

# EURALO Annual report for the period from October 2023 to November 2024

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. This report reflects our common achievements during this period - October 2023 to November 2024.

## The Governance of EURALO provided by

EURALO Chair - Sébastien Bachollet (AGM2023-AGM2025)

EURALO Secretary - Natalia Filina (AGM2023-AGM2025)

## Composition of the EURALO Board

The following members are elected as the EURALO Board Members for a period beginning the 16 January 2024 and ending at the end of the ICANN GA in 2025:

- Claire-Mélanie Popineau (Eclairément, France)
- Lutz Donnerhacke (Fitug e.V., Germany)
- Oksana Prykhodko (iNGO European Media Platform, Ukraine)
- Steinar Grøtterød (ISOC NO, Norway).

Please note that the seat number 5 is empty, you have the opportunity to be nominated for this position.

We thank for the dedication of Anne-Marie during her time to the EURALO Board. For more detail, please visit the EURALO [Board 2023-2025 Workspace](#)

## EURALO Ex-officios

- Anne-Marie Joly-Bachollet (NomCom - 2024-2026)
- Matthias Hudobnik (SSAC)
- Ricardo Holmquist (EIA)
- Olivier Crépin-Leblond (CPWG)
- Joanna Kulesza (GAC)
- Yrjö Lämsipuro (liaison to EURODIG)
- Roberto Gaetano (liaison to EURODIG)

## ALAC members

### The result of EURALO elections 2024:

ALAC Member (RALO Selected) - Emilia Zalewska-Czajczyńska by election (AGM2024-AGM2026)

ALAC Member (NomCom Selected) - Natálie Terčová (AGM2024-AGM2026)

ALAC Delegate to the NomCom - Anne-Marie Joly-Bachollet appointed by acclamation as the EURALO recommended ALAC Delegate to the NomCom from the European region by acclamation (AGM2024-AGM2026)

Those selected in 2024 will begin their terms at the conclusion of the [ICANN81 Annual General Meeting](#) in November 2024.

### Continuation of work in ALAC:

ALAC Member (RALO Selected) - Pari Esfandiari (AGM2023-AGM2025)

We would thank Betty Fausta who served as an ALAC Delegate to the NomCom from the European region, Tommy Karttaavi and Joanna Kulesca who served as ALAC members till the AGM 2024 for the great job!

### **EURALO numbers:**

For today EURALO consists of **31 ALSes**, as well as **88 Individual Members and 6 Observers** located in **27 countries and territories**.

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.

## **1. Regular activities**

### **EURALO monthly meetings**

In 2023 and 2024 EURALO monthly calls came back to the classic format of giving the summary of month’s activities and internal processes.

<https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/EURALO+Teleconferences+2023>

**EURALO Teleconferences 2024 - European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) - Global Site**

### **Monthly Members Meetings in 2024:**

01 October 2024 EURALO Monthly Members Meeting (MMM4 2024)

09 July 2024 - EURALO Monthly Members Meeting (MMM3 2024)

21 May 2024 - EURALO Monthly Members Meeting (MMM2 2024)

09 April 2024 - EURALO Monthly Members Meeting (MMM1 2024)

EURALO supports hottest topics for the European end users, ICANN community, Internet Governance actors. The result of this decision - interesting, very well attended, opened for all meetings, discussions with invited experts, a lot of attendees:

### **Monthly Round-Tables (by EURALO) in 2024**

23 April 2024 - CROSS RALO Round Table on Net Mundial 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

16 April 2024- EURALO Round Table on Internet Governance

13 February 2024- EURALO Round Table on the Internet Governance for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

30 January 2024 - EURALO Round Table on RDRS

### **ICANN readout sessions (by EURALO)**

It has become a wonderful tradition to gather for multilingual Read Out sessions. They are organized by the EURALO with the support of ICANN org (translated into English, 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:

## **EURALO Read-Outs**

25 June 2024 - Multilingual Read out ICANN80 (by EURALO)

19 March 2024 - Multilingual Read Out ICANN79 (by EURALO)

7 November 2023 Multilingual Read Out ICANN78 (by EURALO)

We invite you to attend **Next Multilingual ICANN81 Read-out by EURALO** 03 December 2024 at 17:30 UTC

## **EURALO General Assembly and Europe space**

Every year EURALO holds a **General Assembly** very often during ICANN meetings in a hybrid format. This is a great opportunity to meet all EURALO members, give the floor to representatives of ALSs, Individual members, to give a report on Euralo's activities during the year, and discussions the internal processes and important topics for European end users.

Within the framework of the ICANN78 week, two very productive general assemblies were held: held **the EURALO Hybrid General Assembly** and Individual Association General Assembly.

We thank Chris Mondini and GSE Europe team for well-organized and well-presented EUROPE space during ICANN78 in Hamburg, and EUROPE space during ICANN79 in Puerto-Rico. And we hope this format of exchanging, cooperation of European part of our huge community will be continued.

