BGRC COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 20I3 - ICANN Strategy for Europe

Objective

To produce a coherent strategy for Europe for purposes of coordination and enhanced engagement in the ICANN Community.

Background

The timeframe below gives an indication where the ideas for a strategy have, and will be, discussed

- 20 – 21 June   EuroDIG Lisbon, consultation with stakeholders
- 25 June   ICANN Brussels briefing first informal meeting with stakeholders
- ICANN 47   Informal consultation session on Strategy for Europe,
- 1 October   CENTR GA, presentation of plans
- November   Brussels Briefing – open session ahead of ICANN 48
- ICANN 48   Closed session for all stakeholders on strategy for Europe.

Depending on developments we anticipate launching Strategy at **ICANN 50 in London**.

Components for Discussion

- Geographical scope: open ended, variable geometry, ICANN regions, RIPE region, EU enlarged; COE definition (47 countries)

- Working methodology for the strategy
    - Mapping exercise for main actors in the region
    - Link with other I* regional organizations
    - Link with other regional strategies and ICANN global strategy
    - Work plan and implementation

- Potential issues as objects of the strategy
    - How to identify cross-European pressing policy issues
    - Role and influence of strategy on ICANN Strategy Panels
    - Strategy as an engagement or capacity building tool?

- Challenges
    - Role of EU Commission, need for a dedicated strategy?
    - Scope of the strategy looking at IG issues beyond the ICANN remit
    - Geographical definition
    - Snowden/ NSA influence