
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Monthly Teleconference Call on Monday, the 30th of March, 2020 at 20:00 UTC. On the call today we have, Sebastien Bachollet, Natalia Filina, Joanna Kulesza, Lianna Galstyan, Matthias Hudobnik, Ricardo Holmquist, Roberto Gaetano, Steinar Grotterod, Yrjo Lansipuro, and Olivier Crepin-LeBlond. We have received a tentative apology from Bastiaan Goslings and Máté Mester. From staff, we have Gisella Gruber, Adam Peake, Michelle DeSmyter, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on call management.

And before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes and also to please keep your lines muted when not speaking. Thank you very much. And with this, I turn the call over to Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Claudia. Just to be sure you ... We have another participant, Andrei, who joined us—Andrei Kolesnikov. And I don't remember if you said that Lousewies Van De Laan was with us. Welcome, Lousewies. I'm sure you all know who is Lousewies but she was Board member. Welcome to this EURALO call.

The agenda for today, it's a review of the last action item, the introduction of the GSE, Global Stakeholder Engagement teams. And it will be Adam Peake who will give us a short presentation. Then, we will talk about policy with the data policy consultation. And I guess Olivier will be doing that.

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And we have to discuss the possible consequences of the ICANN At-Large RALO ALAC engagement with the COVID-19. And one of the subitems is the At-Large priority activities for 2020—how we, as a EURALO member, will participate with all those activities.

Where we are with CROP and other funding, and what we can do with. The EURALO task forces. Update on the ALS Mobilization Working Party. Update on Outreach and Engagement activities. In fact, I may have put that with CROP. Next time, I will [have that written] better because I guess two items are linked. And then, if we can put the number—what is—number six to join with the nine, or the nine with the six would be better.

Natalia will talk to us about the monthly report, and any other business. And when we do the next conference call, and if you have any other business. We will have this discussion about any other business. Unfortunately, I just finished my call of the leadership team of the ATRT3. It's one of the reasons, amongst others ... It's not one hour before, but if we ... We will discuss it.

Okay. Any comments, or questions, or changes for the agenda? Okay. If not, let's go to the—

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Oh, sorry. I didn't see it. Okay, Olivier. Go ahead, please.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. Yeah. It's 11 agenda items. In fact, it's actually 12. You've got two agenda item fours on this. So, it's going to be a long one. I was just going to say that. So, there needs to be renumbering for the second part.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. As we will [now] fix and nine of the eleven [we'll keep]. But thank you for the two false ... Good eye. Thank you very much. We'll try to do only one four at a time.

Okay. Any ... No, sorry. Let's go to the action item, number two. I guess all that was [supposed] to be done were done. Is there anything that we need to note or it's okay? I guess a second action item is still to be fulfilled with a letter to be sent but it's okay. It will be taken into account.

Let's go to agenda number three. And if I can give the floor to Adam Peake to talk to us about Global Stakeholder Engagement in Europe. Please.

ADAM PEAKE: Hi, everybody. Hope everybody is well, your friends and family. So, yes. A very quick introduction. I think you know what GSE Europe is and what we do. Chris wanted to join the call and was called away so asked me to do it for him. And this is really to introduce his team. So, if you'd like to move to the next slide, then that would be great, please.

So, I think you know, probably, everybody on the European GSE team. Andrea and Gabby, you see here. What we have is a listing of the countries that they're responsible for. So, you can see that Andrea is responsible, generally, for the Southern European countries, running across the Mediterranean and so on, and Gabby the Northern cluster.

And something that may be of interest to see, in the newsletter interview with Chris, you'll see all the different language that people speak listed there—so, Andrea with Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese and English; Gabby is Swedish, English, German, Polish, and some Russian and so on.

So, these are the countries. And so, if you have questions particularly about a specific topic or if there's an ALS or somebody from those countries that you think would be interested in participating then that's your point of contact. And Chris has asked me to make sure that there's always a liaison. And that will be for EURALO so that's very nice. It's nice for me. So, the next page, please.

A new member, Mikhail. You may well know him. He used to work for the .ru registry, working on internet governance and policy. Relevant to EURALO—Belarus, Russian Federation, Moldovan Republic and Ukraine. Mikhail also covers some APRALO countries. You can see those there.

There will be, occasionally, bits of confusion when we come into topics like CROP and who is the person to talk to, as CROP is allocated in the five regions rather than the Global Stakeholder Engagement country divisions that you see.

