

GISELLA GRUBER: I would like to welcome everyone to EURALO monthly call on Tuesday 23 April at 1800 UTC. On today's call we have Wolf Ludwig, Oksana Prykhodko, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Narine Khachatryan, Rudi Vansnick, Dick Kalkman, Yrjo Lansipuro, Siranush Vardanyan, and Sandra Hoferichter.

We have apologies noted from Roberto Gaetano, Bill Drake, Greta Jeske, Desiree Miloshevic, Christopher Wilkinson, Adela Danciu, and Jordi Iparraguirre. From Staff on today's call we have Sylvia Vivanco, Heidi Ulrich and myself Gisella Gruber. I hope I haven't left anyone off the roll call. If so please do state your name now. And if I could also please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes, thank you, over to you Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay thanks a lot Gisella. And I haven't seen anybody you haven't mentioned already. I think the roll call is completed for today's call. Let me continue with the review of action items from our March monthly call. The action items of this call were last push to get EURALO's individual ALS started. Wolf asked all participants to identify names of two persons who are willing to act as contact points so we can submit the application form to At-Large staff.

In the meantime we could identify two people. One was the first contact point Alberto. The second one approved was [Inaudible 00:02:17]. All the requirements to file and to submit application forms to At-Large staff are given. Unfortunately I have not seen any follow-up on this during the last weeks as

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usual or the last months. And we will have a short agenda for this again further below on today's call agenda.

Next action item was ask all participants to contact the EuroDIG Secretariat if you would like to get involved EuroDIG program. Any inputs from the community are much appreciated. We have this on the agenda again as a short briefing note later. The next one was Lisbon General Assembly; please submit comments for the content part of the agenda. And we have received some further comments on this.

This will be the main part of our agenda tonight. Wolf to compile a list with ideas and proposals for the General Assembly discussion, received already, this was compiled and sent to the list. And on the last point I cannot touch - Olivier asked all participants to volunteer for the new gTLD Metrics Taskforce. The workspace I don't know at the moment if there are any volunteers noted or listed for this.

This is all I have to recall from the action items from our last call. Most of it will be recapped later under the respective agenda item. The next agenda point is not a briefing on current ALAC consultations and initiatives. As usual it's Olivier's part, Olivier you have the floor.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf. I was just going to fly through these because I realize it would take an enormous amount of time to go through.

There were several recently adopted ALAC statements. You can see them on the agenda page. There is a joint statement on the consultation of ccTLD delegation and redelegation performance standard and consultation on gTLD delegation and redelegation performance standards.

That was adopted with 11 votes in favor. There was a statement on the revised new gTLD Registry Agreement, including additional public interest commitment specification. This was a statement that noted that the public interest commitments issue wasn't possibly strong and suddenly wasn't enforceable. We hope there will be a positive response from the interested parties on this and certainly a change in policy. That was adopted with 10 in favor.

The next was the 2013 revised ALAC rules of procedure. Now that's not a statement of course that's the rules of procedure as I said. They were adopted by the ALAC. There was one abstention on those. It doesn't mean that those come into effect right away because there are several documents that need to be also finalized and done. At the moment we're still running on our old rules of procedure.

The next thing the At-Large preliminary issue report on gTLD registration data services, that was adopted with 14 votes in favor. The next one, ICANN FY '14 Security, Stability and Resiliency Framework, thankfully we had an SSOC liaison who was very good at drafting a statement and that was adopted with 14 votes in favor. The proposed 2013 RAA was posted for comment. RAA is the registrar Accreditation Agreement. That was posted for comment.

And it's interesting because we sent in some comments on that and later on you will find out there is a new comment period that is starting up with it. This is the agreement that basically gets the contracted party registrar to work with ICANN to [Inaudible 00:07:39] their businesses. Somehow I wouldn't use the term regulated but how ICANN deals with the contracted parties.

And that's something that is being completely rediscussed. And they've just finished it was announced yesterday they had finished their last round of discussions -- more about this in a moment. The FY '14 Community Travel Support Guidelines, every year ICANN publishes community travel support guidelines. And as usual there were a few errors in there which were carefully corrected by our colleague.

