Founded 1996 as a cooperative

Located in Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Neutral, non-discriminating and independent
- Membership Organisation
- Not-for-profit
- Critical infrastructure operator DNS and Registry
Principles

• Future-oriented, scalable in a flexible, risk-based approach
• Mandatory check for new/updated/transferred domains
• Check of registered domains on a complaint base
• Ex post and ex ante verification possible
• Verification can be used again, even for different TLDs
Verification

To be verified (risk-based):

- Name -> Existence of Person or Organization
- Address -> Existing / Fake or not
- E-Mail – with every holder (independent of verification)
- Phone Number
Generic Process with Traffic-Light Risk Assessment

- Request
  - Syntax and completeness check
  - Validation & risk assessment
    - Very high risk: Quarantine Domain not delegated Verification required
    - High risk: Domain is delegated Verification required
    - Low risk: Domain is delegated No verification necessary

2-week deadline
Who will verify?

The DENIC Member (Registrar) is obligated to execute the verification and prove it upon request.

Wide variety of allowed verification methods enables members to find the best fit to their business model.