EURALO Annual report for the period December 2021 to October 2022

This report will introduce you to the main events of EURALO and related events that have had an impact on the development of our community and the achievement of work goals.

It is worth noting that the year 2022 and the external geopolitical situation brought some difficulties into the work of the ALSs, individual members, observers and EURALO as a whole, but our work can`t be stopped and this report reflects our common achievements during this period - December 2021 to October 2022.

Sebastien Bachollet (France) continues to serve the EURALO Chair, **Natalia Filina (Russia)** continues to serve the EURALO Secretary position, they were re-elected in 2021, their new term of office is from 2021 until AGM in 2023.

For today EURALO consists of **38 ALSes** located in **18* countries and territories**, as well as **72 Individual Members and 5 Observers**. Foreseeable in 2022 decertification, 2 ALSes and certification, 1 ALS. We have continued to strive towards our goal of "All European countries covered" and have a local ALS or an individual member presence in each country, geopolitical and economic influent on this aim.

We hope our collaboration with ICANN's Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) will help us to attract attention and find new interested At-Large Structures (ALS) from as much European countries as possible. Our Outreach and Engagement steps already brought some new interested individual members which may note as success.

We believe that the difficulties outlined above cannot destroy the ties of the community and the motivation to go together and improve the technical Internet Governance as well as to participate in the development of common issues of Internet governance in order to make it equally accessible, safe and stable for everyone.

1. Regular activities

Since last **EURALO Virtual General Assembly 2021** which was held **on 14 December 2021** the records of our regular activities and events on the basis of our monthly Round-tables (the new format of EURALO monthly calls) can be seen on EURALO's Workspace and in our monthly reports:

2021 year - https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/2021+EURALO+Secretariat+Monthly+Reports

2022 year - https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/2022+EURALO+Secretariat+Monthly+Reports

We would like to focus this annual report on some highlights, special achievements and same time our weaknesses / shortcomings during the reporting period which we can or should fix. This report comes

after the ICANN75 (before the EURALO AGM 2022) and includes all activities before and during this meeting.

There are places in EURALO where we invest our strength and energy, **2 EURALO Working Groups**, which we hope to bring into active condition and see the results of work in 2023:

- EURALO Operation Rules Taskforce (EROR TF)
- EURALO Task Force on At-Large Structure (ALS) engagement

EURALO monthly meetings = Round Tables

More than a year ago interesting idea from EURALO Chair Sebastien Bachollet started to implement: EURALO monthly calls were transformed into a format for discussing the hottest topics for the European end users, ICANN, Internet Governance actors. The result of this decision - interesting, very well attended, opened for all meetings, discussions with invited experts, a lot of attendees. DNS abuse, Internet fragmentation, legislative initiatives in the EU, digital transformation, encryption and much more are discussed. Please find the topics you are interested in and listen again these virtual Round Tables:

https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/EURALO+Teleconferences+2021

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ICANN (by EURALO) readout sessions

It has become a wonderful tradition to gather for multilingual Read Out sessions are organized by the EURALO with the support by ICANN (translated into French, Spanish, Russian).

These sessions have a pitch tour format, and help to summarize and discuss selected topics from the ICANN Meetings. Speakers from the different constituencies (as well as participants in chat) providing an overview of the highlights and key takeaways, their opinions on current issues and hot topics. For more details, please find the records here:

ICANN75 **Tuesday, 04 October 2022 - EURALO ICANN75 Multilingual Read-Out**
ICANN74 **Tuesday, 28 June 2022 - EURALO ICANN74 Multilingual Read-Out**
ICANN73 **Tuesday, 22 March 2022 - EURALO ICANN73 Multilingual Read-Out**

We also thank our members who participate in local ICANN Readout sessions on behalf of ALAC/At-Large, we always put these reports in the EURALO Newsletter.

2. EURALO representations

ALAC members from EUROPE:

In the period between ICANN AGM 2021 and ICANN AGM 2022, the members at ALAC were: **Joanna Kulesza (Poland), Matthias Hudobnik (Austria) and Pari Esfandiari** (**UK**). Since September 2022 Pari Esfandiari has end his 2 years term as ALAC member from Europe selected by the Nomcom. We congratulate Pari and thank for excellent job she did: was organizing some of the Monthly RoundTable (by EURALO) and leaded some important discussions during ICANN75 in Kuala-Lumpur (Malaysia).

