
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Board Teleconference call on Tuesday, the 10th of November 2020 at 18:00 UTC.

On the call today we have Sébastien Bachollet, Maureen Hilyard, Natalia Filina, Pari Esfandiari, Ricardo Holmquist, Roberto Gaetano, Yrjö Länsipuro, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, and Anne-Marie Joly Bachollet. We have received apologies from Mate Mester. And from staff we have Gisella Gruber, Adam Peake—I'm sorry, Adam Peake is not on—and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on call management. Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name when taking the floor for the transcript purposes, and to please keep their microphone muted when not speaking to prevent any background noise. Thank you very much. With this, I'll turn the call over to you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Claudia. Thank you for the ones who already joined the call. I hope that others will join. As you have seen the agenda, it's quite a packed agenda and we may need a second call to finish it, but at least if we start now it will be okay. If it's not a mistake from my point of view, I guess we don't have any action items. I will check but my connection is quite slow.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: No, we don't have any.

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SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Okay. Then I would like for us to thank specifically Maureen Hilyard, Chair of ALAC who has joined us today. It's important. Thank you for her to come because we have one specific item which just came on board this afternoon and I think it's better if we have a good coordination with ALAC. We will start by this item if you allow me.

But first I will read quickly what we will do during this call. We will talk about the last monthly newsletter from EURALO. We have some open position and we will discuss that. It's in this framework that we will discuss with NomCom information about read-outs that are organized. The two other main items will be in preparation of the next monthly call and the General Assembly. I will have to explain to you why we changed the date of the General Assembly.

If you allow me, we will start with item #4C. The question is about the NomCom. As you know, we have, as EURALO, selected Bastiaan Goslings to be the representative ... No. We suggested to the ALAC to select Bastiaan Goslings as a representative from Europe in the NomCom and it was what was done. This afternoon, both Maureen and myself, received the mail from Bastiaan saying that he is having a new job is starting soon or immediately, I don't know, and he will not be available anymore. As he will join the government of his country, he will not be able to represent anymore At-Large in the NomCom. Therefore, we have an empty seat and we need to decide what we do with that. It's why the participation of Maureen is important because at the end of the day, it's ALAC who will choose the person.

I will give you my personal point of view and it's just my personal point of view here. I would like to suggest that we restart the process from

the beginning but with less time for each step to go quicker. I think it will be the best way to have a candidate. Maybe we will end up with just one, I don't know, but that's my suggestion. We can always start to another step of the process and eventually to the last one where we have two candidates for the election, but my preference is to start from the beginning. But I would like to hear first from Maureen and I would like to hear from all the others. If I miss something, if I forget something in the Bylaw with the rules, forgive me, but I am sure that you will help me with that.

Maureen, if I may, can you take the floor? Of course, if you want to say something else, not just to talk about this topic, you are always free to do it now or later. It's up to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Sébastien. I hope you can hear me clearly. I'm very grateful to be invited here, even if it's just for the NomCom thing, but I do want to say that although you haven't actually gone over, I just wanted to say that I'm so impressed with the work that Natalia did with regards to social media in the past ICANN meeting. It's just amazing, and the newsletter really does EURALO proud and to see all the involvement that EURALO actually had. I think it's great that the EURALO meetings were held during the sessions. So again, I'm very pleased to be here.

Just relating to the NomCom, while I congratulate Bastiaan for getting his new job, it does put us in a bit of dilemma with regards to making sure we have somebody in the role once the NomCom starts. Whatever process that the RALO decides on because you're the ones who actually

make decisions for the selection of someone to come to the office to the ALAC, we would really appreciate it if the process was not too drawn out. Otherwise, we don't get the RALO representation in the activities that the NomCom actually is going to be starting on quite short within the next few weeks anyway.

I know that you've probably been through this all before but it's a really critical role for At-Large because it's the At-Large community's opportunity to have input into who gets selected for some key roles within ICANN. Of course, from the At-Large perspective, it's actually making sure that the At-Large interest in the Internet user perspective is always presented when we're actually looking at these roles. I think, too, that it's really important to actually make sure that we have a representative from EURALO involved in the whole process from the beginning to add to the diversity that At-Large brings to the decision-making that is actually made during the NomCom. But it is really important that whoever you choose does have that knowledge of At-Large for a start but also that broader range of knowledge and experience, if at all possible, of some of the Board spectrum of ICANN because of the responsibility of choosing people, for example, for the ICANN Board, as well as for the Council like the GNSO, the ccNSO, including the ALAC. But it's really important that the person that you choose does understand the [mission] of ICANN but also has a good understanding of the operations of the structures related to ICANN's work and its mission, so that when we're actually contributing to the selection that we're actually well informed and we're also aligned with what is important to ICANN.

