



## Your March 2020 EURALO Newsletter

The latest news from the European At-Large Regional Organization (EURALO)

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### Chair's Corner: ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum Update

**Sebastien Bachollet, EURALO Chair**

Welcome to the first edition of the EURALO newsletter via Constant Contact, a collaboration between the EURALO community, Natalia Filina, EURALO Secretariat, and At-Large staff.

#### **ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum**

This March, ICANN held the ICANN67 Community Forum via [remote participation](#) due to the coronavirus outbreak. The [first ICANN Virtual Community Forum](#) had 65 sessions and was attended by 1,752 unique participants from 130 countries. There were 9 At-Large sessions, including several engaging At-Large policy sessions. See all At-Large sessions and recordings on the [At-Large ICANN67 workspace](#).

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communique for this meeting is available [here](#). A [post meeting survey](#) was also conducted to collect the feedback of the meeting.

The **Post-ICANN67 Policy Report** is now available! Click here to access the report >> <https://go.icann.org/post67>



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#### **EURALO Selection Timetable for 2020\*:**

- **27 April 2020** - Announcement of call for nominations and Nominee's Statement.
- **27 April – 8 May 2020** - Nomination period (nominations accepted for 10 working days).
- **15 May 2020** - Deadline for nomination acceptances
- **18 May - 22 May 2020** - Calls with the candidates if desired by the RALOs.
- **22 May - 29 May 2020** - Elections (If required, elections will begin no later than one week after the deadline for nomination acceptances and end no later than two weeks after that deadline).
- **2020 AGM [ ICANN69 ]** - Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the end of the 2020 AGM following the close of the Board Meeting on 22 October 2020.

#### **The Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III)**

The Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) was an assembly of future At-Large Ambassadors, focused on developing and nurturing thought leaders and change agents who will implement what has resulted from the At-Large Review Process, namely, more effective participation of At-Large members in the policy advice process. ATLAS III was held Monday, 4 November through Thursday, 7 November 2019 during ICANN66 in Montreal, Canada, and provided participants with the skills required to effectively represent the best interests of the end users within ICANN. See the ICANN org blog on ATLAS III [here](#).

See ongoing Post-ATLAS III Activities [here](#).

#### **EURALO Monthly Call**

The most recent EURALO Monthly meeting took place on [30 March 2020](#). Please join the monthly meetings for the latest EURALO and At-Large community updates, including post-ATLAS III and policy activities.

## At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)

I want to encourage all of you to join the Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG). It is a great space to learn about current ICANN policy issues and discuss them from the Internet end user perspective. Send an email to ICANN staff asking to be included in the CPWG email discussion list.

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## ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach & Engagement

I also want to encourage all of you to join the ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach & Engagement. Send an email to ICANN staff asking to be included in the ALAC O&E SC email discussion list.

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## ALAC / At-Large Policy Comments & Advice

All of EURALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN public comment proceedings. For more information, please visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact [At-Large staff](#).

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is currently developing (3) responses to public comment proceedings:

**Vote** [Middle East and Adjoining Countries \(MEAC\) Strategy 2021-2025](#) 03 April 2020

**Comment** [Revised Community Travel Support Guidelines](#) 20 April 2020

**Drafting** [Phase 1 Initial Report of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development Process](#) 27 April 2020

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder, and join the weekly [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#) meetings.

The ALAC submitted (6) policy comments this month:

[Draft Proposal for NextGen@ICANN Program Improvements](#)

The ALAC suggested several significant recommendations to the NextGen@ICANN Program, to the benefit of the community by opening the program and ensuring a welcoming environment to all NextGeners, including first time participants. The ALAC's recommendations would ensure that participants are selected with a stronger focus on their work and can then attend more than one meeting to engage with the community and find their "policy home". As a part of its recommendations, the ALAC stated that At-Large would welcome a more active participation of NextGeners in its community.

#### [Name Collisions Analysis Project \(NCAP\) Study 1](#)

The ALAC acknowledged the report as a useful primer on the subject of Name Collisions. The ALAC noted that they look forward to further deliberation by the relevant groups and their onward action with respect to the third goal of Study 1, which is to determine if the NCAP Project will proceed onto a Study 2.

