Hello All,

Last week on the CPWG call I proposed the following plenary topic for ICANN79 that I thought could be co-sponsored by ALAC and the GAC, although upon further reflection I think the BC and IPC would also likely support this topic. NIS 2.0 was adopted earlier this year and will go into effect late next year. Several provisions impact the domain name industry, namely Articles 21 and 28.

Listed below is my current best thinking for the format and breakdown of the session, including a list of projected speakers and speakers who have already confirmed their interest.

Ideally, this session would be a 75 to 90-minute session in the main auditorium. The session would be broken down into two sub-panels. Each panel would be 30 minutes long followed by a 15 to 30-minute Q&A session with interventions from the in-person and online audience.

Panel Co-Moderators: Michael Palage & TBD GAC Representative

Panel #1 – Business, Legal and Policy Sub-Panel. This panel will primarily be composed of TLD name registries (gTLD and ccTLD) that will discuss their existing registrant verification business practices. Each speaker will be limited to a 5-minute presentation.

ccTLD representative – I have already engaged in outreach to several business/legal representatives from European ccTLDs who have expressed interest in participating in this panel. These ccTLD already have in place existing registrant verification processes and will discuss what changes they may be making in response to NIS 2.0

.SWISS – I have already engaged the .SWISS backend provider (CORE) who is also a major registrar for the TLD. .SWISS currently has registrant verification requirements for legal persons and uses the EPP Public ID field to collect and publish this registrant information. The .SWISS TLD is considering expanding registrants to individuals which represents a challenge for them. An additional consideration is that the Swiss government is rolling out a new national digital identity initiative.

ICANN Org – Ideally Elena Plexida would speak to the broader work that ICANN has been engaged in about this Directive similar to her engaged in the .eco Day Zero event in Hamburg.

Thomas Rickert – Thomas moderated the .eco Day Zero event in Hamburg and a readout from that meeting was recently published. Ideally, Thomas could give a summary of this readout and any other recent developments that .eco has been following. I have not reached out to Thomas yet, but I think he would be inclined to participate.

EU GAC Rep – Two GAC reps participated in the .eco Day Zero event (Gemma Carolillo & Finn Peterson). Ideally one of the individuals would be able to participate in the panel.

Panel #2 – Technical Sub Panel. This panel will be more focused on a high-level overview of some of the technical aspects of NIS 2.0 compliance for business, policy and regulator types. Each panelist would be given approximately 7 minutes for each of their presentations. These speakers have also been in discussion with the ccNSO Tech Day planners to perhaps provide a more technical interoperability deep-dive at ICANN79.

DENIC would provide a summary of the work that they have been doing with registrars to prepare for NIS 2.0 and other forward-thinking initiatives that they have been following in other standards bodies.

CIRA would provide a summary of the work that CIRA is doing in the area of registrant verification and credentials, as well as some of the standards work they are engaged in within the IETF.

CZ.NIC would provide a summary of the work they have done historically with MojeID and RegeID (an EU funded study on the federation of registrant credentials between ccTLDs using eIDAS) as well as the use cases that CZ.NIC has put forward as part of the EU eIDAS Large Scale Pilot (EWC) and proposed uses of the European digital wallet.

CORE would provide a summary of how they have engaged in various registrant verification programs for the .SWISS and .SPORT TLD.

Q&A Session

I think there should be more than enough questions from attendees. However, I will have a pre-approved list of questions to ask panelists if there are limited questions from the audience. If we are in the main auditorium, all panelists from both sub-panels should be able to be seated at the main table. This will permit attendees to pose questions to any panelists.

Some of the feedback that I have received about this panel is that it appears to be a little cTLD heavy. However, when the NIS 2.0 Directive talks about best practices it does NOT differentiate between gTLD and ccTLDs. Sadly, European ccTLD are currently employing some of the best in class registrant verification practices, therefore, their business practices are likely to be considered by the NIS 2.0 Cooperation Group when establishing the guidance in this area.

In summary, I think this is an excellent proposal that should receive the full support of both ALAC and the GAC.

By early January, I should be able to have confirmation from all proposed speakers.

As always I welcome any feedback.

Best regards,

Michael