And then, there's a very old picture of me. I wish I had hair still. And I think, as you know, I take care of Global Civil Society. And since Jean-Jacques left, I picked up Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and United Kingdom. We'll see what happens with those, once Chris moves over later in the year, as soon as he's allowed to move over later in the year. There may be some readjustment. We're not entirely sure. The next slide, please.

And other members you'll see. Magali, she's the office manager for the Brussels and therefore for the regional office covering the whole of Europe. Elena, you probably all already know, works for government engagement, not GE. Sorry. It is GE, rather than GSE. And she does a lot of work with the commissions and others in the Brussels bubble and also IGO engagement. And then again, Luna. Luna is our director of coms for the EMEA region, so is another one of your contacts.

And the same as always with email addresses at ICANN, it would be first name dot last name and ICANN dot org. So, that's how you contact each of us. I hope the country divisions are particularly useful. Andrea, Gabby, and myself will be your main contacts, with some contact with Mikhail for the Russian-related countries.

I think there is a last slide, which just touches on a few of the objectives for this year. You'll have seen these and they were also mentioned in the interview with Chris that's in the newsletter. And these are standard across the strategic objectives for FY21 through '25 for the whole of ICANN.

That's all I wanted to say at the moment. And happy to take any questions about those country allocations and so on and so forth. Thank you very much. Cheers.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Adam. Any questions, comments? I am sure you will read the one of Olivier, who is very happy with this presentation. May I ask also that you add in your portfolio in the next presentation that you are also the liaison with EURALO and that you will be fully equipped with what you are doing currently.

And thank you for coming to talk to us. Global Stakeholder Engagement and the other staff involved in Europe are very important for us. And we hope that we are important for them too and that we can collaborate. I am sure that the new VP for Europe will help us, as Jean-Jacques was doing before, and we will enhance the cooperation in the future.

I think that everybody would like to have this presentation. But I guess, if I am not mistaken, it's on the ... If we go to the agenda, it's already linked to the agenda. Thank you, Adam.

Okay. If there is no question on this, let's go to the next item. It's the update on policy consultation. And may I ask Olivier to give us his short presentation of where we are? Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Sebastien. Thank you. As you know, at the moment, we're all confined at home, which gives us plenty of time to deal with policy. And thankfully, ICANN is being very responsive to this

and is managing to provide us with a steady amount of policy for us to look at. You'll see the recent statements ratified by the ALAC show this.

First, there was the initial report on the expedited PDP, Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team Phase Two. Even the title is long enough to take you some time to read. And this was submitted ... This is, of course, the follow-up—the second part of that EPDP—on the GDPR, or the consequences of the GDPR on WHOIS and the replacement of WHOIS with a new Registration Directory Service system. So, that's one.

The second, Security and Stability Resiliency Review Team Draft Report was also commented on. Again, a very large task. These review teams' work—supposed to take significant amount of time and make sure that the work that is being undertaken by the previous teams is reviewed and finding out if it's been done properly or not. The ALAC noted there that there were a number of things that hadn't been done and was quite surprised because stability and security is one of the core items of ICANN.

The ALAC feedback to the PIR public comment proceeding ... That's a huge saga, isn't it? There was actually a response from Maarten Botterman regarding the advice that was sent to the Board. The response was received on the 20th of March. And it, in essence, mentioned that the deadline for ... Any kind of registry agreement and so an has to obtain ICANN's approval before any transaction that could take place.

And of course, it's all come at a terrible time. First, it came on the 14th November, where it was quite late. And then, of course, there was Christmas, New Year, and then we've had this COVID-19, which has been challenging for the Board to consider and to meet face-to-face. As a result, the Board has discussed it with PIR and PIR has agreed to extend the deadline for ICANN to respond to their request to the 20th of April, 2020.

So, there's still some time left and the Board is actively working on this at the moment and of course understands that the intentions of the 2002 RFP, request for proposals, had a number of things in there that captured the idea that the space should remain a trusted TLD for not-for-profit entities and individuals, etc. So, you've got that letter that's linked to the agenda, if you're interested in more detail. It's just a one-pager. I would suggest you read through it.

The Draft Fiscal Year 21 to 25 Operating Plan and Draft Fiscal Year 21 Operating Plan Budget, that has also been commented on. Nothing groundbreaking on this—just a follow-up on previous plans—so I'm not going to delve into it in any detail.