## **EURALO Working Groups**

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 and 2024:

- EURALO Operation Rules Taskforce (EROR TF)
- EURALO Task Force on At-Large Structure (ALS) engagement
- EURALO CIP WG:
  - Frédéric Taes – Coordinator of the WG
  - Sébastien Bachollet CIP-CCG EURALO representative
  - Natalia Filina CIP-CCG EURALO alternate
  - Pari Esfandiari member of the CIP-ALAC small team
  - Oksana Prykhodko
  - Betty Fausta
  - Olivier Crepin-Leblond
  - With support from At-Large ICANN Org: Gisella Gruber and Yeşim Sağlam

We thank you for the participation and input!

EURALO is one of the ICANN Structures concerned by the Continuous Improvement Program. The Team defined, based on the ICANN Principles, the Criteria and the Indicators (PCI) for EURALO. The EURALO Board initiated a one-month comment period, concluded at the middle of October 2024, to gather EURALO valuable input. At the end of October, the EURALO Board reviewed the feedback and finalized a revised version of the EURALO PCI.

We did not create a Working group to update the **EURALO ROP** it was a collective work and responsibility. The result of it will be presented during ICANN81 GA.

## 2. EURALO representations

### **EURALO at ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC):**

**Joanna Kulesza (Poland)** is currently serving as the ALAC Liaison the GAC.

GAC Liaison's reports may be found at the link:

<https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/GAC+Liaison+Reports>

Recently Joanna was reappointed as an ALAC GAC Liaison.

We thank Joanna for the outstanding work and pro-active role.

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

**Matthias Hudobnik** in October 2023 replaced **Andrei Kolesnikov** who was appointed the ALAC Liaison to the SSAC in 2018.

Recently **Matthias** was re-appointed for a one-year term. His Liaison role was reconfirmed before the ICANN81 and again has remained SSAC Liaison. SSAC Liaison reports can be found here:

<https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/SSAC+Liaison+Reports>

### **EURALO on ICANN Nominating Committee:**

**Betty Fausta** was our representative on the ICANN Nominating Committee for a 1 year term ending at the ICANN 2023 AGM. **Anne-Marie Joly-Bachollet** appointed by acclamation as the EURALO recommended ALAC Delegate to the NomCom from the European region was confirmed by ALAC (AGM2024-AGM2026) and replaced Betty.

We thank Betty for the hard great job in NomCom.

### **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:

Ricardo Holmquist, Joanna Kulesza, Pari Esfandiari, Tommi Karttaavi, Sebastien Bachollet (EURALO Chair). 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 list of OFBWG meetings recording:

<https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/2024+Operations%2C+Finance+and+Budget+Working+Group+%28OFB-WG%29+Meetings>

### **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. **Term:** 22 September 2022 – ICANN Annual General Meeting 2025 <https://pti.icann.org/pti-board-of-directors>

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

### **CIP CCG WG**

The Third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATR3) Recommendation 3.6 calls for Organizational Reviews to evolve into a Continuous Improvement Program (CIP). The recommendation to create a Continuous Improvement Program states that ICANN org shall work with each Supporting Organization (SO), Advisory Committee (AC) and their stakeholder groups, and the Nominating Committee (NC) to establish a Continuous Improvement Program. It will include an annual satisfaction survey of members/participants and a regular assessment, including a summary of continuous improvements published at least every three years.

The initial development phase, CIP Framework Development, is estimated to take up to 12 months, concluding by December 2024. CIP Assessment Period 1 is estimated to begin in 2024 and conclude at the end of 2027 (3 years), and CIP Assessment Period 2 is estimated to begin in 2028 and conclude at the end of 2030 (3 years). In tandem, work is underway to implement ATR3 Recommendation 3.5, calling for a Holistic Review. The ICANN Board has directed that both the Holistic Review and the CIP begin as pilots. The results of the CIP assessment(s) will inform the Pilot Holistic Review and eventual Holistic Review.

On October 31, the development of the principles of the continuous improvement program was completed. [EURALO presented in CIP-CCG](#) by Sebastien Bachollet and Filina Natalia.

### **Pilot Holistic review**

[The Pilot Holistic Review Team](#) is tasked with developing the guidelines and methodologies for the future Holistic Review, recommended by the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team. The Holistic Review was recommended to examine the continuous improvement, effectiveness, and accountability of the ICANN community structures as well as the collaboration among them.

On 23 May 2024, ICANN opened a Call for Volunteers to participate in the Pilot Holistic Review which commenced work on 25 September 2024. 13 September 2024 ICANN announced the selection of a 16-member team to conduct the Pilot Holistic Review. More details can be found [here](#). Selected members of the Pilot Holistic Review Team are [here](#). **Sebastien Bachollet** was nominated by ALAC.

## **3. EURALO and Internet Governance events**

### **IGF**

EURALO members traditionally are well presented at various IGF meetings as speakers, organisers of lighting talks, sessions and/or discussions.

