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YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Taskforce on ALS Engagement Call taking place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2018 at 15:00 UTC.

On our call today, we have Yrjö Lansipuro, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Sébastien Bachollet, Nenad Marinkovic, Matthias Hudhobnik.

We have received apologies from Erich Schweighofer and Bastiaan Goslings.

From staff side, we have Silvia Vivanco, Jean-Jacques Sahel, Magali Jean, Adam Peake; and myself, Yesim Nazlar. I'll be managing today's call.

Before we start, kind reminder to state your names before speaking for the transcription purposes, please. Now I would like to leave the floor back to you, Yrjö. Thank you very much.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you. I want to thank everybody for joining this call at a fairly short notice. We have Vice President for Europe, Jean-Jacques Sahel, on this call – welcome – as our special guest.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you.

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YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

And we have a chance just to discuss with him the EURALO outreach strategic plan. The other items are our hot topics document for this year which is under preparation until the end of the year. I hope that Jean-Jacques and Magali can stay with us also for that item.

Then, number four on the agenda is the EURALO ALS subject matter expertise table. It's actually, right now, it's being updated and we have already some results from the updating exercise. And finally, next steps and AOB. So, with this agenda, can we use this agenda or anybody wants to add or amend any items? If not, I'll consider this agenda adopted and I'd like to give the floor to Jean-Jacques, please.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you very much, Yrjö. I'm very happy to be here. So, just for background, you'll remember when we were in Barcelona, we talked about how we could make sure that we cooperate much more and much better moving forward. One of the ways we thought we could do this would be to have this call, for instance, to start by looking at the strategic outreach plan that you put together, look at the ideas that you suggested and [inaudible] exchanging on specific activities. For instance, looking at some of the big events that are coming up next year and where we could support you and work together in organizing outreach activities. So, yes, it's just to start this exchange and I think that we've got also Adam Peake on the call who will be working with us also in helping you on that. That's really the point I think we've been working on an ad hoc basis with each other for quite a while, but maybe we can do that in a more planned, systematic way. Yes. That's it.

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So, to try and find a few good activities that we can support you on and work together on over the next few months. I don't know if anyone wants to – maybe next step would be m to start looking at the strategic plan on some of the key objectives that you have, whether it's in terms of ALSes or it's in terms of representation at activities. It might be better if one of you leads on that rather than me commenting straight away.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

On the strategic plan, of course we can – perhaps we can bypass the FY18 in review and go to the strategy for FY19, especially through the various events that we would like to attend, some of us. Then we have the objective of discussing the funding. CROPs is smaller this year, 19, than it used to be, so we have to economize, and of course we have already used one slot for Barcelona, and I think one for Paris IGF so we have only one left. But then we have this \$4000 which has been allocated as outreach activity funding, which we understand that it also can be used for travel, and since many of the events this year are actually at places like Hague and Berlin which are easily reachable from most of Europe by train – not for Finland, actually – so that we perhaps could manage with what we have. Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Yrjö. I thought maybe we can quickly, for those people who are not aware of our plans or what were our plans a few months ago, read through the expected activities and outcomes for FY19. And not read through the whole thing, but just basically mention the list. So we're speaking about ICANN 63 in Barcelona, and of course,

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there, as you just mentioned correctly, we had one CROP slot that was used there.

The next one was the Internet Governance Week Brussels. That's taking place – well, it says here January 2018, but I don't know when the one in 2019 will be. But it's not expected that we'll send someone there using CROP and so on, but we might be able to send someone locally with the funds that you've actually mentioned.

Then there is also the Eastern European DNS Forum which has happened in Moscow just now, and there, we actually had Natalia Filina that went there, and I believe that we also had Andrei Kolesnikov who was there, so that was really good.

Then the next one was the CDPD, Computer Privacy and Data Protection, that's happening on the 30th of January 2019. Again, this takes place in Brussels, so we might be able to send someone locally in Brussels and with just minor funding of their train ticket or something.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: I think we're hoping – sorry, Olivier. I think on this one, Joanna Kulesza is hoping to come, because she has a panel that's been accepted, I believe, by the CPDP organizers.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, great.

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JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: And I think the budget has been found for her travel already. I'm not 100% sure, I [will need to] double check, but I think that's sorted already.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Well, that's excellent. Okay, cool. Alright, so that good news. So the CDPD will be covered. Then we've got EuroSSIG 2019. Traditionally, we have not asked for – so that's the Summer School on Internet Governance – we don't use any CROP funding or any funding for this. Several of us are directly involved with the summer school, so we're there anyway.