I know it seems like a terribly big order and we put a lot of responsibility on our NomCom representative, and they work very, very hard. It's a very demanding position. When you think of when they started right soon after the last AGM and then up until the very last minute just before this past AGM, they were still [filling in] positions. So it's a long-drawn-out process and people who are involved have to have that level of commitment. So I don't envy the position that you're in where you've lost someone like Bastiaan. He actually has been involved for a long time and has a good understanding of the workings of At-Large and the community of ICANN, but I'm sure that within your team you will find someone that you can actually recommend to the ALAC that we actually put forward another [person] from EURALO. If there are any questions, I'm happy to take them. Thank you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Maureen. Yes, definitely I fully agree with you and your comments. What I will do—two things—first is to look with staff how we can streamline the process and see which stage we can choose to do each step and shortening them as much as we can. We will also get in touch one way or another with NomCom Chair and see when they are intending to start the work, or with the staff of supporting NomCom will be another way to add this information. Like that, we will be able to try to make a proposal to the ALAC to fill the seat in the best timing for the starting of the NomCom.

Matthias, please go ahead and then I will give you back the floor. Matthias?

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Hello. Can you hear me well?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Okay. Go ahead.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Good. I just wanted to say I think that's a very good idea to just open the process again, but maybe just with a shorter application period maybe only of, I don't know, one week or one and a half weeks so that at least people can apply and it's also transparent. But I think it's also very important, as Maureen already mentioned and you as well, that the candidate should have the knowledge and also the understanding. Also I think it's very important to know the different dynamics. But I'm sure there will be some candidates—of course it's a pity that Bastiaan has left but, on the other hand, obviously it's also good he got a nice job. I think it's better that he said, "Now, okay, I can't," before he would have done this even within his working period. So I think it's definitely a good idea to just open the process from the beginning, maybe with a shorter period. I'm sure we will find an appropriate candidate. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Matthias. Yrjö, please. We can't hear you for the moment, Yrjö.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: I'm sorry. I was muted. Luckily, we are in the very beginning of the NomCom cycle. That is to say there is some time, not too much, but at least we can run this process but, of course, to do it in an expedited way. I'm sure we'll find something. I'm sorry to see Bastiaan leave but that's life. People come and go. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Yrjö. Anyone else want to take the floor? Okay. If not, my proposal is that I will, with the help of Natalia, work with staff to suggest a streamlined process and see which stage we can figure out and we will put that in place and try to work out with that. Thank you very much for your comments. Thank you for Maureen to come with us and thank you for your nice word about what EURALO members are doing, and also with the session we set up during ICANN69. I am sure that we will follow on that track and come back to you as soon as possible about the NomCom question. Thank you. Maureen, do you want to say a few words before you may be allowed to leave?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien. I just wanted to say thank you very much. I really do appreciate the comments that have been made and the consideration that you'll give to this particular matter. It's important to At-Large as well as to the NomCom. Just keep up the good work. That's all I can say. Thank you very much.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Maureen. It's our first meeting of EURALO. We wanted to congratulate you for your re-election as the Chair of ALAC. It's good for us and it's good for all end users. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay. I will go to 4B and 4A, and then we will go to 3 and then the others. 4B, we have a request to select a representative or even a co-Chair in this subcommittee. We need a co-Chair. It's ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement. Natalia was the one and even she was during this European meeting the Chair, a lot of things going on in the communication, outreach and engagement—and as Maureen underlined it and I fully agree—she does a very, very good job. As we are supposed to have another European meeting, it will be in June next year, maybe in person or maybe again in virtual, I would like to suggest that we keep Natalia doing this job because it will help the next European meeting but also because she is doing a very good job.

Okay. If it's not the co-Chair, it's Regional Liaison. Whatever the title, she's doing well then my suggestion is to support her, to have her again. May I ask is there any disagreement? I know that we are talking about people and we may have another way to vote but I am sure that we are all friends here in the discussion, and if there are some people who disagree, they will say.

Okay. Natalia, you are again now with a new title, Regional Liaison to the ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement. Congratulations.

