

Statements of Interest for IDN Variant Issues Project

Greek Case Study Team

1. Your Name: *Panagiotis Papaspiliopoulos*
2. Current employer and position: *Telecommunications Expert at the General Secretariat of Communications of the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport & Networks.*
3. Type of work performed: *Accredited Representative of Greece to the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of ICANN. President of the "Internet Committee"¹ of the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport & Networks.*
4. Identify any financial ownership or senior management / leadership interest that are interested parties in IDN Variant related topics: *General Secretariat of Communications of the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport & Networks.*
5. Identify any type of commercial or non-commercial interest in IDN Variant related topics. Are you representing other parties? Describe any arrangements / agreements between you any other group, constituency or person(s) regarding your nomination / selection as a work team member: *As a public servant, my duty is to represent and facilitate the interest of the Greek internet community (business & users, inside and outside Greece). In addition, I am the President of the "Internet Committee" of the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport & Networks.*
6. IDN Variant Case Study Team members are expected to demonstrate knowledge or expertise in aspects related to the IDN Variants. Please identify any knowledge, expertise or experience you have that would be relevant to the work of the IDN Variants: *Due to my technical background (electrical & electronic engineer – MSc in communication systems), my involvement in any issue related to electronic*

¹ **Internet Committee:** *This permanent Committee was established after a relevant decision of the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure, Transport & Networks (ref. 710/8/7th January 2011). Its mandate is to provide advice to the Minister about Internet and domain names issues. President of the Committee is the GAC representative of Greece and members are representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Hellenic Telecommunications & Post Commission, the Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Hellenic Organization for Standardization and the Registry of [.gr] domain names. In order to achieve its goals, the Committee has to obtain any kind of information regarding domain names, to examine and define technical and legal issues, to follow the activities of Greek, European and International organizations, committees, bodies and fora, to support the Greek representation to the above-mentioned bodies and to make suggestions to the relevant political hierarchy of the State.*

communication networks and the Internet in the Ministry (e.g. domain names, internet governance, network security, network planning, standardization, regulatory issues etc), as well as my designation as the representative of the Ministry in several European and international bodies since 2002 (including my designation as the Greek GAC representative), I believe that I have all the necessary experience in relation to the IDN Variants in general and, especially regarding the Greek IDN Variants.

7. Describe any tangible or intangible benefit that you receive from participation in such process, for example, if you are an academic or NGO and you use your position to advance your ability to participate, this should be a part of the statement of interest, just as should employment by an organization that has an interest in IDN Variant Working Group outcomes: *One obvious benefit of my participation in the IDN Variant process, which is also my ambition, is to act as a proper public servant in order to promote and facilitate the use of the Greek language over the Internet. Being a member of such process I will have the opportunity to contribute to the clarification of the vague issues and help to formulate the registration procedure. This will be for the benefit of the Greek internet community (inside or outside Greece). At the same time, being a part of such process, I will have the opportunity to meet and work together with a group of special people and thus enhance my knowledge on this area.*