That was adopted with 14 votes in favor. The public interest commitment dispute resolution procedure, PIC DRP, that's the second part of the Public Interest Commitment part. When you submit a public interest commitment as a registry who is applying for a new top level domain, you have to provide some commitments now about what you're going to do with it.

And the public interest commitment dispute resolution procedure was the proposed resolution procedure if you don't abide by what you said you were going to do. It found to be particularly weak. So our statement emphasizes this

and explains this. The new gTLD Metric Task Force reports, now this is actually not in response to a public comment.

This was a second part of some work that was done. The original work of putting together some metrics to find out how well the new top level domains that are going to be created are going to promote the accountability - well [Inaudible 00:09:49] innovation in the marketplace. There needed to be some metrics that were drafted.

A cross community working group did that but the ALAC found that the cross community Working Group might have not fully designed a full set of metrics. There were a few more that it had missed. So a small work team assembled to add those and that's what this statement is all about. That was adopted with 14 votes in favor. It was sent to the Chair of the new gTLD Board Committee.

And that was acknowledged and it was distributed to the Board members to take those into account. The At-Large challenges in terms of WHOIS and compliance workspace, there was a proposed statement which came in front of the ALAC over in Beijing. But because since that first draft was drafted a number of things have happened.

Compliance has been in quite regular discussions with the ALAC, the compliance department you know the policemen to make sure that contracts are followed and registrars actually serve the public and followed the WHOIS agreement, etc.

All of this was withdrawn because things are progressing. This is shelved for the time being. The ALAC and NCSG statement, the open forum that was to do with - it was a statement that was going to be given during the open forum during the Thursday after noon ICANN meeting.

And it was specifically speaking about the Stroman proposal for gTLD rights protection. And it was going to add 50 variants to a name when looking at the variance parts of that name. So if you had spelling mistakes and marks enclosed and things like that, that is going to the trademark clearing house. There was a disagreement between the ALAC and the NCSG that just kind of stopped the work in its tracks.

While both parts of ICANN were looking forward to have a comment that was going to criticize the fact that this feature had been thought of as a top down feature, so it was something where the whole community said they didn't want it to happen. The trademark clearing house [Inaudible 00:13:03] is not something we want to happen. It appears that staff went ahead and made that happen.

There was commonality between the ALAC and the NCSG. However the NCSG was [Inaudible 00:13:15] and publically say we are against this trademark clearing house [Inaudible 00:13:22] -

HEIDI ULRICH: Olivier sorry to interrupt. We're trying to figure out where this noise is coming from.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: My mic fell off.

HEIDI ULRICH: Now it's better, much better.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Back to this. So there was a disagreement about how far the statement went. I still believe that there will be a common statement that will be released by the ALAC and the NCSG and that will look specifically just at the way the Stroman proposal was built but not the actual content of the Stroman proposal. We in At-Large are really pushing for the bottom up policy development to take place and having something which is pushed top down is something that we all don't really like too much.

Next the statements are currently being developed or reviewed and voted on by the ALAC, as I mentioned earlier there is not a proposed final registrar accreditation agreement. And it was just announced yesterday. So it's brand new. Carlton Samuels has volunteered to hold the pen on this. And I absolutely invite you all to read through this registrar accreditation agreement, read through our last statement that we made, the one which is proposed 2013 RAA posted for comments.

So read our comment and draw your own conclusions from this to find out if this agreement really serves the community or not. We have a very short time to comment, I think it's 21 days and it started yesterday. We need to vote on it, etc. It really gives us about a week to work on this.

Next the statement on WCIT outcomes, the World Conference on International Telecommunications, I'm still trying to find some time to draft a statement so this will still be kept hanging on the side. Next the questions to the community on the accountability and transparency within ICANN, now some of you might know the accountability and transparency review team in ICANN is looking at exactly what it says it's looking at and finding out how can ICANN be made more accountable.

And it looks specifically at the Board. It looks specifically at the GAC, the way that the Board and the GAC work together, the way that staff works with GAC, the Board, etc. It really is a high level group that looks at all of ICANN. And as we know externally to ICANN there has been a lot of criticism of ICANN being totally unaccountable, being totally opaque.

And sometimes we even accuse ICANN of being like that as well because we toss advice over the wall and we never hear any feedback or anything like that. This review team is part of their wider review teams that are looking at each part of ICANN. There is a questionnaire which has been sent out by this review team. And now the ALAC is considering drafting a statement. I'm on this review team. And I'm also Chair of the ALAC.