There's re:publica, which is from the 6th to 8th of May 2019. And that's funny, actually, the summer school should have been further down because that takes place in the summer. But anyway, re:publica, 6th to 8th May 2019. We were considering asking for CROP slots, but then we just have, as Yrjö mentioned, one slot remaining. And last year, we did have Matthias Hudobnik that went there. He was funded by CROP to go there. He was very positive about it, but that's one thing we might need to discuss with Jean-Jacques right now.

Then EuroDIG 2019, and so we might ask a limited number of CROP slots for this. Well, we've only got one slot left. It's in the Hague in the Netherlands. It might be that we just get local travel for some people. I'm not quite sure yet. This is really for this committee to decide. And then there's SEEDIG, that is happening in – and I don't know the location.

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JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: It's in Bucharest in Romania.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Is it in Romania? Okay. Excellent. In Romania. We have an At-Large structure, or a couple of At-Large structures that are very active over there, including APTI. And then there's RightsCon, which takes place in Tunisia, so that's pretty much out of our region now.

So that's the things we've got listed so far, and back to you, Jean-Jacques, basically, from that. [So, what do we do now?]

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thanks very much. Yeah. If I think about what's coming up for the next six months, I think you've listed all the good ones that we would have said would be good opportunities for At-Large. So if we go down the list, CPDP was covered, there's already some activity. That's good. The one that stood out, which is one we've been looking at for a couple of years but we haven't actually been active in, is re:publica, which has grown really massively in size and has got a lot of civil society and users. They're talking about digital rights, and I think it's probably a good opportunity, and Mathias had a good report on it last year or earlier this year.

So I think it'd be useful to see what we could do there, but what does it mean to do something there? And I think if Adam is able to speak, I know he's been looking at it for the past year or so and talking to the organizers, I wonder if maybe, Adam, you can give your perspective on what could be helpful to do. Is it that we can suggest a workshop or a

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panel or some other activity? I don't think it's just about turning up, and we'd need to have some sort of proper kind of activity there. So, are you able to jump in, Adam? If you don't mind, Yrjö, if I ask Adam to join.

ADAM PEAKE:

Hi. Yeah. Thank you, Jean-Jacques. Yes, we've been looking at re:publica for a while from the ICANN Org point of view. I knew the organizers some years ago, but as it's grown, it had gone from a very small conference to, as Matthias knows, 4000 people or something like that. Yeah, I think it would be worth looking at how to submit a workshop proposal or something similar. And I can do that and then have a chat with Matthias and see what we can come up with.

It's certainly an interesting opportunity, and you might have seen that they're expanding their reach internationally now. There's a meeting in – their first re:publica in Africa is starting, I think in Ghana, and they have an event in L.A., which [I just found out is] just about to happen. I'm not sure if any staff are going to Ghana. We did discuss it internally and wondered if it was worth a look as it was the first one rather than encouraging AFRALO or similar to use it as a CROP or when their resources are scarce, but I'm not entirely sure about that. So yeah, I think probably the best action for this is I will have a look at re:publica and have a chat with Matthias, and then get back to you all about opportunities as we see them for this year.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Thank you, Adam Peake.





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YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Matthias. Perhaps you could, with Adam, continue this question of what we could contribute there at the next re:publica. Sébastien, please.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Yrjö, but you have Olivier before me, but he's not on the [same column,] that's why you didn't see him. Maybe you need to ask him to go.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, Sébastien, I was after you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay. No, but that's okay. Yeah, I wanted to raise the [funding] issue. As much as I love to go to a different country, especially one where we are already there, but I will go for outreach, [it's] maybe not to have more people [from Germany,] we have already a lot of them. We can always have more, but I just want to remind you that our objective, our goal since years is to try to have at least one ALS in each country. And if we don't try that, we will never reach this possibility.

That means that we need to find out how we can go to other countries than the ones we already – if we are already somewhere, we don't need to do something much more than ask the locals to go there, and eventually to speak at the conference with the help of ICANN Org. I have no trouble with that, but I think really, we have very scarce resources. We need to concentrate in having new frontier, new border and new places to go. Thank you.