Next is 4A and I will not give somebody else to talk about that but I may have, as I am in conflict. But we have to select ALAC Appointee Selection Committee and the current representative ... I am not sure that they have a lot of things last year but maybe it will be more important next year. The current representative is Anne-Marie Joly Bachollet, and everyone knows she's my wife and she's just nearby me. I would like to suggest, like for Natalia, we asked her to do second one-year term in this. Is there any other who wants to join this group? Please tell us now and we will manage the discussion on that.

NATALIA FILINA: Sébastien? This is Natalia.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Natalia? Yes, go ahead.

NATALIA FILINA: I would like to thank all of you for the trust and I will be happy to continue this work, as I said, on this position or out of this position because I like this work so much. I would like to say that maybe we don't have liaisons close to this position but I would like to say that many, many members of EURALO and At-Large help and do a lot on this field. So thank you very much. We'll go ahead together.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Natalia. Yes. I must have asked you if you agree with your nomination but I am happy that you say yes and you will stay in that position. Let's go back to the other one. Any comments, questions? Okay. If there are no comments, I will ask Anne-Marie if she's okay to be—I already asked her but I will ask her officially during the meeting if she's okay to do one more year in this.

ANNE-MARIE JOLY BACHOLLET: Yes. Okay. I will be [inaudible] this post.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay. Thank you very much. Do we have ... No, we don't have new people. Thank you for those.

Let's go point #3. I put the name of Natalia but in fact I wanted just to say that EURALO Monthly Newsletter is not just a monthly newsletter. It's like a book and we get it each month and with nice pictures but with a lot of information, links, and that's not a small job and I wanted really to congratulate Natalia for the hard job she was doing in addition to the rest for this newsletter. We received yesterday or this morning but it's really great. Thank you very much. Natalia, may I give you the floor?

NATALIA FILINA: Just for a minute. Thank you very much. It maybe looked like a book but I hope people not just watch it, I hope people read it. I always try to do this work for the whole community, but of course I would like to see more feedback from regional. [I will do this better with them.] I think in a month, we will have another one book with IGF and other –

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: You cut your mic. Okay. Thank you very much, Natalia. Great. Definitely, I would like to ask the participants here. If you have some links to provide to Natalia, don't wait for the last moment. Just send them. If there is something that is important for you or you think it's useful, it would be great to go and to send to Natalia that she will put it for the next issue of the EURALO Monthly Newsletter. Once again, thank you.

I will not read all the congratulations for the three items we discussed up to now in the chat. But let's go to the next item. It's more information. We tried to set up read-out in Europe. Last time there was one in Russian and this time we are setting one in French, and we will have one in English, hopefully, the week after. I put the link if there are people who want to follow something just in French with no interpretation, they are welcome. If you want to have the agenda, I can send it to you too. There's an invitation, we will go to the mailing list. I know staff will send it then you will get all this information. Natalia, please go ahead.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much. Just asking about read-out session in Russian because, if I understand correctly, we don't need to ask our GSE team to set up for the date of it because they do this always, but I have no information about Russian read-out. Maybe we need to ask Mikhail or Adam about this.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Natalia, I suggest that you reach out to Mikhail because I think the period with the IGF is quite complicated but if you wish to—and I think it's a good idea if we can follow on the first read-out in Russian but if we can do another one. Please try, it will be good.

The other one will be in English. Why for me it's important, it's not just because it will be in English but it's because I hope that ISOC UK agree to be one of the hosts of this read-out, that maybe one day ISOC UK will join EURALO as an At-Large Structure. We can always dream about that. But Olivier will be the host of this meeting. They will be the one in French. Thank you. Any questions, comments on that? Okay.

Then now we have the two important items. The first one is to talk about EURALO monthly calls on Tuesday, 17th of November, and then the EURALO General Assembly on Tuesday, 16th of December. Why we are not able to do the General Assembly in November is because we're late with no excuse, but we need three weeks to publish the agenda and it was too late after the end of the ICANN meeting. We may have mistaken that before. But as we were late, we suggested we change the date. If we look to the agenda, I would like to suggest also that we change a little bit the way we organize the monthly calls. We will go through the proposed agenda and you will see what's the change I would like to suggest. But first of all, about the change of the date for the General Assembly and we'll be back the 17th of November with a monthly call, any comments or question?

NATALIA FILINA: Sébastien, may I ask about our idea to ask our ALSes and invite them to our monthly calls to have some updates or feedback during the monthly call and to engage them?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I get your point but I think it's too late to organize that for the 17th of November. My idea was to set that up for next year and we will not do it in November. But also I would like us for us to discuss if we want to have a guest speaker and I didn't have yet feedback from Bertrand. I may need to call him tomorrow. But my suggestion is to have a guest speaker. We suggested to have Bertrand de la Chapelle this time, and we were hoping to have someone else in January.