I think we really do need to answer this. I would hope that each one of the RALOs could draft answers to the questions that are raised by the ATRT. The Accountability and Transparency Review Team will actually only make its recommendations at the end of the year. So at the moment we're at collecting information stage. And it's really important that we manage to collect that information.

Have a look at this and work within your RALO to try and get the input from the community in Europe and file the answers. You don't need to answer all of the questions. I know there are a lot of questions in there, just answer the ones you're interested in answering or that you feel are particularly pertinent for your community. And then finally the trademark clearinghouse and IDN variance, Hong Xue is currently drafting a statement.

I believe it's nearly finalized. There's been a lot of effort on that. It's a basic problem with the trademark clearinghouse because you know IDN internationalized domain names have many variances and you can write the same word different ways in some scripts such as in Chinese for example. And if you start putting a trademark clearinghouse on this then it starts becoming a mess due to the fact that you've got trademarks that have to be written in one specific script but not in all of the different variant scripts.

And some trademarks might be allocated to one use of the word in one script and trademark allocated to someone else and the use of the same word in another script. It's just a mess and thankfully this was caught by Hong and the IDN working group. That's an important statement to move forward.

Finally the currently plea for open public comments, locking of a domain name subject to UDRP procedures, for the time being it's been decided that no statement would be drafted. It's a bit of a technical thing. And I think we've mentioned in the past that the ALAC has commented in the past. And then finally I see the same thing being said again. That's all for the time being, any questions or comments?

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot so far Olivier for this briefing and explanation on the current consultation issues. Are there any questions from your side? I see no hands raised in Adobe Connect.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: If I could ask Wolf would EURALO be ready to consider looking at the ATRT 2 questions?

WOLF LUDWIG: This was under B3, yes I would say this should be possible from our side to have a look on this. I cannot guarantee any broad-based participation on this. But I can imagine that there may be some of us on the call who may contribute to this consultation, yes. And I really think it's a useful. May I ask staff to note this for the action items for today's call and perhaps send a reminder to the EURALO

list that all EURALO ALS are invited and strongly asked to participate and to contribute on this consultation because it's an old story which goes back to the first At-Large Summit in Mexico when there was a special Working Group established working on accountability and transparency within ICANN.

And to my memory this was chaired at the time by Edward Peak and Wolfgang [Inaudible 00:22:35]. And I think we should link it up now and I entirely agree with Olivier that there must be some feedback and inputs from our side. Any further questions and suggestions? Yes, Olivier you have the floor.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf I was just going to suggest that there is a Wiki page that has been set up for this. You're very free of course to use the Wiki page to build this for EURALO. If you want we can divide the Wiki page into the different RALOs. The thing perhaps to avoid doing is to reply for all of us to separately reply to the ATRT 2. I think it would be a lot more powerful if the RALOs and the ALAC were to submit statements on there, just a thought. Thank you and maybe we can move on, thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG: Any further questions? Let's go on with Item 4 FY '14 RALO Budget Request Information. As you may recall from our last call we submitted for the upcoming fiscal year another request or proposal for EURALO. If you go to the respective link below Agenda Item 4 you will get the whole list. And if you scroll down a little bit then you may see that there was a proposal submitted from our side. You have to scroll down until you come to FY '14 A07-03 EURALO.

It was just to ask for some kind of funding for EURALO participation at the 13th ICANN [Inaudible 00:25:37] meeting in the summer in Italy. As we did see yes before for our previous ICANN [Inaudible 00:25:45] meetings in Onslow and before and once again this request was not approved, again with a lot of very strange reasoning or explanation.

ICANN does not provide funding support to attend third party meetings. It is one of the strangest explanations I can imagine. In this direction ICANN could not give any support for anything that happens around IGS, whatever event which is not directly organized by ICANN itself. I do not trust any longer in the logic and reasoning of such disapprovals.

It's just a note for the record that we note this is certain consternations again EURALO requests are not considered. And as I told At-Large staff and Olivier in a bilateral email exchange last night we submitted such budget proposals regularly and continuously over the last six years and out of the various requests we submitted only one was approved in six years which is not a very encouraging result. Okay we can go with this again.