#### [Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team - PHASE 2](#)

For all recommendations not listed in the ALAC statement, the ALAC noted that they they "Support as written". The ALAC "supported wording with change" for several other recommendations - 1, 6, 7, 9, 15, 19 - and made a general comment that differentiation between natural and legal persons would offload the system from unnecessary queries that are permissible under GDPR.

#### [Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency \(SSR2\) Review Team Draft Report](#)

The ALAC noted that ensuring the security, stability and resiliency of the DNS is arguably ICANN's single most important role. The ALAC has a particular interest in the recommendations related to DNS Abuse, and notes that several of the recommendations overlap with and complement those issued by the RDS WHOIS2-RT and the CCT RT. DNS Security, stability and resiliency is not something that we can afford to ignore.

The ALAC has a particular focus on and interest in DNS Abuse. To address this may require contractual changes to facilitate Contractual Compliance action. Such changes require either negotiations with the contracted parties or a PDP, and the ALAC recommends against a PDP and instead encourages ICANN to come to an agreement with contracted parties. Known vulnerabilities need to be corrected with the utmost haste.

#### [ALAC Feedback to PIR Public Comment Proceeding](#)

Note: Not an ICANN Public Comment. The Public Interest Registry (PIR) held a Public Comment proceeding on the issue of the ISOC/PIR. (8) responses were submitted on behalf the ALAC to the PIR Public Comment proceeding.

The ALAC made several suggestions to PIR regarding the issue of ISOC/PIR. The ALAC noted that PICs are the best mechanism with which to enshrine the essential characteristics of a .ORG registry, yet there are significant issues with PIC enforcement that need to be addressed for PICs to be considered a trustworthy assurance. They noted that from the standpoint of an "individual end user," a 10 annual price cap would add a lot of predictability. The ALAC also noted that the stewardship council for .ORG is a good start, but its mandate should be wider than just free speech and privacy, and suggested a few board seats reserved for 501c(3) organizations, chosen by the community, would be more powerful. Reserving certain seats to be selected by NPOC and perhaps the ALAC (to represent the individual registrants) would help a great deal.

The ALAC's objective is to enshrine PIR's best practices in its contract with ICANN such that they survive any further transitions of ownership.

#### [Draft FY21-25 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY21 Operating Plan & Budget](#)

The ALAC congratulated the ICANN Finance and Planning team, as the draft plans and budget have shown great improvement over the past few years. Not only in how the information is provided, but in the way the plans and budget are structured. The ALAC made several suggestions with regards to the Operating & Financial Plan and Budget, emphasizing that there is not an exact correlation between the number of domains and the income of ICANN. This is important because ICANN relies upon the number of contracted registries and registrars and the number of domains a gTLD has.

The ALAC drafted a separate response to Appendix C, relating to the Evolution of the Multistakeholder Model, following their statement. The At-Large community registered its surprise and disappointment at seeing this important subject, which has been such a major topic of discussion, now relegated to an appendix in this Public Comment - in which it is unlikely to get the time and attention it deserves from the ICANN community.

**In addition, there are ongoing workspaces regarding [CPWG SubPro Comment](#) and [PDP 3.0](#).**

**See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)**

**See: [Executive Summaries: ALAC Policy Comments & Advice](#)**

**See: [Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)**

## ALAC Update

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In addition there was a review of action items from ICANN67, highlights of At-Large policy activities, an update on the ALS and membership applications, and reports from the At-Large leaders.

In addition, the ALAC discussed the [At-Large Review Implementation](#) and next steps, take aways from the feedback provided on ICANN67, and planning for ICANN68.

The ALAC Monthly meeting concluded with a brief update on the upcoming [ALAC elections](#).

## EURALO News



*Natalia Filina, EURALO Secretariat*

We have started to **develop the EURALO Outreach Strategic plan for Fiscal Year 21**. Due to the impact of the coronavirus outbreak, unexpected cancellation of events, we will remain flexible with regards to the framework for Outreach activities regarding CROP travels and attendances of F2F events.