We welcome **Tommi Karttaavi (Finland)** as the new ALAC Europe representative selected by the Nomcom for the next 2 years.
And we wish good luck to **Matthias Hudobnik (AGM2021-2023), Joanna Kulesza (AGM2022_2024) and Tommi Karttaavi (AGM2022-2024 by NomCom)**.
Worth to note the huge amount of work **Joanna Kulesza** is doing: she plays a significant role in EURALO and At-Large on the positions of At-Large Vice Chair for Outreach and Engagement, At-Large Capacity Building WG co-chair, member of At-Large Outreach and Engagement WG and At-Large Consolidated Policy WG, the ALAC Liaison the GAC. Joanna initiates and supports discussions related to the efforts of the community in the DNS abuse issue and legislative initiatives of the EU cyberspace. We would like to thank Joanna for the efforts and bright productive work.

EURALO Board Members:

We met and congratulated EURALO Board Members who were elected for a period of two years beginning in December 2021 (till the AGM 2023)**: Anne-Marie Joly (France), Lutz Donnerhacke (Germany), Ricardo Holmquist (Spain).**

EURALO at ICANN [Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)](#):

Joanna Kulesza (Poland) is currently serving as the ALAC Liaison the GAC. She was selected by the ALAC in October 2021 and took on the role on Thursday, 28 October 2021 at the end of the ICANN 72 AGM. Joanna Kulesza replaced on this position **Yrjö Länsipuro (Finland)** who served in this role since 2016. We thank Yrjo for his great contribution and enhancing the collaboration between the ALAC and GAC over these years. GAC Liaison reports can be found here
https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/GAC+Liaison+Reports

EURALO at ICANN [Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)](#):

Andrei Kolesnikov (Russia) was appointed the ALAC Liaison to the SSAC in 2018. Each year Andrey was re-appointed for a one-year term. His Liaison role was reconfirmed at the ICANN74 and again has remained SSAC Liaison – with thankful from our members for the great work, informative feedback and actual reports. SSAC Liaison reports can be found here:
https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/SSAC+Liaison+Reports

EURALO on [ICANN Nominating Committee](#):

Our representative on the ICANN Nominating Committee is **Yrjö Länsipuro (Finland)**, for a 2 year term ending at the ICANN 2023 AGM, Yrjo replaced Sebastien Bachollet, who was appointed as EURALO representative on NomCom from 2020 till 2021 AGM.

EURALO at [At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group (OFBWG)](#) [& ALAC Subcommittee on Finance and Budget (FBSC):](#)

The Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) coordinates of the annual additional budget requests from the ALAC and RALOs to go into the yearly ICANN budget. One ALAC member and one community member from each of the five RALOs to vote on any financial matters relating mainly to Additional Budget Requests (ABRs).

The current members from ICANN European region are **Matthias Hudobnik (ALAC member)** and **Ricardo Holmquist (EURALO).** Matthias and Ricardo will continue to serve on these positions one year more and we thank them for dedicated work and made us informed!

The At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group (OFB WG) is an open to all and tasked with preparing statements and requests related to ICANN finance and budget, strategy, and operational initiatives.

The current members from ICANN European region are **Matthias Hudobnik (ALAC member)** and **Sébastien Bachollet (EURALO).** Matthias and Sebastien will continue to serve on these positions one year more and we thank them for dedicated work and made us informed!

EURALO within [ICANN](#)

With special honor we note EURALO members on the leadership positions of ICANN! Two EURALO members of have been appointed to ICANN Leadership positions: **Danko Jevtović** (**Serbia**) has been elected Vice-Chair of the [ICANN Board](#), and **Tobias Sattler** has been selected by NomCom for the PTI Board.

Wolfgang Kleinwächter (**Germany**) become the recipient of the 2022 Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building.

We thank our EURALO members for the brilliant example of committed work and inspiration. Congratulations!

3. EURALO and IG events

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IGF [(Internet Governance Forum)](Internet Governance Forum)

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IGF 2021 was organized in December 2021 in Poland (Katowice). EURALO members participated at the IGF actively as speakers and moderators of sessions and panels. It was a hybrid meeting, many European participants had easier access to this location however COVID-19 restriction and health issues didn`t allow to cancel all restrictions. You can view the IGF 2021 At-Large workspace and find interesting information about Euralo's participation here.

We are sure that local IGF meetings in European region held with the direct participation of EURALO members, so we kindly encourage you to give reports and comments, short summary and messages from the earth.