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JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: I wonder if I can just follow up [for a moment,] if that's alright.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: I'm sorry. I was muted. Yeah, I think Olivier is next.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Yjrö. Actually, I'm happy to defer to Jean-Jacques if his response is in relation to the point that Sébastien has made, and then I can make my points afterwards. Thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Okay. Yes, Jean-Jacques, please.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thanks, Olivier. Can you hear me? I'm having a bit of echo on my end. Okay. I hope you can hear me. I fully agree with Sébastien, that's why when I started talking, I mentioned it would be good to hear about your objective. I'd be really interested to hear from you which geographic you'd like to focus on, which countries for instance don't have ALSes or they have ALSes and you think could be more dynamic ones. And we could definitely think about how to focus on that.

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So I'd love to have your input on that, then we can see whether we are already considering activities in those countries, or if not, how it could work through not just to the end of FY19, even through the rest of 2019 to see if we can target those with our activities.

But just a quick message on re:publica, I think even though it is in Germany, it's very important to note that it's very much at least a Europe-wide conference nowadays, so people go to Berlin, but they're from all over the continent. So that's why it's a useful place to be. We have scarce resources, so that's why [we attempted to] target conferences that have appeal for many countries. I think re:publica is definitely one of those. It started as a German mainly conference, but now it's much broader. So that would be a good target for me. But I'd love to hear more on where you'd like to focus, whichever geography you think there are gaps. And absolutely, we'd love to help you fill those gaps.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Okay. Thank you. Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. Thanks very much, Yrjö. So looking at all the ones that we have here and having heard all the different points that were made, if we were to follow up on re:publica and say, right, let's do something with a proper workshop, etc., and use a CROP slot for this as well, the first question that I'd have to ask, Jean-Jacques and Adam, is, is this now within the ICANN strategic plan for Europe? Would this be given a green light? Because as you remember, the CROP slots have been greatly

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tightened, the whole thing has been tightened, and ICANN needs to be doing something there as such.

The second is, what process should we use to actually work together? If we were to have a workshop there, what process should we use to work together? And I gather that at that point, you wouldn't just be having someone from At-Large in there, you'd also have maybe people from other parts of ICANN perhaps. I'm not sure, just throwing this as a thought. Thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Yeah. I think that's a good point, Olivier. Thank you. In terms of others joining, certainly, if for instance we did a workshop in re:publica [with the think of having] other stakeholder groups [who presented,] I think what we could do is if for instance Matthias and Adam did a bit more work in terms of what topic we could organize, we could propose for a panel, then we could think about others that would be included. So depending on the issue, I don't know, it could be – say, it was [on copyright,] then you might have a registrar that comes in and speaks to their perspective, etc., next to an At-Large person. So I think we can definitely consider that.

In terms of ICANN's strategic plan, I think you remember you all helped us put together a civil society strategy, and I think something like re:publica potentially fulfills very well the sort of objectives we have [inaudible] strategy in that it's about reaching out to try and get more active participation in ICANN, end user and nonprofit communities, and I think it's a conference that attracts exactly those sorts of people, as

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Matthias was saying earlier. So I think it's a really good objective. So that should be – and if we're together, if we organize something together, jointly between ICANN Org staff and the SO/ACs, then to me, it makes a lot of sense. It's all coherent, consistent. So I hope that makes sense, that answers your question. But in re:publica, it certainly seems like a good one.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Jean-Jacques. One question in this connection is, what kind of deadlines they have for proposing workshops and so on and so forth.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: I'm not 100% sure. I think Adam and Matthias need to check. I know RightsCon is already next week, for instance, so I guess that [inaudible] submissions are probably not going to be very far away. Do you know, Adam, by any chance?

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Adam, do you have any information?

ADAM PEAKE: I have a feeling we might just have missed it, actually, which means having to go to Markus and seeing if he, first of all, remembers me, and then can help out. But I'll check the website.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: I'm trying to check while we speak.

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ADAM PEAKE: [inaudible] about three weeks ago. I did have my hand up. I wanted to actually follow up from Olivier's comment about the ALS and also the link to the stakeholder tool. We do use that. We take a look at it, so if somebody, [Gabby] or Andrea particularly in our region, of course, if someone's going to a country, they'll take a look and see, is there an ALS or is there not? And then that would be a topic of conversation.

And Gabby was in Hungary recently and actually had that conversation, so we're beginning – we've always used, when the tool's been around, we've used it to take a look at what things are, because it's very helpful to supplement the information we have anyway, and there's a lot of talk in At-Large at the moment about how we can use it better. Not just At-Large, but we basically myself and the outreach and engagement group of the At-Large generally on how we can use it better. So we'll think about that over the coming months.