Information about ICANN/At-Large Organized Events during the IGF2023 Internet Governance Forum (Kyoto, Japan) can be found [here](#).

We are waiting for the [IGF 2024](#) under the overarching theme "Building our Multistakeholder Digital Future" and featuring four subthemes, will take place in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 15 to 19 December 2024.

## **RIPE**

The purpose of the participating in any RIPE meetings is an Outreach and Engagement work within technical community members, new European organizations and individual members into the EURALO, At-Large, discussion of current plans for interaction EURALO - RIPE NCC within the framework of the memorandum of understanding and extension of cooperation - participation in activities. capacity building work, collaborative events.

The result of our work – new RIPE community members join EURALO, At-Large, ICANN community.

**RIPE 88 was held in Krakow, Poland from 20-24 May 2024 <https://ripe88.ripe.net/>**

**RIPE 89 was held in in Prague, Czechia from 28 Oct – 1 Nov 2024 <https://ripe89.ripe.net/>**

## **EuroDIG**

EURALO members actively participating in EuroDIG - it is a platform for discussion and the exchange of ideas on emerging issues and challenges concerning the Internet. All stakeholders are invited to shape the agenda jointly and take part in the discussion. The inclusive and continuous dialogue, which culminates in an annual event, has taken place in a different European country every year since its inception in 2008. The results are conveyed in the form of 'Messages' which are forwarded to policy makers and fed into the annual global UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

**EuroDIG 2024 – Balancing innovation and regulation took place from June 17–19 in Vilnius, Lithuania.**

**<https://www.eurodig.org/get-involved/>**

All reports and key takeaways from EURALO members might be found in EURALO Newsletter. We are mentioning not only main list of IG events. Locally in EUROPEAN region we have a lot of meetings, dedicated the end users' issues, present and the future of the stable secure Internet for everyone.

We thank EURALO members for active participation and representation of Euralo's interests at all events that are provided for in our outreach strategic plan and go beyond it!

## **4. European Individual Users' Association**

EURALO Individuals' Association <https://individualusers.org/about/>

Individual User Association ALS assembles non-affiliated individuals across Europe and an active part of our regular work. This ALS is an important complementary element in our membership structure.

The number of Individual user membership is growing! Now it is 88 (and 7 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).

**Ricardo Holmquist** is an elected Chair of the Association. He is the official representative of the Association and the voting member in EURALO.

### **Board Members of the Association:**

- Amali DE SILVA-MITCHELL
- Roberto GAETANO
- Mouloud KHELIF
- Fotjon KOSTA
- Liubomir NIKIFOROV

## 5. EURALO Outreach and Engagement work

Euralo has an approved [Outreach Strategic plan for FY25](#), according it we will do community outreach, engagement and mobilization actions.

The main tool for our **Outreach work** now is an EURALO Newsletter.

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: 2023 and 2024 - <https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/EURALO+Newsletters>

Also, EURALO **Outreach and Engagement work** is based on personal and cooperated activities by EURALO members who attending|organizing|participating|supporting different Internet Governance events (global and local).

For our work on the expertise table, we are checking new approaches to the implementation of the idea and hope it will be a working tool of knowledge about the broader potential and expertise of EURALO members for better inside and outside communication.

**Very new format:** We have launched a new project - a series of interviews with community leaders - two have already been released [EURALO interview with Chris Buckridge](#) and [Avri Doria](#). We will certainly continue to introduce our community to the outstanding people of ICANN!

## 6. CROP

Possibilities for using CROP in FY25 might be found in [Outreach Strategic plan for FY25](#)

## 7. EURALO projects supported by ICANN Additional Budget Requests

The following project (proposed by EURALO members) received support: Welcome Package [At-Large FY24 Budget Development Workspace - ALAC - Global Site \(icann.org\)](#)

Electronic resource/E-tool, "Welcome Package" is a guide for new and existing members of the At-Large community, which accumulates and gives in a convenient understandable form (texts, infographics, videos, links, names, application forms) complete information on how best to get involved into At-Large working process.

**This work was leaded from the EURALO side by Filina Natalia. This process met unsolvable situation and inconsistency of intermediate results with our expectations.** We hope that in the future such or a similar project with the indicated benefit to the At-Large community will be done.

## 8. EURALO MOU partners

No changes from the last year: 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 have a plan to update our MOU agreements and come to the drawing up and implementation of a plan of constructive joint activities with partner organizations.

## 9. 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).
- we see EURALO members who support calls to disconnect end users from the Internet in selected countries.

## 10. Achievements

We see a good dynamic of growing interest in participating in Euralo, the emergence of new young members, and the participation of Euralo in cross-community and ICANN initiatives. We see new leaders coming to leadership positions, our geography and list of activists are changing.

We have the most positive forecasts for Euralo in 2025!

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 ICANN and At-Large and specifically to ALAC for the 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 2024

EURALO Chair **Sebastien Bachollet**

EURALO Secretariat **Natalia Filina**