And then, there was also ... At the moment, there is a public comment for decision. So now, the stuff that's coming up ... First there's one for decision on the EPDP and it's an addendum to the Phase Two work. So, it's an additional piece of work that was done more recently, that also has to be looked at. The deadline for the feedback on this is the 5th of May, 2020. It's just landed on our table. It's quite likely that we are going to be commenting because the ALAC is very much interested in

this topic. So, the discussion and decision will be made in the Consolidated Policy Working Group call on Wednesday.

Current statements ... There are two that are at voting phase. One is the Draft Proposal for the NextGen at ICANN Program Improvement. NextGen is one of the outreach programs that ICANN has been running over years. The difference between NextGen and the fellowship is that the NextGen usually is for students—particularly the people that are located in the local area and students. There's some potential improvements there and so the ALAC has drafted something to agree to some of the improvements and maybe propose a few others.

The Name Collision Analysis Project, NCAP, study one ... Now, name collision is all about those names that have been applied for in the previous round of new generic top-level domains and then were subsequently found by the SSAC to potentially conflict with names that are already in use.

I'll give you an idea, .home, for example or .corp. These are the two biggest ones. They were used as a default by Windows and by Mac machines—by all sorts of mailing systems. And so, they found out that before even these names were allocated on the DNS, these were actually used internally by some companies, and some people at home, and could cause a collision. So, this NCAP study is a more formal study of the issue. And so, now we've got a comment, commenting on the study.

The thing that's up for comment at the moment is the Middle Eastern and Adjoining Countries Strategy. On this specific topic, the ALAC asked APRALO and AFRALO to work together to issue a comment statement.

And then, the two topics that are currently being worked on drafting is the Revised Community Travel Support Guidelines. Now, of course, you might have a smile at the moment. Anything that concerns travel is something that seems to be either far ago—a long time ago—or a long time in the future. But obviously, there are some travel support guidelines being implemented for the next year's budget, which hopefully will allow us to travel again. And so, Judith has picked up the pen and set a few things down on that.

And then finally, there's the Phase One Initial Report of the Review of the All Rights Protection Mechanism in all the gTLD policy development process. And this is a PDP that was undertaken completely separately from the Subsequent Procedures PDP because the rights protection mechanisms are so important. And this is what we're talking about—the trademarks of names and how to mitigate the infringement of those trademarks, which is a big topic in ICANN and has been for quite some time.

I just mentioned the Subsequent Procedures. You might wonder what that is. That's, of course, the potential for the work that's going on for the next round of new gTLDs. It's called SubPro. In fact, we have ... If you go over to the ALAC policy comments and advice, there is a wiki page for that, SubPro updates. And Justine Chew and her small crew of people have managed to fill this up with a myriad of fun and entertaining papers and feedback on each one of the points being

worked on by this policy development process. It's gone on for quite some time so you'll probably be able to fill a week reading through this.

Why am I telling you that? Because it might be that when we reach the time when we do need to know about all this and then comment on this, which is likely to be sometime in August of this year, we'll be out of confinement and we won't have the time to read it. So, that's why I'm really recommending that you spend the time reading this now and getting prepared to comment on all of these. As I said, it might well be end of July, early August where we are going to have a public consultation on that. And it's going to be way too large to read all at the same time.

Any questions or comments? I'm happy to answer them now. And I could add, since there is complete silence at the moment ... Maybe I'm talking to myself but I'll continue. I could just add one more thing, which is that on the Subsequent Procedures, some of the more recent discussions that we've had have focused on the community priority scenario—so, when you have more than one applicant for the same string. It's also looked at DNS abuse mitigation—very important for end users. It's also looked at the consumer trust issues, which is also important.

Of course, there are dozens and dozens of topics that the Subsequent Procedures Working Group—policy development process group—has worked on. But Justine and her team have managed to really condense down to the issues which they believe are really important for At-Large. And this has been, of course, based on the work and the number of statements that the ALAC has published in the past.

So, it's very complete work. And certainly, as I said, it's interesting reading. Even if you're not knowledgeable about that, it looks really like a course on, first, the history of the ALAC's involvement with the previous round of new gTLDs and now, of course, the positions that are being adopted now, where there is a big chance to actually amend on these positions because it's still early enough to do so. I'll stop rambling now. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. Any comments, question? There are some people from EURALO involved in a lot of those topics and it's good. We need to [full] on. I would like that one day, each topic where there are Europe involved, they give a report and not Olivier giving the report to all. But it's very convenient to have Olivier with all his knowledge on those topics. Thank you once again, Olivier.