But thinking about where you are targeting is very helpful, because the tool is just one tool – sorry to repeat that – and your knowledge is as valuable, if not more so. But we are targeting ALS.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Adam. Oksana, please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you very much, Olivier, for mentioning our [IG] event in Ukraine in September 2019. I don't have any confirmation for the dates and for the event, but I would like to engage all of you in the preparation of this

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event. It is extremely important for us that [inaudible]. And it's extremely important for us to confirm that we are incorporated in European IG ecosystem. Is it, or not? Because just now, I have a lot of questions [regarding] this European IG ecosystem. Do you have the [inaudible] IG European ecosystem, or you have two different ecosystems, or maybe more than two different ecosystems? I would highly appreciate any of your feedback on my question, and I would like also to raise the question of engagement of youth. Yes, I [heard] that engagement of youth [in general] is out of scope, so, okay, let's [concern only] on the first question. Thank you very much.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Thank you very much, Oksana. Interesting questions. Perhaps if you could put those questions also to the list of this subcommittee or working group, I think that it would be easier for people to give their opinions. But thank you for these questions.

As far as the RIPE in Ukraine is concerned, of course, that is already FY20, I guess, but it's good to know that and [inaudible] plan for an eventual participation. Matthias, please.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK:

I just want to make a quick comment on Séb's comment before. I totally agree with Sébastien that we should really focus on countries where [we are not already,] but the other way around, I'd also say that we need to get more younger people in general, like also as end users, because as you've already seen in At-Large, there are not that many young people really interested to get people involved. And I think as

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also Jean-Jacques said, [inaudible] re:publica is very international, I would say, and there are a lot of different people there, and especially a strong focus also on NGOs and private Internet users. So I think that's why there is a lot of potential there. Thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Matthias. Okay, I think there was an important information in the chat actually by Jean-Jacques that we have missed the deadline, but we could indeed speak to organizers to see whether an activity, a panel could still be suggested at this stage. Jean-Jacques, would you contact the organizers?

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Yes. Adam and I have been in touch with [inaudible]

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Okay. Thank you very much. So that's an action item from this meeting, that Jean-Jacques and/or Adam will contact the organizers of the re:publica, and if it's still possible to do something, propose some contribution there, we could then start and do this proposal at a short notice. Okay. Oksana, your hand is still up. Is that an old hand?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: [inaudible].

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Okay. Anything else about the strategic – Jean-Jacques, please.



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JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. Just to be clear and to add, you've got a really good list on page five of all the events that are happening that Olivier was going through earlier. So [with all this focus] on re:publica. All the others like EuroDIG, SEEDIG, etc. are relevant, and just to say that in some of those, we know that there will be ICANN-related panels at some of those like EuroDIG, and probably SEEDIG as well, there might be some sort of ICANN booth or table, and we can make sure that we have brochures.

So I'm not sure if it's you, Yrjö, or Olivier who would be the best person to liaise with, but we can liaise, and I think the earlier we [plan,] the better, so we make sure the brochures are there, we can get them printed in Europe rather than have them shipped over from the U.S. or something, and we can make sure that it's exactly the right material that you want, the right brochure that you want, and that they're there on time and we make good use of them. So just to mention that. I think let's take that as another action point to start planning already to get the right EURALO and At-Large-related brochures on time for those key events.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Yeah. Thank you, Jean-Jacques. Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Yrjö. Earlier, there was a discussion on focusing into countries where we haven't got a representation as such. I wanted to ask Jean-Jacques and Adam whether they've made use of the

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stakeholder analysis tool and found out the countries in Europe that we are to target, and we as in not just EURALO but ICANN as a whole has to target.

ADAM PEAKE: Hi. I think I can [inaudible]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Because I'm looking here, and we have countries like Albania and Bosnia and Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, etc. There's quite a few major countries, Hungary, where we've not got an At-Large structure. And yet one of the problems that actually comes to light with the stakeholder analysis tool is that you find out that many of these countries have never even had fellows being sent to ICANN. So without fellows, there's not even a chance for us to be able to access people over there, and it's a bit of a problem. So I don't know how the whole thing coordinates together, but I thought I'd mention this, and perhaps we need to study this together. Thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Is Jean-Jacques here?

ADAM PEAKE: I can respond to that a little bit. I think some [of you may know that] I've been asked to [serve] a role as a sort of liaison between GSC and At-Large generally, and that is with the outreach and engagement group,

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and that was something that Maureen and [inaudible] thought it was a good idea, so that will be starting.