Are there any comments or questions regarding this agenda item? If not then let me continue with the following point, Item 5 pending affair EURALO ALS, what is getting very annoying in my eyes. This is a pending issue since Belgrade

now, what is now two years. And there was so far no initiative from the individuals concerned.

Last point we discussed on the monthly call in March was we needed two contact points to file an application form after I drafted the bylaws for this ALS. It was [Inaudible 00:28:46] who was always very supportive in this matter. If it would have been on [Inaudible 00:28:52] I think the whole issue would have been sorted out months ago because she was really as usual committed and dedicated to bring things forward.

But due to the fact that [Inaudible 00:29:10] became the contact and focal point for another ALS which was certified earlier this year by At-Large she cannot be a focal point for any other ALS. Therefore she was in the back a driving force to make this finally happen. So we identified [Inaudible 00:29:38] as a primary contact point. I asked [Inaudible 00:29:42] [Inaudible 00:29:42] the secondary and most confirmed. But there was no follow-up and initiative to my knowledge.

Maybe I was not informed. But I simply can ask At-Large staff and I guess they may confirm that there was no application form received so far. So it's another chance missed again and I'm to be honest so frustrated by now about this lacking initiative and follow up that I do not put this on any EURALO agenda any longer if there is not once after two years one initiative from the people concerned themselves.

If there are no questions in this direction let me suggest continuing because it's a waste of time always having the same consultations call by call and nothing happening from their side. Next agenda item is update on the ICANN Academy from Beijing. There were several productive meetings in Beijing. Again a chat by Sandra and there are some promising developments in a good direction and Sandra you have the floor for a brief update.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Thank you Wolf. Indeed I can confirm we had a successful meeting in Beijing with good participation from all constituencies or from [Inaudible 00:31:45] and also with participation from [Inaudible 00:31:52] he is the man who is assigned to develop an online education platform for ICANN which goes very much along with what the ICANN Academy Working Group is proposing to move forward to a comprehensive approach for [Inaudible 00:32:12] which should deserve the name ICANN Academy.

The work Matthew is doing with his own platform and the work the ICANN Academy Working Group is doing will be synchronized in the future so that we all go in the same direction and have some synergies with each other. And the second thing we did in Beijing was to evaluate and report on the survey we had at the end of last year, beginning of this year, the results of this survey can be found on the Wiki working space.

And the results will also be submitted to ICANN leadership in line with the proposal to go for a next term to establish a pilot program for leadership training program in Buenos Aires. The results of the survey were very clear in this direction. There is definitely a need for multiple capacity building needs and different groups.

And there is a specific need for leadership training which is so far not in place in ICANN other capacity building provisions are in place like the newcomers should be further developed and synchronized with the new modules to be developed. And so I think we are on a good track and I look at the list of [Inaudible 00:34:03] in Beijing so I won't take much of our time but invite everybody who was not a part of Beijing to contact me directly and I will be happy to answer any questions or to give you an update and include you in the list of the working group, over to you Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay thanks again Cintra for this brief update. Let me ask you if there are still some Working Group calls from the Academy group until Dublin?

SANDRA HOFERICTER: Yes, I assume there will be but first of all we are should submit the proposals until the end of April. And it's my course of action to submit a proposal to the Working Group to evaluate and send it then over to ICANN staff. After that we will further our discussion about the further possible curriculum.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks Sandra. Any further questions to Sandra regarding this agenda item on the Academy? If not I can give the call back to Sandra for a short briefing on the EuroDIG 2013 preparation process. What may be of particular interest because it's in line with our upcoming Lisbon General Assembly. And we are still in a very important process of finalizing the program. Sandra you have the floor.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Thank you Wolf. Well the EuroDIG preparation is in the [Inaudible 00:37:00] phase right now. The program is small. There might be some slight changes. But even more important session planning is going on by individual [Inaudible 00:37:21]. And the side events around EuroDIG are getting clearer. We will have a really passion from ICANN.

It will be a good collaboration with our Vice President in Europe, Nigel Dixon. But what ICANN [Inaudible 00:37:42] EuroDIG they will organize a pre event the day before EuroDIG, the 19 June, Wednesday. They will organize a pre event on data protection. The details about this will be published on [Inaudible 00:37:59] website. After that we have our EURALO General Assembly where we will also have Nigel Dixon to participate and maybe we have already [Inaudible 00:38:11] opening the outreach reception afterwards.