The question is that do we have a monthly call with one and a half hour with a guest speaker, or we just have one with guest speaker and if we want to have some exchange with ALS, it will be in another format. That's the question. Bye-bye, Maureen. Thank you for coming. We have a lot to do but the trouble is that when you ask ALS to come to make some information of what they are doing, it's not easy to do it.

Therefore, my first question is, do we try for the 17th of November to have a guest speaker for one hour? If it's possible, Bertrand de la Chapelle, if not, we will find another one or it will not be done this time. Matthias, please go ahead.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Hello. May I ask, I think the idea of a guest speaker is a good idea but maybe not one hour? I think it's too long. Maybe, I don't know, 20

minutes, 30 minutes, and then maybe there are some questions, or 20 minutes presentation and 10 minutes maybe questions or 20 minutes. But I think one hour in total is quite long or—you don't think so? It's just my personal opinion. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I don't think so because I put 60 minutes. Why? Because when I follow some of the presentations made by Internet and Jurisdiction, it was one and a half hour with no question and a lot of things around domain names and specifically things for Europe. It's why I was thinking that one hour could be useful. I will check with them but there's a lot of questions coming on on this specific topic.

The other proposal was to have Bruno Lanvin who is also the former Board Director but is doing work in Portulans Institute. I followed a three-hour conference and it was really very interesting. They have some figure to show us. Therefore, I don't want to have not so much time to have the discussion with them, but I take your point. Please do put your ideas. Ricardo, please go ahead.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Do you hear me well?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Go ahead.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Just the idea from LACRALO, every two months, instead of a guest speaker, what they have is training—a different training. Then the one made by the ALAC usually more basic training for the people. They have it every two months or in the one without training, they have the ALSes speaking and that sort of thing. Or they decide to have a shorter meeting than the one they have, the training.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. NARALO is now going with a change with members of the community. It's why I wanted to suggest something a little bit different. Other comments?

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Sébastien, may I just add a comment regarding your recommendation? So you mean like you have 60 minutes like a guest speaker? So it's just the session with the guest speaker? So it's just like a webinar or we already have one? Or is it included in a call of 90 minutes?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: The proposal for the moment is to be included. But once again, it's up to us. If you look to the agenda today, you have the proposal agenda for the monthly call where it's one and a half hour with 60 minutes for Bertrand and we have a topic going quite quickly. We will just go quickly to the other items of the monthly call. We suggest to have some feedback and even if it's still going on about EURALO and Internet governance and asking what's happening in IGF Global and then some national IGF. A lot of people are participating to the IGF Global and it

could be useful. And to a specific and short point about outreach and engagement, where we are. A short point again, that goes through all the items but more to give some [food for thought] and to come to this consolidated Policy Working Group. It's the same for the Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group. I was putting an update on the NomCom. In fact, I wanted to give an update on the selection for the last NomCom and not talk about what we were talking about earlier and are going through quickly to the call to the end of the year in Any Other Business. The idea was to have a short part of the meeting for information for all the people. If they have any specific information from one ALS to another, we will be able to handle them and to give more time for the guest speaker. That was the proposal here. Natalia?

NATALIA FILINA:

Thank you very much, Sébastien. I like so much your ideas, Sébastien, like an idea from Ricardo because it looks like a great way to make our calls more riveting. If we can avoid the repeating [themes] which are already discussed during other virtual meetings during the month or weeks, we can do our calls more useful and informative. So I support your ideas.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Natalia. Ricardo, may I ask you to set up, for example, or to suggest, eventually to set up, but for the call in February I think around training, how it would fit with the session in February? With that we will have, hopefully, something with Bertrand and something with Bruno, and one every three months a training? We will discuss it again when

we will have the next board meeting. Thank you. Thank you, Ricardo. Any other question about the monthly call in November? Okay.

Therefore, I suggest that we go to the other item. It's preparation of the General Assembly. So maybe why it's important that we discuss it today is that if we do it the 16th of December, we may need to have an agenda ready for middle of the month or in 10 days. Therefore, it's important that we discuss it here. We may also, if we don't find a final agreement during the next monthly meeting –

I made a proposal for the agenda and I split it in three parts and not in two parts. Claudia, if you can go to the next? Go, go, go. Again. Here. I have set up three different parts, one which what was always called the standing issue, one with the agenda item for discussion. And I suggest not to have speeches but to have a roundtable about COVID-19 consequence on the work on ICANN, At-Large, and ALAC. It's a proposal to change a little bit how the General Assembly will be organized.