And one of the things we've already discussed is the stakeholder tool, which, as I said, is something that in Europe, we've used and we've looked at, and in fact, it has been a useful guide for exactly the reason that Olivier just stated. The obvious one is of course that you can see very clearly that there is or is not an ALS, and then it's quite quickly able to map, yes, does that mean that there's also not been a fellow or something similar? And then the engagement manager, Gabby or Andrea will have knowledge of the particular region and have some understanding of why that might be, or is it simply because no one's actually spoken to them yet?

So yes, we do use it. There was a case recently, as I mentioned, Gabby went to Hungary where she actually started a conversation about the potential for an ALS. It may be that it begins with something like an interest group or some particular meeting of people with like minds. But the notion is, yes, that a goal would be, can we use this tool to enable us to identify gaps? And an ALS is a very obvious one that stands out as a very good target.

So in answering your first question, Oliver, the answer, I think, is just a strong yes. On issues such as fellowships, there is a change now, of course, in how the fellows will be selected, and the supporting organizations, SOs and ACs have a role in the selections now, a lead role in the selections, so you will be able to have your reports on the criteria that you want, both in encouraging people to apply as fellows but also in their selection once they're there. The details, I think could probably

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be sent around all of the At-Large and all the RALOs [inaudible] at least I hope so, because it's beginning soon.

So that is something where the tool could, again, be very useful and that you can see the gaps and start thinking about who to encourage to apply to fellowships and how to select them once they're there.

Just to finish off, something else that happened last year – and this is a process that I know is beginning very soon – is the additional budget requests. Last year, the NCSG asked for an additional budget request to take one person to an ICANN meeting that was happening during that financial year. So that meant what they asked for was a person from an underserved or underrepresented region, one person would attend the ICANN meeting in their region. So a similar sort of qualification to the NextGen.

And it was only one person, but it does mean that working with the NCSG on this additional budget request which was accepted, we identified a sort of means to say, “Yes, we feel that this country from the region is underserved or underrepresented.” Again, the stakeholder tool was one of the tools we used in identifying that. And this might be something as you go forward and look at additional budget requests for this year, it could be something that you propose. One person to the ICANN meetings of whichever year, FY20. One person to attend. Most of those would be out of region, but it's still something that might be considering, either at the EURALO level or the At-Large community level. I hope that was a clear thing. I could send you the text of the additional budget request that was accepted for the NCSG last year. Of course, it is different in that they're global and the ICANN meetings are

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global, but you'll get the idea. And it just reinforces that, yes, the tool is being used, and we hope to use it more. Thank you. Sorry for talking so long.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Thank you, Adam. That will be a useful reference. So we'll certainly take a look at it, and perhaps it's good to know that additional budget requests are considered. Jean-Jacques.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you. I think Adam said most of it. I think another action point is for us to look at the tool again and start thinking about activities in the region for the next 12 months or so, even at our [inaudible] organize ourselves.

Another thing which is on the paper that we've got on the screen now is the mention of ALS readouts or ICANN meeting readouts, and [inaudible] information which is that the UK has started having those readouts, as Olivier knows, and we were just in the process of planning one in – or just before Kobe. We don't have the date yet.

The UK, of course, has a lot of ICANN stakeholders, but funnily enough, I don't think it's got an ALS. But it's a model that's starting to gain a lot of interest and we're gaining a lot of experience in organizing them. So that might be one of the vehicles that we use to go into those countries where we don't have ALSes or we don't have enough stakeholders generally. So just to add to that. Let's take it as an action point that we'll look at the tool again and we'll think [inaudible] the sort of activities we

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can have in those spaces. And we can come back to this group with suggestions.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Thank you, Jean-Jacques. Yeah, I'm sorry that there were no requests for organizing that 2018, but we'll make our best to try to get that started 2019. Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Yrjö. So I'm looking at the calendar of future meetings, and for FY19, unfortunately, the time has passed since Barcelona was the meeting in Europe. When it comes to FY19, we've got Kobe and Marrakech outside the region. FY20, we have Montréal, Cancun and Kuala Lumpur, again, outside the region. So we would have to wait until FY21 for Hamburg to be able to do something like this, which is unfortunately a little far for us.

The other question – yeah. So I was going to mention that. It's a good idea to do something like this, but that kind of puts us in a difficult situation, because we don't have anything in the region now for the next year and a half. So unfortunately, I don't know how we can do something with that.