During the EuroDIG we will also have participation from ICANN at the [Inaudible 00:38:23] on how to serve the public interest which is the overall objective for EuroDIG. And about the [Inaudible 00:38:30] discussion on the Wiki development where we have 90% confirmed participation of [Inaudible 00:38:39] but we are still waiting for [Inaudible 00:38:43] confirmation to make

it public. So this is just for the EURALO group here as a preinformation that [Inaudible 00:38:51] will come to Lisbon.

ICANN is also looking at organizing two flash sessions. Flash are 30 minute free format sessions where you can actually give an update on a process, it could be the new gTLD process. It could be the strategic planning. Well ICANN is also funding EuroDIG which is very great.

Furthermore we have a side event from the European commission jointly organized with the consulate of Europe including all nation IFs. [Inaudible 00:39:32] about the Wiki and how to better collaborate in the future to arrive at [Inaudible 00:39:42] negotiation in the future. We will have a youth pre event. We will have youth participation. They are organization a [Inaudible 00:39:50] themselves.

And I see many of those joining this call today are somehow involved in the plenary and the flash and the organizing team as a reporter and so on and so forth. I won't again to extend my speech too much because we are more or less in the bilateral communication anyway. Over to you Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot for this briefing Sandra. As you have said at the end of your elaborations there are some EURALO on this call who are a part of the programming discussion being involved in setting up workshops as a focal point like Julia who is involved in the Wiki Plenary. That is Oksana offering flash

sessions during EuroDIG. And as you all know EURALO over the last year became a driving force for the whole EuroDIG process, what in my eyes is one of our best and strongest achievements as an ICANN regional At-Large organization playing such an important role in regional European IGF.

I'm looking forward with pleasure and satisfaction having our next face-to-face General Assembly back to back with the next EURALO EuroDIG. And having the opportunity to bring as a majority of our ALSs to the General Assembly and participating in EuroDIG as well. It's an excellent opportunity also to say coincidence.

If there are no further questions regarding the EuroDIG planning, if you have questions that come up afterwards you can always directly email Sandra and me and whatever comes to your mind we are pleased to respond to you. If there are no further questions let me continue with the next agenda item which is EURALO planning 2013 a standing issue on the agenda on our monthly calls.

We have gone since the beginning of this year through different organizational steps from mobilizing for the General Assembly with quite some good results, having the vast majority of our members listed and concerned for Lisbon. The last point we had was now getting the travel arrangements assured. This was a pending issue from the last call when ICANN constituency travel came in and took over to care for individual flight arrangements.

This confirmed participants. There have been some delays as far as I have seen. In particular cases the last one I realized was with [Inaudible 00:44:11] but is still not confirmed. But I will follow up this month with ICANN constituency travel bilaterally because we urgently have to get this done, all flights confirmed by the end of this month.

And it's important to make hotel arrangements, the list of confirmed participants was sent to the [Inaudible 00:44:48] hotel, the General Assembly venue and the EuroDIG venue. And we have some participants booked and listed at the [Inaudible 00:44:58] and now the final arrangements between the ICANN and the [Inaudible 00:45:05] hotel have to be done by the end of this month. But this is just for your information that everything in the logistical sense is on its way and it's to be completed this week.

If there are no questions on your side regarding logistical issues, if anybody on this call who is supposed to attend the General Assembly which has not received any final flight information, please let me know here now or after the call via email, so that I can follow up on this. I see there is a comment from [Inaudible 00:46:06] okay this is good to know.

The more important point we decided during our last call is besides the logistical arrangements etc. and as a the formal parts of the General Assembly are always, presentation of a [Inaudible 00:46:39] report what will be drafted by me in consultation with the EURALO Board and what will be submitted beforehand like we did previous years, at least two weeks before the General Assembly so

that everybody has a chance to have a close look on the Board report from the last reporting year.

After discussion of this and we will have a reelection for the leadership and for the Board in Lisbon. But as I said at the last call I will try to make this as short as possible to allow as much time as possible for the content part of the General Assembly, what are the questions? How can we improve participation of members at EURALO activities and EURALO monthly calls?