The first one, a standing issue, it's welcome, the confirmation of attendees, and the adoption of the agenda. The only thing, I guess, this year we have to do with the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting in Berlin. Then the agenda for discussion, then the report where we have to write it and to send it to you before, but we have a few days to do that. A discussion about how to enhance EURALO participation within policy discussions. Where we are, what we are doing in outreach strategy and about EURALO in this time of—we don't know how it will be. Fiscal Year '21 in Any Other Business.

Then my suggestion—yes, for the General Assembly, Adam, it will be in December, not in the 17th of November. Therefore, the suggestion is to have a roundtable with our usual suspects, the President and CEO, the Chairman of the Board, and the Vice Chair of the Board, but I would like two add to persons from At-Large. And as we have three men, I asked to find two women, and it's why I suggest that Maureen and Natalia will be the two other speakers or the two other participants to the roundtable. To answer Heidi, we will put that in Any Other Business and we will see how we discuss that.

Any comments on the proposed thrust agenda of the General Assembly for the 16th of December? You have some time and we will be able to make changes. But if you have some comments, please send it to me or staff or Natalia and we will manage to have the changes. But if there is no big disagreement underway, we can handle this General Assembly. That's finished. Because it's written at the beginning, it's 90 minutes, now the General Assembly is 122-hour meeting, if I am not mistaken. I will check on that. Generally Assembly, it's 120 minutes. It's good for the timing but the agenda must be changed here. It's not 90 minutes but it's 120 minutes. Okay, thank you very much. Any comments on that? If not, I suggest to go to Any Other Business. I know that we have two of them. Sorry, Yrjö, you before we move. Go ahead, please. Thank you.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO:

Thank you. I just noticed that, actually, the EURALO Monthly Meeting on the 17th of November coincides with the closing session of the IGF.

That's unfortunate if that has to be but I just wonder if there's any other possibilities. I'm talking about the monthly meeting on the 17th.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Yrjö. We'll check on that and see what we can suggest. I definitely agree that it's not good to not be able for European people, particularly as it is virtual in Europe, that we don't be at the last session of the IGF. I will check with that. And maybe what I can suggest is to do it at the end of the session in the IGF. And maybe the second is that we will do a very short one and maybe not having Bertrand. I will check and come back to you by mail. But thank, Yrjö, to raise this issue. It was also raised by Adam but I didn't get as clear as you would tell us. Thank you very much, Yrjö.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Thank you very much, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: We will make some change. Okay. Definitely I will check with the agenda of the IGF and see what change we can suggest. Maybe we will change the date. I will check and see which stuff which we can do. Thank you very much.

Okay. Let's go to Any Other Business. Therefore, we have two and we have more than three minutes. We have 12 minutes. First one is Roberto wanted to raise one question. Roberto, please.

ROBERTO GAETANO: If we have time, otherwise, we can do this via e-mail. .

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: We have 10 minutes. Go ahead.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Thank you. I'm chairing, as you know, the Unaffiliated Individuals Mobilization Working Party. And to this working party, every RALO appoints three people, one from the Leadership, one from the ALSes, and one from the individuals. So we have Natalia attending as part of the Leadership team, but she has never had a formal appointment. Matthias is attending as an individual. We don't have anybody from the ALS. This is going to be important only if we have a vote that, for the time being, I would exclude. But since formally, this was a requirement, if we can comply with this requirement for the individuals, we have it for the Leadership team, we have the name and we need to figure out somebody from the ALS. So it's done and over because the other RALOs are fully in shape. I think it will be good to do that, if we can. Thank you. That's all.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Roberto. Matthias, please.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Roberto, I've just one question because I was also a representative as ALAC member. But that's normally not a problem or if I'm as individual

member participating and also as ALAC representative, regarding the vote. Just to mention it.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Well, to me, it's not a problem because in probably all the cases, the representative from the Leadership team is either coming from the individuals or from the ALS. I mean, it's obvious that there's going to be a partial overlap. But that's not a big issue. The important thing is to know that who is speaking as representative of the Leadership team and who is representing either the ALS or the unaffiliated individuals. As you see then in the discussion, we have no distinction between members and participants and so on. The discussion we had tried to achieve the consensus among everybody. But this is just to be covered for the formal point of view in case there's an objection. I see that we are probably already close to a solution because I see that in the chat that Yrjö is volunteering to join as ALS representative. I mean, I don't want to make a big fuss of it but I want to have the house in order, so to speak, to avoid criticism about EURALO. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Roberto. Thank you, Yrjö, to put your name. I am happy that you put your name like that; I don't have to put mine. I am happy that Natalia will be representing the Leadership of EURALO, Matthias the individual users, and Yrjö the ALS. If there is no other comments or disagreement with that, I suggest that we go in that direction. It's, I guess, easier and best way to go. Thank you, Natalia, Matthias, and Yrjö, for your time and commitment in that group. I guess I will be

participating to the next call as it says specific items. I am very eager to put my voice but it will be as a simple member. Thank you.