Now, that being said, would it be possible to have someone that would go to the EuroDIG, for example, that would be funded through something like this? So we'd find someone from one of the regions that we haven't got anyone in, and we then send them over to the EuroDIG where many of us are, and then speak to them about ICANN, etc. Or

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perhaps, I don't know, another type of ICANN meeting, like an ICANN readout or something like that.

And the reason why I'm suggesting these things now is that we're right in the middle of the process for additional budget requests, and I think that closes in January. So we have to tell our two representatives on the Finance and Budget Subcommittee what would be something that we could ask for. The concern I have with the additional budget request is as soon as – this is just something which has been very recent – you have something that relates to travel, they send you to CROP and they send you to other things and they say, “Well, that's taken care of by something else, so we're not going to pay for it.”

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Thank you, Olivier. Yeah, Sébastien is next, but perhaps if Jean-Jacques wants to answer directly, so I could [inaudible] the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Just to say, on the ICANN meetings, just partly because of budget, I think, they're having a new look at how to organize them, and yeah, we're not going to have them as often in Europe. So I think in terms of our engagement, we need to think about doing things outside of ICANN meetings, and also [not] looking at linking people or attaching people automatically to think about the ICANN in-person meetings, but importantly, for them to think about working groups, online, which is, to be honest, the bulk of the work. So yes, in-person is useful, we all know that, but just because of the way it is, we have to think about not over-focusing on the ICANN in-person meeting and think about the online

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work and orientating people to those. But the idea of for instance [orientating to] EuroDIG, that's a good idea, certainly.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Jean-Jacques. Sébastien, please.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Thank you very much. Two points. The first one is that I understand what Jean-Jacques just said, but if we want to involve people, nothing better than [inaudible] face-to-face meeting and participate to those with people. We are not just working for a salary, we are also working something because we are happy to work with other people. And when it's online, it's not always the best way.

But never mind. My point was we have to be careful with [that too] because I guess we are too concentrated in one At-Large structure in each country, and the territory who are listed, I see plenty of them from France. I'm not sure that we are really willing to have somebody in [inaudible] maybe a penguin, but it's a little bit cold. Therefore, really, we need to concentrate, and when we see that we don't have ALSes in Poland and in Sweden for example, we may question ourselves how we do that and how we are not able to find somebody, some ALSes from those countries. Thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Sébastien. Perhaps one way to start ALSes in countries where they don't exist now would be to contact the ISOC chapters, and that's something that we did actually successfully in the case of Norway.



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And perhaps that could be repeated in some other places as well.  
Sébastien, your hand is an old hand?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: If I may, it's totally unsuccessful with Poland, Sweden and UK. Even if we have the chair of the chapter, we don't have the chapter. Therefore, I take your point, but that's not working always good. And for Poland for example, now it's [since] years. And in Germany either, the ISOC chapter are not joining us. And we need to find diversity, therefore, it's not just the ISOC chapter. And frankly, I know Olivier and myself and others have tried hard to have German chapter, Poland chapter, and it's not coming. Therefore, we need to find another way. Sorry for that. Thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Yeah. Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thanks, Yrjö. Indeed, Sébastien and I have actually spoken to potential organizations in Germany and Poland and some places in the UK as well, and there is little interest, because those organizations often are very busy themselves. By the way, just to correct one thing, in the UK, there is an At-Large structure, and it's Article 19. They're registered in the UK.

If I have to remind you, we also have quite a large number of individual users that are sprinkled and scattered throughout Europe. So it's not like we have absolutely no coverage at all in many countries, but we

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certainly do not have At-Large structure coverage in all the countries. That was our aim. And as I said earlier, there are some countries where we don't even have individual members, so that's even worse. Thanks.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Thank you, Olivier. I'm looking at the time, now we have like ten minutes left. But I think it was good we spent a lot of time on this agenda item two, the concrete outcome action item is what relates to re:publica, but otherwise, I think it was a good discussion.

Could we now go to the hot topics document? Perhaps Olivier, would you like to talk about that?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Yrjö. This effectively is now showing on your screen as the hot topics document, which is currently in a Google doc form and is in the current moment being updated. The interesting thing is the whole list of hot topics and so on was created a couple of years ago. I think that EURALO was probably one of the first regions that put this document together. And as you know, topics change year on year, and in some years, you have hot topics that might completely disappear in the year afterwards.