Let's go to next time, since there is no report. Just on the today agenda, you have a link to the first ICANN policy report. And even more important, it's the At-Large GeoName Survey. If you want to have your voice, your say at the question of the GeoNames, take this survey. You click on the link on the agenda and you go through the survey. It will be very good to do so. Thank you.

Now, let's go to the second item four, that it will soon become item five, possible consequences on the current situation. I may have not put that as an item but I think it's important to see where you are. First, I would like to say what Oliver have already said. Take care of you, and stay home as much as you can, and keep your health and your family on the

right side of the COVID-19. But that may have some consequences of your time, of your commitment, or what you can do. Therefore, I guess it could be a good moment to talk about that, if you wish, of course. Any inputs?

Okay. If not, let's go—and if we can have that in the screen—to the At-Large priority activity 2020. And as I saw the Heidi joined the call, may I ask you, Heidi, to give us a short summary of this document, please?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Happy to. Can you hear me?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Definitely. Great. Go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. So, thank you, Sebastien. This is a draft page that is open for comment. This was developed by Maureen in consultation with staff. And it does recognize, as she's written in her notes, that some of you may not have the ability to dedicate as much time to At-Large or ICANN as you have in the past, due to other constraints or responsibilities.

So, this does reflect some prioritization issues and it basically sets outlines into policy advice development, post-ATLAS III activities, including those areas that I think that you're familiar with now—the feedback, getting into the policy issues, the At-Large Review Implementation. And here, we mean both the ALS Mobilization Working

Party activities, as well as the Final Report for the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group.

Then, we're also starting to, on Maureen's initiative, start with some job descriptions. And that is just now in development. That's going to be very much open for discussion. We are just getting a Google doc ready for that. So, stay tuned for that one.

Michelle, could you scroll up a little bit so we could ... Thank you. Then, I mentioned also the Final Report. Again, we're hoping to have that submitted by end of May, in time for the June meeting, where the Board can take a look at that.

Then, we move into the policy involvement. These are, again, very much the post-ATLAS activities. This includes the policy platform that you heard from Joanna and Jonathan during the wrap-up at ICANN 67. That is moving along.

Then, the capacity building. Some of you may have been on the call that was just held a little bit ago. Again, within the Capacity Building Working Group, there are three sub-teams working. The one is for a policy development course. That's going to be a course in three sections. I don't know if Joanna would like to cover that. I'll just do a quick summary and then she can add to that.

Then, we have the ICANN At-Large onboarding slide deck, that is a team led by Dev. And that is preparing materials for new ALS members and possibly new leadership for the AGM.

And then, there's a webinars team. This is led by Hadia. And that is setting out a number of regular webinars. The first one will be, I believe, next week. And that is on the EPDP. We'll get you a Doodle out there.

Then, in terms of Outreach and Engagement, there was a call last week. And there's a link on this document. It sets out the activities that they have prioritized, including, again, their post-ATLAS activities.

They've also set out a virtual page. There are some meetings, or virtual meetings, that people may wish to identify. That was one of the action items, is that each of the regional groups do identify some virtual meetings. For example, RIPE 80 is being held virtually. You may wish to have someone attend that and report on that.

And then, there are also the regional strategic plans that all regions need to prepare and submit by May. And that is a requirement in order to get the CROP funding, starting in Fiscal Year 21. What was decided or agreed to on that Outreach and Engagement call was that staff will be setting up a call for each region with their GSE region, some of which you just learned from Adam, as well as At-Large staff. And that will help prepare the regional outreach plans, to streamline them, to make sure that GSE and At-Large staff and the regional leadership are all on the same page when it comes to their outreach plans for Fiscal Year 21.

Then, under the fourth point of the post-ATLAS activities, we have organizational communications led by Maureen. And what's being done there, currently, is the communications strategy. And I know there is a draft there but there's also a draft page where you can comment. I'll get that to you in just a moment but that is open for comment right now.

That is going to be on today's—or tomorrow's for some of you—ALAC monthly call. And I believe Maureen is going to try to advance that. So, please do add your comments to that communications plan.