The focus is to cover all regions of Europe, to enhance the interaction between the EURALO ALSes and members, and involve the Academy, researchers and young generation into the work. After approval, the plan will be published.

A **very convenient tool** will be available soon on the wiki: **the spreadsheet of expertise of ALS representatives and individuals**. We will be happy if you find an opportunity and indicate your expertise in different fields and professional area connected to ICANN interests. This is a very important, valuable tool and a new opportunity for effective interaction in the framework of highly specialized discussions and projects, professional communication and analysis of the EURALO potential.



### **Mikhail Anisimov joins ICANN as the Head of Global Stakeholder Engagement for Eastern Europe and Central Asia**

"Mikhail Anisimov is a well-known domain industry professional in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and a long-time ICANN community member," [said Sally Costerton, ICANN's Senior Vice President for Global Stakeholder Engagement](#). "He will continue to build on the great work of his predecessors, bringing his knowledge of Internet governance and the domain industry to our organization. I look forward to working with him to deepen ICANN's presence in the region."

**EURALO Members participate in:**

the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team ([ATRT3](#))

ALS Mobilization plan Working Party,

[Outreach and Engagement ALAC Sub-Committee](#),

[Capacity Building WG](#),

[Social Media WG](#).

We have a great news from **EURALO Individuals' Association**:

new members were added. Now in the Association **62** members

and **6** observers. <https://individualusers.org/our-members-community/>

At the Association we continue to work on a "welcome package" - convenient guide book for the potential and existing members.

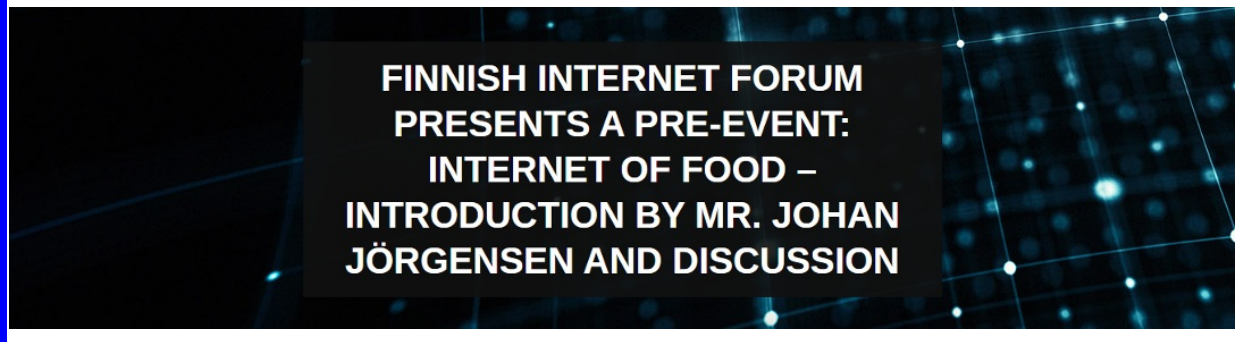
**We kindly remind you to note in your calendar and attend the EURALO monthly calls**

Agenda of the call last call on 30 March 2020 is [here](#).

## ALS Updates

**ISOC Finland** was the main organizer of an event March 4th on the Internet of Food, under the umbrella of and as a pre-event to the Finnish Internet forum (national IGF). Johan Jörgensen, Chairman of Internet Society Special Interest Group Internet of Food, was the main speaker.

The announcement of the event and to the picture of Johan Jörgensen as he was making the presentation. (Photo credit: Olli Teräs). Read more [here](#).



## Industry News



**RIPE NCC**

The RIPE NCC Executive Board has appointed Hans Petter Holen as the Managing Director of the RIPE NCC. Read the full announcement [here](#).

**Effects of the corona pandemic on the domain market**

See the report [here](#).

**Free COVID-19 Threat List - Domain Risk Assessments for Coronavirus Threats**

Visit [this website](#) for details.

**Göran Marby, "The Future of the Internet in the 2020"**

Read the article by ICANN President and CEO, [here](#).

**US senators tell ICANN to reject .org deal**  
Read the news story [here](#).

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