

Report ccNSO Council Special Election European Region

10 December 2021

1. Background

Giovanni Seppia has indicated he will step down from the ccNSO Council on 31 December 2021. In accordance with section 10.4(g) of the ICANN Bylaws, the ccNSO members in the European Region needed to select a candidate for the remainder of Giovanni's term (until March 2023). The person selected for the special Council election will take the seat on the Council on 1 January 2022, latest after formal completion of the selection process.

The ccNSO opened a call for nominations to fill the seat: the nomination and secondment procedure started Thursday, 18 November 2021 (00:01 UTC) and closed Thursday, 2 December 2021 (23:59 UTC). The timeline of the launch of the nomination period was defined following the [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#) and was approved by the ccNSO Council via an e-mail decision on 17 November 2021. Joke Braeken was appointed Election Process Manager on 17 November 2021.

2. Launch of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period was launched on Thursday, 18 November 2021 (00:01 UTC). The [call for nominations](#) was posted on the ccNSO website on 16 November 2021, and shared on 17 November 2021 with the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists.

3. Close of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period closed on Thursday, 2 December 2021 (23:59 UTC).

4. Nomination Results

The nomination archives can be found at: <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>

At the close of the call, the following nomination and secondment was received:

Nigel Roberts (.gg) nominated Chris Disspain on Thu, 25 Nov 2021 | 10:53 UTC and on Fri, 26 Nov 2021 | 10:46 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Katrina Sataki (.lv) on Wed, 1 Dec 2021 | 14:12 UTC. No other nominations or secondments were received.

5.1. Nomination observations

- **Observation 1**

A ccTLD community member contacted the Election Manager, asking which ccTLD Manager Chris Disspain is affiliated with. Chris clarified to the Election Manager that he is currently not affiliated to a ccTLD. The [ICANN Bylaws](#) mention the following:

[...] Section 10.3. ccNSO COUNCIL

(a) The ccNSO Council shall consist of three ccNSO Council members selected by the ccNSO members within each of ICANN's Geographic Regions in the manner described in Section 10.4(g) through Section 10.4(i); [...]

And

[...] Section 10.4. MEMBERSHIP

[...]

(h) Any ccNSO member may nominate an individual to serve as a ccNSO Council member representing the ccNSO member's Geographic Region.[...]

The applicable [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#) further specify:

[...] 3. General Provisions

3.1. Eligibility to be Elected to the ccNSO Council

A Councillor can be any individual nominated, seconded and elected as described in this Guideline. Individuals are elected in their personal capacity and serve the ccTLD community. Councillors do not represent the views and interests of their employers. [...]

5. Acceptance Nominations

In accordance to the applicable rules, Chris Disspain was nominated, seconded and has accepted his nomination for the Council.

6. Elected Councillor

As only one candidate was nominated and seconded within the nomination period, no elections needed to be held. The nominated and seconded candidate accepted his nomination.

Since at the close of nominations there are no more valid candidates in the aforementioned geographic regions than there are seats on the ccNSO Council available for those regions, then the nominated candidate shall be selected to serve on the ccNSO Council. The elected Councillors will take his seat on 1 January 2022.

8. Closure of the Special Election Process European Region

The elected candidate is Chris Disspain. The Council Election process 2022 will formally close 7 days after adoption and publication of this report. The ccNSO Council Chair is requested to provide the ICANN Secretary prompt written notice of the selection of ccNSO Council members under section 10.4 (i) of the ICANN Bylaws. The Secretariat is requested to publish the report on the ccNSO website.