Then, moving on, there is the 2020 At-Large election selections and appointments. That will start in, I believe, late April for most all RALOs, early April for NARALO. We've just worked on that and had confirmation from Maureen. So, we will be working with the regional leadership to inform them of the schedule. You do have about a month still. We have set up the pages in great detail to show you who in your region is up, which positions are available, and the schedule. And again, that will also be on the ALAC call today.

And finally, on ICANN 68 prep, we are in a bit of a holding pattern for that. There has been some discussion on what possible HITs or main cross-community groups sessions you may wish to hold. But we're hoping that we can move ahead shortly with that. And that, Sebastien, I think, completes the current list of activities. Back to you. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay. Thank you very much. Joanna, you want to add a few things on the specific topic of capacity building, as you just finished a call of your team earlier today?

JOANNA KULESZA: Indeed, Sebastien. I'm echoing. That's why I'm speaking slowly. Apologies. We had a call earlier today on capacity building. The recap

we've just heard from Heidi is perfectly on-point. We have, indeed, three working teams.

One of them is focused on the ICANN Learn course on policy development within At-Large. That is progressing with the technical agenda. At this point, we're trying to figure out a technical way of moving forward.

The onboarding slide deck is also an item that is on our agenda, and that is also advancing. The slide deck will be updated. And the discussion is around where it would be best placed and what should be the next steps for that one.

And the webinars team just held a meeting last week, where they decided on the dates for specific topics and are looking for confirmations from appointed speakers on the specifics—the times and the themes behind the topics that were selected.

One of the items we also covered in the capacity building call earlier today was academic engagement. And I know that that will be touched upon in this call as well. So, I will just flag it here. That would be our longer-term agenda, in terms of capacity agenda. That would be academic engagement.

We, At-Large, have been addressed by the Board and ICANN Org to try and work among our community members to build a comprehensive academic engagement strategy or plan. I flagged this in the Capacity Building Working Group earlier today. And you yourself, Sebastien, indicated it might make sense to look at regional perspectives first, which I think is a very valid point.

I'm going to stop here [inaudible]—have a little bit more on our agenda at this point. We're adding items. And I'm happy to report of those if [there are] interest. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Joanna. Any comment, question of her presentation—Heidi, with the addition from Joanna, please? I will take this opportunity just to talk about the question you raised, Joanna. I would like to suggest that first to go and to build a big project on that, first we have to be careful on what is happening in other parts of ICANN because I am not sure that it's in At-Large that's the first place for people coming from university.

But if we take that aside, my suggestion is that we start by asking to ALSes—all the ALSes, not just the Individual Member Association—all the ALSes if they have people engaged, student or teacher, in the academic world. Just to take one example, the general secretary of ISOC France is teaching and he may be a good resource for us.

Therefore, before quick to go outside, let's go inside and ask our ALSes if they have people who can join. And you may wish to organize a specific call for those people to see what they can offer, what we can ask them, or what we can offer them. I would prefer to go this way than to open a big call and asking new members.

First of all, if we are looking for new members, it may be end user. If we want to help end user, academic would be a good asset and resources. And I am sure that we have a lot them. Some participate to ATLAS III.

Some are participant in ALSes. Some may be involved as leader in EURALO and other RALOs. So, that's my suggestion. Thank you.

I will read the comment on the ... Leon says, "That's a good suggestion, Sebastien." Joanna says, "Plus one." And Roberto says, "Of course we should search if we have academics in house first." And Natalia says, "Plus one."

That's why I didn't want to Joanna to disturb the call of capacity building but I wanted first to have this discussion here, as it's our house. And once again, I didn't want to disturb your meeting there. Any other comments, questions? If not, thank you very much. And I guess there is a good way forward, at least for EURALO to go, when we go.

Next item is—I would say it's a little bit with the same item—is participation in the current activities. It's important that we still participate. And if any of you have difficulty for any reason, linked with the situation of COVID-19 or for other reasons, to participate to any groups—ALAC, CPWG, other working group or review team—it's a good place to say that. And if you wish, just reach out to Natalia and myself and we will try to help you. At the moment, we need to take that into—much more than in the, I would say, normal life.

Now, let's go to Outreach and Engagement activity. And with that, we will talk about CROP and other funding. If I can ask Natalia to start with the current activities on Outreach and Engagement and then Olivier and myself will talk about CROP and other funding. Natalia, please.