So what we've done is to put a Google doc up and to ask all of our ALS representatives to comment on the Google doc as to whether these topics are still hot for this year and for them, and what, unfortunately, I found so far is we haven't had that very much number of responses. So the response has been quite poor, and I thought that maybe we could,

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as a group here, having people around the table, we could look through these quickly and say whether we should keep those as a hot topic or move them off. And then I can certainly follow up with an email to the EURALO ALSes and mention to them that we're thinking of getting rid of some topics and adding other topics in response, or to replace them. Does that sound like a plan?

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Yeah, that sounds very good. If there are any ideas right now from the participants of this call, we have a few minutes that we could use for that. So, anybody has any suggestions for a hot topic 2019?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Yrjö, I'll just read through those very quickly. So we've got the registrar data retention waiver request [and] WHOIS conflict with national privacy law and General Data Protection Regulation as currently is – well, was seen last year as being a hot topic. I could imagine it's, again, still a very hot topic this year. So that's probably wouldn't have to change.

But then we have a whole range of Work Stream 2 topics. CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2 topics. One of them is jurisdiction, we have human rights, and these two are listed as CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2 topics. As you know, that has finished. The Work Stream 2 has ended its work, so now we need to choose and to decide as to where jurisdiction and where human rights stand with European users. If this is still a hot topic, then we might just change the wording and just say that the topic itself is important.

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And then the fourth one was how ICANN aims to defend the public interest. There is quite a long entry on this. The fifth one is the root label generation rules project in Cyrillic, Greek and Latin script, and I'm not sure where we are on that, it just still remains a hot topic. And that really is the – so we've got five main hot topics, effectively, that we've listed in that document. So I guess the floor can be opened for any suggestions.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Yes. Any suggestions for new hot topics? As Olivier rightly said, most of these are [inaudible]. Sébastien, please.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much. Yeah, I think following the global IGF in Paris and having for the first time both the president of the country and the general secretary of the United Nation, and at the end, one of the ministers in charge of IT, Internet and so on. I think it would be useful to work and think about what they have said, and particularly, they are pushing for multilateralism, but they say, okay, it's not the same multilateralism as before. What does it mean for us as end user? And in Europe particularly. I think it would be very important to think about that and to have – because ICANN will be at the middle of this [group] one day or another. Therefore, I think it's for me a hot topic from now on. Thank you.

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YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Sébastien, for this suggestion, which I personally like very much and support. I have actually suggested this topic as an item in the GAC-ALAC discussion. Ana Neves, who is the GAC liaison to ALAC, supports this. So I think that this is a very valid hot topic, and I saw also a green checkmark from Olivier. Anything else? Sébastien, please.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: No, sorry, I am not always on my computer and I didn't lower my hand. But I would like to suggest something else, maybe we take few items within the CCWG. I don't know if human rights needs still to be a hot topic for us even if it's a hot topic in this global world. But I guess jurisdiction needs to stay because there is still work going on one way or another. I don't know, it's not the CCWG Work Stream 2, but it may be Work Stream 3, [unnamed] Work Stream 3.

And my other point is I really think that we need, one way or another, to discuss about diversity, and it came back to the discussion we had earlier about how we gain more participation in countries where we are not with other culture or other language, and it will be great for EURALO, for At-Large and for ICANN. Thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you. Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: thank you, Yrjö. So, I take it from Sébastien that human rights needs to remain in the document. I would argue that human rights needs to remain too as there is still much movement going on at the moment

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with the cross-community engagement group I think it's called, or cross-community work party.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Working party. Informal group.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The informal group, and they're currently still following on with the human rights impact assessment, and although it said here the HRIA is scheduled to take place on the 20th of October, 2017 through to the 15th of March, 2019, I think there's quite some delay in this. So EURALO still needs to keep a close eye on that, and I don't think we can close this off as being something that's been done.

The question is whether [defending] the public interest is still up there, and I gather that it probably is, so that has to remain. And I'm going to ask – I don't know if Oksana is back with us, but how are the label generation rule projects going on in Cyrillic script? I don't know if anybody else follows the – maybe Nenad would know, Cyrillic, Greek and Latin script, the LGR rules, has that project moved forward now? And are we in fact past this with deliverables being on the table? In which case we could take this out as a hot topic. Or is this still a hot topic?

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Nenad, are you –

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NENAD MARINKOVIC: Maybe I can [tell] something. Regarding Cyrillic letters in Serbian Internet, they are not so popular because it still remain a problem with using them in Internet addresses. So registration of Cyrillic domain names is very slow, is very small, and also, the [inaudible] policy's wrong, because it was almost [inaudible] Reviewing later on, it says users should pay some small amount, about 5€, and most of them cancel it because it is useless and you have to pay still every year for your domain name. So this is why it's not popular.

