC and possibly one from Address Supporting Organization.

The next step is to take care of the [inaudible] preparation of next year because ATRT-3 needs to work for one year and no more. We will have

our first substantive meeting in January next year. We will report and if you wish I will report on this EURALO call or any other call you want me to report as European representative. I am happy to listen to you if you have any specific questions or specific topics you want to be raised in the Accountability and Transparency Review Team #3. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sébastien, and may I ask that these questions please be asked by e-mail. Jean-Jacques, you were so quick in putting your hand up. Please make it a very short question or comment. Jean-Jacques Subrenat?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier. Question to Sébastien. How prominent is the subject of – not sovereignty. What's it called? When you determine the nationality of—

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Jurisdiction?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Jurisdiction, yes. What is the prominence of jurisdiction currently? Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: We already discussed this issue in [inaudible] topic, but I am not sure that it is for ATRT-3 to take into account. I am not sure about that. I will check. It still is a question [inaudible] work stream two. I'll follow-up on work stream two [inaudible] accountability. Thank you for bringing this issue as a possible topic. I will check. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Alright. Thank you for this, Sebastien. Finally, we have Yrjo Lansipuro who will speak to us with a quick update on EURALO Taskforce on At-Large Structure Engagement.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Olivier. The transcript of the last meeting of the EURALO Taskforce has been posted, so [inaudible] talking about that in the interest of time.

The other thing is to update that the EURALO expertise table is being updated right now. I hope that it will be updated in a couple of weeks. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Yrjo. I'm glad to mention that we had a good response from our At-Large Structures and members to fill up that EURALO expertise table. It's filling up with more people and I'm eager to be able to test it some time in 2019. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Just a few words. I really want to thank all the people who participated at the IGF in Paris. It was a very good meeting and a very good turnover from Europe, the fact that we signed the MoU with [CENTR] at the [inaudible] and I want to thank also our CROP representative, Natalia, who has done a very good job. If you see the [inaudible] of EURALO in Facebook, it's raising a lot because of her work. I want us to thank her. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. A round of virtual applause for Natalia. Unfortunately, we have to end this call, unless there is any other other business that anybody else wishes to raise. I'm not seeing anyone else put their hand up, so thank you, all, for participating in this last call of the year. It's been very informative. Next call next year, of course, but until then, we've got the various public comment periods that are coming to an end just before Christmas and of course the budget process will be additional budget requests that need to be filed by the fourth of January. I know that many people go on holidays, so please have a look at them in the next couple of days and make suggestions.

With this, I'd like to thank you again and end the call, wishing that you have a good holiday period. I'm looking forward to see you all in the new year. Very good evening, everyone.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, everyone.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, bye-bye.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Happy holidays, bye!

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you. This concludes today's conference. Please remember to disconnect all lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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