

This is to express my interest in continuing my service on the EURALO Board for a third term.

My professional background is in newspaper and television journalism, internet-assisted public diplomacy and internet governance. I became involved with the latter in the WSIS process, as I was in charge of coordinating the Finnish participation in its second phase (2005) on behalf of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Subsequently, I represented Finland on the GAC, as well as on relevant UN and ITU bodies, in 2006-2009. After leaving government service, I joined At-Large via its Finnish ALS (ISOC Finland). I was its President for five years, and I am now member of its Board in charge of its international relations.

In EURALO, I'm chairing the Task Force on ALS Engagement. Implementing a recommendation of ATLAS II, this TF has endeavored to map existing expertise related to ICANN's mission among ALS and individual members, identifying individual experts and involving them in policy work. These efforts need to be continued and intensified. In addition, I would like to help enhancing the role of ALS'es and individual members in their respective national multi-stakeholder contexts. I also want to bring the EURALO experience and best practices to bear in the At-Large working group on ALS mobilization that is about to start its work.

I served six years on behalf of EURALO/ALAC on ICANN's Nominating Committee. I was its chair in 2013 and Associate Chair in 2014. Since 2016, I'm serving as the ALAC Liaison to the GAC. I see my role in facilitating the search for common ground between the two Advisory Committees that focus on the needs, respectively, of individual end users and citizens.