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RIPE85

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From 24 to 28 October 2022 in Belgrade (Serbia) was held RIPE85. A RIPE Meeting takes place over multiple days, bringing together Internet service providers, network operators and other interested parties from around the world.

We are hoping to get your informal reports and key takeaways if you participated in RIPE85.

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EuroDIG2022

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EuroDIG is an open multi-stakeholder platform to exchange views about the Internet and how it is governed. EuroDIG 'Messages' are prepared and presented to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

EURALO is one of the supported institutional partners of EuroDIG. EURALO members were among the founding members of EuroDIG and contributed substantially to the continuing events from Strasbourg 2008 (inception) to The Hague, Netherlands in June 2019. For many years, EURALO has been a EuroDIG institutional partner like the Council of Europe, Swiss OFCOM, EBU, RIPE NCC, ICANN, the Internet Society and the EU Commission. The ex-Chair of EURALO **Olivier Crépin-Leblond** (**UK**) is a founding member of the EuroDIG Association and a member of its Board of Directors. Other founding members of the EuroDIG Association from EURALO: **Sébastien Bachollet** (**France**), Sandra Hoferichter, Wolfgang Kleinwächter, Yrjö Läsipuro and Wolf Ludwig. And Roberto Gaetano is a full member.

EuroDIG 2022 took place from 20 – 22 June 2022 as hybrid meeting at the International Centre of Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste (Italy). In EuroDIG 2022 took part some members of EURALO: **Sebastien Bachollet, Nigel Hickson, Yrjö Lansipuro, Roberto Gaetano** and others.

Roberto Gaetano (**Italy**) is member of OrgCom of EuroDIG and doing a lot for organizing this event and keep us informed. We thank Roberto!

EuroDIG 2023 will take place in Tampere, Finland from 6 – 8 June.

4. European Individual Users' Association

Individual User Association ALS, chaired by **Roberto Gaetano (Italy),** assembles non-affiliated individuals across Europe and became an active part of our regular work. This ALS has his own website https://individualusers.org/ and are an important complementary element in our membership structure.

The number of Individual user membership now is 72 (and 5 accepted members from other RALO, as observers. Their participation as observers has been welcome as we often work with RALOs or citizens from other regions of the world who visit the European region temporarily).

Today it is one of the most numerous ALS within EURALO, with the transparent system of management and interaction with members, mailing list and communication between members.

In 2022, Roberto reported on the need to think about the transition of leadership in ALS and to implement the recommendations (approved by ALAC) of the Unaffiliated Individual Members Working Party for more efficient use of existing resources and mobilization of individual members.

5. EURALO Leaders responsibilities'

- **Sébastien Bachollet, Chair (2019-2023)**

    - ATRT3 and WS2 shepherd

    - WS2 Community Coordination Group

    - New gTLDs Auction Proceeds (ccwg) member

    - At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group (OFBWG)

    - EURALO Operating Rules Taskforce (EROR TF) Co-Chair

    - EURALO GA Prep (EGAP)

    - ABR 2022 – 2023

- **Natalia Filina, Secretariat (2019-2023)**

    - ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach & Engagement Co-chair

        - Coordination of the Regional O&E Leaders

        - National and Global IGF Activities

        - RALO General Assemblies

- O&E Strategy Development

  - At-Large Capacity Building Webinars WG

- EURALO GA Prep (EGAP)

- **Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Former Chair**

  - Co-Chair of the At-Large Consolidated Policy WG

  - Chair of the ICANN Engagement Group on Internet Governance

  - EURALO GA Prep (EGAP)

- **Roberto Gaetano**

  - Chair of Internet Individual Users Association

  - Chair of the Individual Members Implementation

  - EURALO GA Prep (EGAP)

  - ABR 2022

EURALO Board (2022-2023)

- **Anne-Marie Joly-Bachollet**

  - ALAC Subcommittee on Appointee Selection member AASC (Euralo representative)

  - ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement

  - Atlas III Ambassador

  - EURALO GA Prep (EGAP)

- **Lutz Donnerhacke**

  - EURALO Operating Rules Taskforce (EROR TF) Co-Chair

  - Atlas III Ambassador

- **Ricardo Holmquist**

  - At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group (OFBWG)