NATALIA FILINA:

Sebastian, thank you very much. I would like to give you the first place for this topic because I would like to follow this by my nine. If I see correctly, nine is big topic about our Outreach and Engagement and other activities.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Okay. Thank you. Any comments or questions? I will come back to your questions, Lousewies. Let's go about CROP and other funding. Olivier, please, if you can give us some perspective on that. We can't hear you. Okay. Then, I will start. And, Olivier, if you join, jump in, please.

CROP, as you know, is funding to go for, I guess, three days and two nights in some event in Europe. As you know, there is no more events. And those two CROPs who remain through EURALO is to be used before end of June. And we don't see, really, meetings where we will be able to do outreach and even engagement in Europe before the end of June.

Therefore, we have asked two questions to staff about that. Can we postpone the use for next year? Even if we know the answer, we think that in the situation our first measure may be the rules can be changed once, at least. And the second one, it's if we can't do that, can we change this travel slot into dollars or euro and use it to prepare some activities, like buying pens or leaflets, or doing some specific presentation or something specific.

If, Olivier, you want to add something, now you are back, to what I already said, please.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. Thank you very much, Sebastien. I think you've described it very well. The difficulty with moving funding from one year to the next is, of course, the problem of budget allocation. That would require ... If there were savings this year, they would basically require an additional item next year. So, it would be an additional spending next year and then underspending this year and I'm not sure how that would work out.

The second option is one that we could try and pursue. There was a meeting with the people in charge of CROP and this was shared with them. And so, we have not yet got an answer, so far, from them.

The CROP is pretty much dead. Come on. We're in Europe. As Heidi writes in the chat, we need to make a request by the 19th of May 2020 in order to have travel that starts before June. We don't even know if aviation is going to fly around Europe before June. And there's not going to be any event. Every event is being cancelled. EuroDIG has been moved online. Other European events have also been moved online. So, GDD's also cancelled.

So, it's going to be very hard to have any kind of meaningful travel. The earlier we find out about whether we can actually use the alternative for pens or other types of things, that would be helpful. Now, I've noticed ... We mention pens all the time. We could use banners. We could use all sorts of other promotional material—actually use the funding for other promotional material like stress balls. If you yourself have an idea or a suggestion about some materials that we could purchase with the discretionary funding, then please suggest it because now's the time to make the suggestions. That's it. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. And I want to underline what Olivier said. If you have any idea what could be used for—next year will be useful to have ... I don't know, specific documents, or pens, or a banner, we can, of course, use the money we have still in the discretionary funding. But if the two CROPs change into money, we need also to have ideas. And let's start by using the \$1,380 and we will see for the rest. Any idea will be great. Please send them to staff or Natalia and myself and we will work on that. Thank you. 12 minutes to go.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sebastien, we have two hands up, Heidi and Yrjo.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay. Sorry. Okay. I will ask Yrjo first. And Heidi, if you have exact question from Yrjo, you will be able to answer then. Please, Yrjo. Go ahead.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Sebastien. Just to mention that at that meeting that Olivier mentioned with the CROP people, I raised the question whether that money could be used to facilitate online meetings during this financial year, when obviously that's the only way we can meet before the end of June. That would include EuroDIG, actually. What that would actually entail, I don't exactly know. But I know that some people, even in Europe, have not fantastic connections. So, that money could be, perhaps, used for improving those connections. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Yrjo. Heidi, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. Thank you, Sebastien. Just in regards to that particular point, Yrjo, I would suggest that if you do identify any costs like that, you may wish to use the RALO discretionary funding first. That seems to be more of an open kind of plan and it requires less advance notice. So, perhaps go with that one first. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Heidi. Okay. I guess we have a plan here. If you have any idea, and we have already some in the chat, what we can buy with that, then we will think about that. Just send your ideas and we will come back to you with some proposal. Thank you.

Okay. Then, we have two taskforces, one about the operation rules. And I suggest that we start this work soon. But at the same time, I am not too much pushing for that because I think we have already a lot to do with a lot of topics. And when you look at the engagement of EURALO people—when you see what all of us are doing ... If I take Joanna, she's running different groups. I am, myself, in ATRT3 and the [inaudible]. And if we make a list of ... Olivier's running the one on internet ... Time to go to bed now. Sorry. IG, internet governance. Sorry. And so on and so forth. Therefore, I am not too much to push that. But we will discuss this issue at our next full meeting to see how we [under] that.

