EURALO Annual report for the period from December 2022 to October 2023

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 - December 2021 to October 2022.

The result of EURALO elections 2023:
ALAC Member (RALO Selected) Pari Esfandiari appointed by acclamation (AGM2023-AGM2025)
EURALO Chair - Sébastien Bachollet appointed by acclamation (AGM2023-AGM2025)
EURALO Secretary - Natalia Filina appointed by acclamation (AGM2023-AGM2025)
ALAC Delegate to the NomCom - Betty Fausta appointed by acclamation as the EURALO recommended ALAC Delegate to the NomCom from the European region.
Those selected will begin their terms at the conclusion of the ICANN78 Annual General Meeting in October 2023.

For today EURALO consists of **31 ALSes** located in **18* countries and territories**, as well as 84 **Individual Members and 5 Observers.** Now we are at the end of the decertification process for the following EURALO ALSes
• Resignation received and confirmed (by ALAC)
1. Slovenian Consumers Association
2. Dot HIV
• Decertified (by ALAC)
1. Wikimedia Osterreich
2. Communica-CH
3. Internet Support Foundation
4. Internet Society Russia
5. A4IP PlugIn
6. Humanistische Union e.V
7. Forum InformatikerInnen für Frieden und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung e.V
ALSes certification since the last EURALO GA
• * Clermont (France)
• Lodz Cyber Hub (Poland.
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
From the 8th to the 10th November 2022, EURALO Leaders with support of ICANN staff were organizing **the EURALO Days (in Hybrid Format).** Those days included the **EURALO General Assembly** as such Capacity building sessions, Meetings with ICANN and friend organizations leaders. And lot of time to allow discussions and networking. This issue of the EURALO Newsletter (Reporting period is October-November 2022) is devoted partly to this event (by summaries from 3 reporters).

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:

2022 year - https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/2022+EURALO+Secretariat+Monthly+Reports
2023 year - https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/EURALO+Newsletters

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 during the ICANN78 and includes all activities before and during this meeting too.

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 monthly meetings
In 2022 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+2022

In 2023 EURALO monthly calls were 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

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:
27 June 2023 - ICANN77 Multilingual Read-Out (by EURALO)
28 March 2023 - ICANN76 Readout by EURALO

ICANN78 is planned and will be organize on 7th November 2023

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 2022 and ICANN AGM 2023, the members at ALAC were: **Matthias Hudobnik (AGM2021-2023), Joanna Kulesza (AGM2022_2024) and Tommi Karttaavi (AGM2022-2024 by NomCom)**.
Since October 2023 we welcome **Pari Esfandiari**, she was appointed by acclamation (AGM2023-AGM2025).
We would like to thank ALAC members from EUROPE for the efforts and bright productive work.

EURALO Board Members:

We thank for the service EURALO Board Members who were elected for a period of two years beginning in December 2021 (till the The AGM 2023)**: Anne-Marie Joly (France), Lutz Donnerhacke (Germany), Ricardo Holmquist (Spain).**
And very soon we will meet the new elected EURALO Board Members.

EURALO at ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC):

Joanna Kulesza (Poland) is currently serving as the ALAC Liaison the GAC.
GAC Liaison's Report: ICANN77 Governmental Advisory Committee Communiqué Now Available, June 20th, 2023 [by Joanna Kulesza]
Full text of the Communique available here: https://gac.icann.org/contentMigrated/icann77-washington-d-c-communique
GAC Liaison's Report: GAC Discussion on WHOIS and Preparation for ICANN Board Meeting, ICANN 77, June 12th, 2023 [by Joanna Kulesza]
Accompanying slides https://gac.icann.org/sessions/icann77-session-3-gac-discussion-on-whois-and-data-protection-policy-incl-accuracy
And others reports may be found at the link:
https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/GAC+Liaison+Reports

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. 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 Andrey** 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 **Betty Fausta**, for a 2 years term ending at the ICANN 2023 AGM, Betty replaced Yrjo Lansipuro, who was appointed as EURALO representative on NomCom from 2021 till 2023 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: **Ricardo Holmquist (EURALO) – Vice Chair Members: Matthias Hudobnik (SSAC Liaison)** and **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.

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!

3. EURALO and ICANN|IG events
The IGF 2023 Internet Governance Forum has completed its work in Kyoto, Japan. We will be waiting for reports and messages from EURALO members about the results of the work and the sessions they organized and participated in. **Information about ICANN/At-Large Organized Events can be found here.**

Sebastien Bachollet and Natalia Filina attended **RIPE86** (Rotterdam, 22-26 May 2023). The purpose of the trip was 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 arriving to ICANN78.

EURALO members participated in **EuroDIG 2023**
https://www.eurodig.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/EuroDIG-News_26-2023.html

4. European Individual Users' Association
Individual User Association ALS assembles non-affiliated individuals across Europe and became an active part of our regular work. This ALS is an important complementary element in our membership structure. The number of Individual user membership now is 84 (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).
EURALO Individuals' Association
https://individualusers.org/about/
Ricardo Holmquist has been elected Chair of the Association. He will be the official representative of the Association and the voting member in EURALO, replacing Roberto Gaetano.

Board Members of the Association:
Amali   DE SILVA-MITCHELL
Roberto GAETANO
Mouloud KHELIF
Fotjon KOSTA
Liubomir NIKIFOROV

5. EURALO Outreach and Engagement work
Natalia Filina (Russia) is continuing to serve as a Regional Outreach Liaison Mentor and Trainer.
The OE FY24 Strategic plan was approved in August 2023.
https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2266155&preview=/2266155/258768905/202310_EURALO_FY24_Outreach_Strategy_10%20Aug%2023.docx

Please indicate your interest to participate in that work by email to staff@atlarge.icann.org

6. CROP

Possibilities for using CROP in FY24:
RIPE88
EuroDIG2023

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.
The work is in progress.

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 hope that the next report will contain more positive news about the results of our interaction.

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).
- 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 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.

October 2023
EURALO Chair **Sebastien Bachollet**
EURALO Secretariat **Natalia Filina**