Heidi, do you want to talk to us about the nice abbreviation FY22 ABR. I am sure that you will explain to us what it means.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Can everyone hear me?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Go ahead, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Thank you. The Fiscal Year 22 Additional Budget Requests or ABRs, these are the annual additional sources of funding for SOs and ACs, and SGs and RALOs. And that process will start I think in about a week or so. I'm just confirming with the Finance department. But again, the process normally starts around this time. The first is then we send out a call to the RALOs to start thinking about what their Additional Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 22, starting on July 1, 2021, might be. Then they will be sent to the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, which we now look like we're just about full membership there for the 2021 year. Then they will be working that through January, working with the RALOs and finally making the decision which ones to submit to the Finance department for review and processing. And that will usually be at the end of January so there's a little bit of time. However, it's good to start now because we do have the holidays in between. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sébastien, just one more point. Sorry. Just to let you know that, again, because of the way that the text for the approval text was noted for Fiscal Year '21, there are several within At-Large, some of the normal ones, for example, RTP, the RALO Discretionary Funding, those requests that I believe have been requested about three or four years now, they are in line to go into the core budget. So you might want to assume that that's going to happen and then start thinking about other requests apart from those. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: That's very good news, really. Just to be clear, because I am not sure that everybody can know what is happening. ABR, it's Additional Budget Request, and it's outside of the so-called normal budget of ICANN. When it happens that it's becoming used to decision of ICANN to finance some activities, it's better to put it in the budget of ICANN. Then the ABR, the Additional Budget Request, can be used for other things. It's meant to be something more innovative, maybe. But it's something where we have some inputs on where in the budget it's more global one. It's why I think this change will be very important. Thank you.

We have three minutes to go. Any other business? Natalia, please.

NATALIA FILINA:

Thank you very much, Sébastien. I will try to be short here. I would like to suggest for discussion something. First one is I think we should make our EURALO [expertise] their role, not hiding from the community. And I suggest to discuss it with Yrjö, you, Sébastien, and all who may participate in the discussion.

So second one, I think we already discussed it with Roberto and just remind him that we should announce when are we getting the new members. And we need to give the new members the opportunity to talk, to introduce themselves I think via e-mail. In our outreach engagement work, I've already seen that our welcome package may be finished at the level of EURALO. Then we may go with this to the Capacity Building Working Group and to create a full, huge project. This idea for our further discussion.

I had some discussion with Maureen. I had the idea to create something like researching working group in order to get the useful and necessary information for our Policy Development Processes. I think maybe it's not the right time for these on the At-Large level but maybe we can discuss it on EURALO level. If we cannot create a working group, we can start as, I don't know, maybe like a EURALO project. So we can engage in these projects our ALSes and to ask to help us with statistics and research information and, of course, with reference to these ALSes. I think we can discuss it if you don't think that is not so good idea. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Natalia, it's always good idea that you came with, for we need to discuss that. Any comments? Question? We have no minutes to go. Maybe, Natalia, you can write a short mail and we will discuss that on the mailing list. I would like to come back to the Additional Budget Request. May I ask if Wale can support us with that? He has done that in the past. I think it would be good if he can help us with that. Just think about that and come back to me if you agree. If not, we will find somebody else. But I would appreciate your help on that.

As we are one minute late, I would like very much to thank you. I hope that, Pari, you were able to understand all our acronyms, all the things we were talking about. No worries, you have time to get used to all that and we will be happy to help you. Once again, thank you very much for your participation, for your intervention. Let's organize the next meeting, the 17th of November, in another time and maybe another date, maybe. We will come back to you with that. Have a good evening. Good IGF for everyone who will participate. Take care and talk to you soon. Bye-bye. The meeting is ending.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you very much, Sébastien, and all. Bye-bye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you. Bye-bye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you all for joining. Enjoy the rest of your day.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you, everyone. Have a good evening. Bye-bye.

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