I heard that there are two regions who are almost finishing their rules of procedure—operational rules—and it may be a good time to start our work, taking that into account. Maybe it will be less work for us, hopefully. Then, let's discuss that at the next full meeting.

And the second taskforce is the ALS engagement. I see that, in fact, we asked them to take care of gathering the names of the people from the academic world. I guess it's this team who can do that very well. And if there are other things you want us to tell us, Yrjo and Natalia, someone who wants, let's go. Thank you.

YRJO LANSIPURO:

Yeah. Thank you, Sebastien. The project here is to update the expertise table that has been there for a few years—that is to say, what kind of ICANN-related expertise we have in the various ALSes that could be then leveraged when we write public comments or whatever. I saw some email traffic today, actually between Natalia and staff. And I understand that the staff is now helping to create this [mail note] document and send it to the ALSes. So, I think the thing is well underway. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Yrjo. Just maybe as we are all discussing about academia, maybe before it's going, if it's not yet gone, you can add one sentence about that specific. It will be that up-to-date and very useful for what Joanna is trying to do.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Yeah. Okay. Yes.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sorry for that. But I think if we can be ... If it's already gone, then it's okay.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Well, Sebastien, I think that we could let it go now. And then, we come back to this academic thing, which is different. But it's a very good idea to engage, actually, people from universities. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay. Thank you. Just to say, in the chat there is a discussion about what to use the funds for. And the idea was, the African has done one with orange t-shirt with the AFRALO logo and their previous GA photo on it. And of course, Lousewies says, "Orange is a good color." But it's not a European color, Lousewies. You will not get an orange color from us. It will be maybe blue but not orange, I guess. Sorry for that, Lousewies.

Okay. Let's go to the next point. It's the monthly report. And once again, I want to really thank Natalia for relaunching the report to do a monthly one and to have one newsletter each and every three months. May I ask Natalia, if you want to tell us where you are, please. Go ahead.

NATALIA FILINA: Sebastien, thank you very much. I see in our agenda three items for me. And I would like to start with the short report from our ALS Mobilization Working Party. May I or not?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. You can start ... It's just I jumped to the 10s because there are two 10s. Please start with the EURALO monthly report and then we will go to update on ALS Mobilization Working Party, please. We will switch the two items. Sorry for that, if you'll allow me.

NATALIA FILINA: Okay. You are my boss. So, about our monthly report ... You have on the agenda or in your mailbox the February newsletter. And you know that at the end of each month, I start gathering all the links to the necessary resources to work with to add comments from community members to understand our ALAC statements, etc. I always hope to get a lot of news from the regions and try to gather the industry news but it's not so easy to do alone, honestly.

So, I'm still optimistic about the participation of our EURALO members in this activity. I think it's very interesting work. And now, this is my time of preparation the newsletter about last month. And my great anticipation, to meet a lot of our members in this work. So, I invite you to participate or at least read a new edition about [Tuesday], I think. On this point, I think that's all.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay, Natalia. Any question or comments on the newsletter? Once again, thank you very much for your involvement and great work on that. And yes, definitely, if we can have your inputs, the inputs of your ALS, and any other type of information you would like to share it would be great.

Okay. And sorry for changing the different topics. Let's go to ALS Mobilization Working Party—therefore, Natalia, Bastiaan, Roberto, and Yrjo are in this working party. Natalia, you have the floor. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much, Sebastien. [Alan] presented the temporary results of our discussion during the ICANN 67 session. I think need to find this presentation or link at least to read and send you, I think, link. So, at least for this day, we had today our call. And we were discussing the possibility of the ALSes or members of ALSes being members of other ICANN parts and having or not being able to be [both] in ALSes, or a possibility to be leader in a RALO work, or in different parts of ICANN.

I may note that this is not a simple question—a complicated discussion during our call and in our emails. We tried to find the balance to define the rights or give more freedoms to be more activities, not just in At-Large but more in ICANN, too. And we need to remember that the work is creating a concept of an advice to ALAC but not mandatory rules from our working party. So, I think maybe my more experienced, [nice] colleagues, Roberto and Yrjo can add some comments now.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Natalia. Roberto, you want to add something? Yrjo? Thank you. Roberto's saying now. Okay. If there is no other ... It's an important piece of work and thank you for taking care of that.

