

<EOI in serving as ALAC Sub-Committee on Outreach and Engagement co-Chair for EURALO >

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<Background>

Currently, I am working and completing my Magister Juris at the University of Graz, Faculty of Law in Austria. Throughout my studies I went on Erasmus exchange at the Tilburg Law School focused on International Law with participation on the Tilburg Model United Nations. Additionally, I attended Summer Schools in Cyber Law, IPR, Cyber Security, Internet Governance and Privacy on the globe. My professional experience ranges from Kazakhstan to Poland, Germany and Austria in diverse fields (law, technology, marketing and sales, fundraising and the public sector).

Indeed, my preferred practice areas are Cyber Law, Cyber Security and Internet Governance, where I still have deep knowledge from my Summer Schools, internships and studies. Due to my technical education background (College of Electronics Specializing in Technical Computer Science) I adopted knowledge in IT, software development and internet engineering. I was part of part of the UN-Shadowing Program at the International Atomic Energy Agency at the UN in Vienna, the 23rd Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court and accomplished the Diploma course of the Global Advancement Programme organized by the United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria - Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs.

<ICANN involvement>

I began my ICANN journey as a participant in NextGen@ICANN58 in Copenhagen. My focus was on my role as an individual Internet user, so I joined the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) Individuals' Association and ISOC. I have gained a better understanding of the global multistakeholder community, especially the contribution of EURALO and its role in At-Large and the larger ICANN community.

As a member of EURALO, I was selected for one of the Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program slots to attend the EuroDIG 2017 meeting in Tallinn. I am Fellow of the 11th European Summer School on Internet Governance in Meissen. Moreover, I was selected as Ambassador in the NextGen@ICANN program at ICANN60, where I assisted the NextGenners to navigate through the whole meeting and supported the staff at the ICANN booth. In December 2017, I participated in the IGF in Geneva to support EURALO at the booth and tried to attract new participants to further encourage within EURALO. Moreover, I was also nominated for the EURALO Board by the Individuals' Association.

In May 2018, I was selected to represent EURALO, as Community Regional Outreach Program funded candidate to attend the re:publica in Berlin to focus on outreach and engagement of individual Internet users and young people who are interested in shaping the future of the Internet. In June 2018, I attended as EuroDIG Travel Funded candidate in the EuroDIG in Tiflis and facilitated EURALO's work again.

Actually, I am part of the NextGen@ICANN Selection Committee and a selected ICANN Fellowship candidate for ICANN63 in Barcelona.

Certainly, I am just at the beginning of that journey but I am interested to strongly support the outreach and engagement activities in our region as I already did since I am involved in EURALO. The position as co-Chair gives me the opportunity and also possibility to shape on that issues and bring some fresh blood and ideas -based on a concept together with Clément Genty, a robust friend, who I know since the NextGen@ICANN58- into the activities.

The experience I have had with the NextGen@ICANN program, Ambassador program, CROP, NextGen@ICANN Selection Committee and Fellowship program at ICANN meetings and engagement elsewhere could make me an appropriate co-Chair of the WG. I am also a member of the 'EURALO ALS engagement task force' group which might be helpful for the work as a co-Chair.

Thank you very much and kindest regards,
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