  - ALAC Subcommittee on Finance and Budget

ALAC

Pari Esfandiari

Selected by NomCom – 2020-2022

Joanna Kulesza

Selected by NomCom – 2018-2020

Selected by EURALO – 2020-2022

- ALAC - GAC liaison – 2021-2022

- ALAC Vice-Chair Outreach and Engagement

- Co-Chair Capacity Building Working Group

- ALAC Subcommittee on Appointee Selection member

- EURALO GA Prep (EGAP)

- ABR 2022

Matthias Hudobnik

Selected by EURALO – 2019-2023

- ALAC Subcommittee on Finance and Budget

- EURALO GA Prep (EGAP)

ALAC Liaisons

- **Joanna Kulesza, to GAC**

- **Andrei Kolesnikov, to SSAC**

NomCom

- **Yrjö Länsipuro**

  - NomCom Delegate, European Region (2022)

  - EURALO Task Force on At-Large Structure (ALS) engagement

Involvement of other people

- **Sandra Hoferichter**

- ICANN's Leadership Training Program, where EURALO contributed substantially to its creation

- **Oksana Prykhodko**

  - Member of ICANN ccPDP4 IDN Working Group

6. 15th EURALO Anniversary

EURALO celebrates his 15th Anniversary exactly 15 years after the signing ceremony of the MOU between ICANN (CEO – Paul Twomey) and founding ALSes. Great age, we are still teenage, but we have grown as a significant community!

You can follow the Zoom meeting recorded: 2022-03-29 EURALO 15th Anniversary (29 March 2007 – 2022).

7. EURALO Outreach and Engagement work

During the ICANN75 was presented the refresh of At-Large Outreach and Engagement program. **Natalia Filina (Russia)** has been appointed as a Regional Outreach Liaison Mentor and Trainer. The implementation of OE functions in each RALO will continue to focus on the needs for attracting active, expert participants of the ICANN PDP, but the work of all RALOs in this direction will be more coordinated.

We are returning to hybrid events and f2f events, this gives us hope for a return to our activities and attracting (as before) new members. However, as we understand, this work requires collective active participation and discussion, fresh ideas, so we invite you to join the work of these working groups and processes. Please indicate your interest to participate in that work by email to staff@atlarge.icann.org

8. CROP

During this period, we haven`t any available CROP.

9. EURALO projects supported by ICANN Additional Budget Requests

The following projects (proposed by EURALO members) received support:

1. Protecting the Internet's Unique Identifier System in an Age of Disinformation (Joanna Kulesza).
2. Diversity in ICANN Leadership bodies (Sébastien Bachollet). The result of the project was presented during the ICANN75 **At-Large Diversity Survey on ICANN Leadership Groups**
3. Support participation of individual users in EURALO (Roberto Gaetano).

https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/At-Large+FY22+Budget+Development+Workspace

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10. EURALO MOU partners

EURALO signet 2 Memorandum of Understanding with [CENTR](#) (during IGF2018 in Paris, 13 November 2018) and [RIPE NCC](#) (during ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi, November 1, 2017). We are grateful to the representatives of our partners for their support of our key capacity-building events and expert participation in it, promoting Internet development in the European region by encouraging participation in fora relating to Internet standards, policy development and Internet governance, promoting an open, bottom-up, multistakeholder Internet governance model; raising awareness about the DNS and its importance in maintaining an open Internet. We hope that the next report will contain more positive news about the results of our interaction.

11. Issues to fix

Over the past few years, we in EURALO have met some difficulties in the work of the volunteer community, which we cannot hide:
- lack of receive responses from ALS and individual members.
- lack of active participation in EURALO events and initiatives where support is needed.
- we are not aware of achievements and events of EURALO ALSs within ICANN and IGF topics.
- we could not see the support of the Expertise table initiative that was launched (this is an excellent tool for interaction within community and raise up the knowledge about professional area of Euralo members).
- unfortunately, we see that geopolitical conflicts affected our interaction within EURALO.
- we see EURALO members who support calls to disconnect end users from the Internet in selected countries.
- we feel lack of engaged Youth.

We understand reasons that had an impact: very difficult years of COVID-19 and even more difficult year 2022 for European region.
But we should remember that we play a complex and important role: EURALO ALSs and Individual members are working with a specific goal – to transfer the interests of end users to ALAC recommendations and to protect these interests and support of stable and safety Internet.
And we should or will be more consolidated and more dedicated to work in order to achieve our goals.

November 2022

EURALO Chair **Sebastien Bachollet**

EURALO Secretariat **Natalia Filina**