Before we go to any other business, as our friend from the Board, Leon Sanchez, joined our call, I would like to give him the floor to say what he wants to say. No question. Up to you, Leon. Go ahead, please.

LÉON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Sebastien. You read my mind because I was about to raise my hand to talk to you as usual. So, thanks for having me again. As you know, I always try to attend as many RALO calls as possible. It is not always the case but I'm happy that I was able to join you today.

There's not much to update you on, other than, of course, reminding you that the .org and PIR discussion is on top of the Board's agenda and top of our minds. We just finished the call. Before joining your RALO call, I was on a call with the full Board, analyzing different aspects of this transaction. So, we continue to evaluate it and we are continuing to gather input and to have discussions within the Board, as to evaluating the transaction.

Also, I am aware that we are all facing challenges with this COVID-19 situation. So, I wanted to convey a message from myself and my Board colleagues to all of you about the deep respect we have for the efforts that you are all performing—the deep respect we have for the work you are doing, regardless of the very challenging situation we are all facing—and, of course, our recognition and our gratefulness for your continued commitment to ICANN and to our community.

So, it is just that. Sebastien, thank you. Thank you for all the work you're doing. Thank you for hanging in there. And I hope that soon we will have better times and we will be able to meet again face-to-face. In the meantime, again, my gratitude and my recognition to you all. Thank you, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Leon. May I ask you a tricky question? But I am sure that you have a good answer. When the Board is expecting take a position on the next ICANN meeting, to declare it again virtual, as I think you will declare it. But when you are supposed to take this decision, please?

LÉON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Sebastien. I don't have a fixed date right now. But I can tell you that we do have a call for that issue tomorrow. We will be having a call tomorrow to assess the situation, to get updates from Org and the Crisis Management Team that has been assembled to deal with the COVID-19 situation. And we will be receiving updates tomorrow on this call. It is not foreseen that we will be making a decision tomorrow but it will be an important update for next steps. So, I expect this decision to be made soon enough. Honestly, I don't have a precise date for me to share with you at this point. But as soon as I know a little bit more about this, I will be happy to share it with you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Léon. And as you thank us, I would like to, I guess on behalf of all the participants, to thank you, Léon, and what you are doing in this

tough period. And please convey that to the other Board members. It's very important that this organization gets a Board like we have today and are very conscious of their responsibility and the need of the community. We are grateful of the decision you have taken. We try give you our idea and inputs on all that. But once again, we are working but you are working, too. And you need to be thanked.

And of course, we can thank that staff also for all the work done in that time. But as I am talking to a Board member, I would like to convey this to you now. Please be our voice to the Board members. Thank you.

LÉON SANCHEZ:

Thank you, Sebastien. I will. Thank you very much. It is highly appreciated.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you. Okay. Sorry for the delay but I think it was important to have this discussion. And now, any other business. First of all, we have to discuss when will be the next meeting. If we take the current situation, it will be in one month almost. And the proposal, we have it 20 of April at 20:00 UTC. And I know that some people asked for moving this to an earlier time. The problem with the following is that I guess in April and maybe in May, I have a weekly call of ATRT3 Leadership Team. Therefore, it's quite difficult for me to move it one our before.

There is two choice. Either we change the day in the week, we go back to Tuesday, and we can take another time. Or we stay with Monday and

it will be 20:00 UTC, at least for the two next months. If you have a comment on that, please. It's a good time.

If not, I will suggest that we ... I will work with staff and we'll give you that to find two or three proposal and to be sent to see if it's better to have people on the same day and with 20:00 UTC or on Tuesday earlier. I know, Ricardo, you want Monday at 19:00. But Monday at 19:00, I have ATRT3 call and I don't want to be splitting myself in two calls at the same time. Sorry for that. And we will send a Doodle with different proposal and hopefully we can decide quite quickly.

Any other business? Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you for your participation. Thank you, staff, to prepare this meeting and for your help. And we will soon have a decision of when we will meet next week and we'll come back some other issue to you. Thank you for your participation. Take care. Really take care of you. That's more important than anything else. Stay home as much as you can. And keep in touch. Talk to you soon. Bye-bye, all. Thank you very much.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much. Bye-bye all.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you. Bye, everyone.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: This call is ended. Thank you. Bye-bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you all very much. This meeting is now adjourned.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you, everyone. Keep well and safe. Take care. Bye-bye.

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