

EURALO project proposals for FY 2011-12

1. EURALO GA in 2012

As suggested already in previous FY budgeting, EURALO would like to convene an inclusive General Assembly (GA) with its members as we could do in June 2008 during the ICANN meeting in Paris and in March 2009 in conjunction with the At-Large Summit in Mexico-City. These face-to-face meetings proved to be essential for the community building, participation and cooperation in our RALO. According to our Bylaws, EURALO has to conduct one GA per year, as we did in September 2010 in Vilnius/Lithuania (in the course of the IGF) and as we are planning at the end of May 2011 in conjunction with the next European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) in Belgrade. It is worth to mention that the EURALO GAs in 2010 and 11 were/are organised by ourselves - with support of At-Large Staff -; however participants had/have to assume travel and stay-over costs by themselves what proves to be rather prohibitive for the majority of our volunteer members/ALSes.

Therefore, we are suggesting ICANN support and to provide our General Assembly in line with the next ICANN meeting in Europe in 2012 (location still to be confirmed). Three years after the Mexico GA (2009) such an inclusive F2F meeting is crucial for any further community building, encouragement and work dynamic at EURALO. Organizing a 2nd EURALO Showcase (after Brussels in 2010) at this ICANN meeting – including all members this time – could be a major challenge for our community.

The costs involved are travel expenses (inside Europe), stay-over costs besides per diems during the meeting for representatives of 25 ALSes (or around 20 members max. who will make use of our invitation).

2. Regional Outreach and EuroDIG 2012

From the very beginning in 2008 EURALO members were part of the planning and organizing team of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG): in October 08 in Strasbourg, September 09 in Geneva, April 10 in Madrid and May 11 in Belgrade. In recent years, EuroDIG became a key event for the European Internet related community including all stakeholders (an approach stipulated by ICANN as well). Over the last years EURALO members contributed and participated "on behalf" of our RALO but in their individual volunteer capacity (investing hours for planning and organizing, travel and stay-over costs). We are convinced that it is in the strategic interest of ICANN to become a key actor, reliable and constant supporter of EuroDIG and its impact on the European Internet debate and governance.

So far, three EURALO members contributed annually in the preparation team of EuroDIG. We do not ask for any compensation of working time involved in the preparation process but for allocation of travel and hotel reimbursements for the EuroDIG meeting presumably in summer 2012 in Sweden (TBC). If we could attract some more EURALO members for active participation in this important European outreach initiative, the related costs wouldn't exceed 3'500 Euro.

We ask ICANN for a favourable consideration of our projects for the Fiscal Year planning 2011-12.

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