And [I don't know on] technical level how the progress is made, how to use Cyrillic letters on the left side of the e-mail addresses and etc. So that is one of the main reasons why it is still not used too much in Serbia.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Nenad.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thanks, Yrjö. Should we just change this then? And rather than speaking about rootzone label generation rules, we should call it universal acceptance.

NENAD MARINKOVIC: I agree, yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Because that seems to be a real thing now.

NENAD MARINKOVIC: Yeah. Universal acceptance is very important thing to me. [It's so many things that you can tell us about it.] For example also, Latin IDNs [are changed up] a lot [to popular Internet,] because there are so many letters that are not in English alphabet that are used in different languages. So now in Serbia, it starts registration of the Latin IDN names with Serbian letters also, and we as RS, we're using Swedish domain name [inaudible] because they have a Latin script, Latin letter [inaudible] domain name. [So I think it will populate] and cover more [inaudible].

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Okay. Thank you. We are now three minutes past the hour and have quite a lot of candidates for new hot topics. So perhaps this meeting has given Olivier food for thought, and I understand that you could perhaps put together the next list of hot topics. I'd like to go forward to the last item, which is the EURALO ALS subject matter expertise table. That is of course work in progress, and Olivier has been sending personalized e-mails to everyone, all contacts. And I have seen a lot of answers already. But do you want to say something about this, Olivier?



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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. Thank you, Yrjö. So we did send a personalized e-mail to each person, and then I followed up also personally with everyone earlier today. I was a little concerned, and I think that's why we thought it may be a good thing to discuss this ALS expertise table during the call today, because the initial e-mail that we sent out a couple of weeks ago, we had very few responses.

Thankfully, there were a lot more responses to today's follow-up, and I can see that the table is now being filled up and updated quite quickly. So I don't really think there's that much more to discuss. If you are on this call and have not updated your part of the table or the knowledge and any competencies that people in your At-Large structure have – so it doesn't need to be you personally, but if you have any colleagues in your At-Large structure or your organization that are particularly good at specific things and are willing to, of course, give some of their time, spare some of their time to help out with drafting of documents and things like this, then please list them. of course, list them with their approval as well, so that when it comes down to a specific comment period, for example, public comment or any specific process where we're looking for volunteers for something like a working group or even just for a meeting, we've actually got the name of a person and the name of the organizations that are specializing in the topics that we've got listed here.

There's 35 topics, I think, or 33 topics that are listed, and we did get some feedback that we shouldn't have any more than that, but it covers the whole spectrum of ICANN-related topics there. And that's it, really.

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I'm not going to spend more time trying to [tout] this. As I said, if any of you has not filled it, then please add. You can go directly in the Google doc and type the details in there. Thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Thank you, Olivier, and thank you for running this [update in this thing.] I hope that you have a mail merge program for that and not typing every e-mail separately.

As far as next steps are concerned, I think that one of the next [steps is clearly] that we use this expertise table, and every time we have public comments coming up or whatever where comments are required, then we refer to this table and try to find people from the ALSes who could be of help.

We are now seven minutes past, and I'd like to close the call and to thank everybody. And [the] concrete action item from this was actually – it at least the re:publica and what we can do with that. Anybody else, anybody wants to raise anything? Any Other Business?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. Hello, Yrjö.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Yes.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: I just wanted to thank Olivier and all of you on behalf of the staff for the incredible work of updating the table of expertise. I think it's a great resource. I know that other RALOs are [listening to doing] something similar. At least NARALO [this last year,] and if you agree, I would like to share this with other RALOs as they start discussing how to better engage with their ALSes. I think this is a great example of engagement. And thank you, Olivier, for your hard work on this.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Well, thank you. Okay, Matthias, you raised your hand.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: I just want to make a quick comment at the end of the call. Thank you to Jean-Jacques for the idea of this short outreach call. I think it was very effective to go through the whole list, and I think that we should [keep that.] I think it's very effective in general. Thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Okay. Thank you very much, and I'd like to close the call now. We are nine minutes over. And wishing everybody a nice weekend ahead, and of course, good end of the year and holiday season. Thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thanks. All the best.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. Bye everyone.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Thank you. This meeting is now ended. Please don't forget to disconnect your audio, and the audio of the AC room will be disconnected as well. Have a lovely rest of the day. Bye.

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