How can we improve the participation and involvement of our members in At-Large Working Groups? I had several bilateral discussions in Beijing with some of EURALO members. As far as I can recall I had a discussion with [Inaudible 00:48:13] this Yrjo, with Sandra, with Olivier, with Sebastien, etc. What could be a way out to improve the performance of our RALO?

And one idea was I think we should reduce the scope of the topics which are regularly more or less imposed or forwarded by ICANN and At-Large to us. But we always treat it month by month during the regular briefing on current consultation issues, what is somehow over demanding our attention and concentration.

And I think it potential way, this is just a suggestion at this stage, what will be forwarded to the General Assembly is to reduce ourselves, to ask our members to define [Inaudible 00:49:29] subjects which have more or less sort of political

priority for EURALO for our region, for our European agenda. I'm sure one of these main topics could be privacy in data protection, what is a specific European concern. There may be other comparable subjects like this.

Define five to seven key issues and then say okay let's concentrate on this one. And we try our best to give regular inputs on these issues. You cannot respond due to lack of capacities, to lack of resources, to also open consultation issues. But if you try to concentrate I think we can be more effective and supportive to ALAC. This is one scenario, what will be discussed in Lisbon. There may be other ideas, etc.

The main concentration will be on inreach, how we can improve involvement of our member ALSs and to get a more active discussion on political issues. These are the ideas on the table so far. If you have other ideas or suggestions please send them to the list. I've seen some feedback after our last call when we had some kind of a call for ideas.

After our last call there were some responses immediately after that. And I made a compilation of the feedbacks and I posted them as an overview on the EURALO list for further reflection and ideas. The process is still open. While it should be an inclusive event and I hope that our members will actively and strongly participate to set the priorities of EURALO activities for the next year.

Further comments, questions? I see no hands raised. This is also something I would like to discuss during the General Assembly itself but also during the cocktail and etc. and the following days in some social meetings with members how we can improve in the activity during the monthly calls.

Because sometimes I have the feeling that we have an agenda always with a very limited timeframe of one hour, we try to get through eight to 10 agenda items. There is a lot of briefing but sometimes I'm really missing discussions. And there may be some ideas on the table how we can modify our monthly call agenda to make it more interactive and participative from the members.

If there are no further questions, I take your silence as approval that we should fix the content part of the General Assembly in this direction to make this consultation. A recent member of a key priorities and topics and issues for EURALO to have a reduced scope but them to concentrate on issues always reflecting about what could be the major concern of our groups, what our European internet users.

I think access and connectivity won't be in Europe a main issue compared to other regions in the world. But may have a lot of other discussions, but if I'm looking on the European agenda, neutrality is an important issue, what will be also a session during EuroDIG. And there are many other political debates burning up at the moment, what can have some direct consequences for European internet users. And I really think we should concentrate on these issues.

I see Heidi's hand raised.

HEIDI ULRICH: Yes, thank you Wolf this is Heidi. Wolf we've put in the link to the draft General Assembly agenda in the Adobe Connect chat if everyone could take a look at that. Wolf could you confirm this is the current draft as is or do you expect it to be? Is this the one that's going to be online shortly?

WOLF LUDWIG: This gives me an opportunity to [mumbles]. Well this is more or less the model we had from our last General Assembly from Stockholm. Well roughly speaking yes, this is helpful as a first draft outline but this needs some more update and specification especially standing issues are repetitive things which we have to do according to the bylaw requirements, etc.

But in the second part I think the Lisbon program will be a little bit more complex, but this can be used as a basis.

HEIDI ULRICH: Wolf, Sylvia and I could work with you on updating this. I know there's another item on increasing interaction on EURALO calls, I think there are some useful possibilities. We could discuss what other RALOs are doing. Maybe Sylvia and I could draft a short report on what those activities are.

WOLF LUDWIG: This could be very helpful to have a short input, as an input paper on the particular broken item to have a look over the European fence and getting an idea what other RALOs like LACRALO and NORALO, etc. discussing are doing to improve the interactivity on monthly calls. And this can be very useful, yes.

HEIDI ULRICH: Yes, I think that would be a good starting point to address what EURALOs' needs are. We can go ahead and make that an action item please Sylvia.

WOLF LUDWIG: Please note this on the action items that we have to follow up directly. I do not understand this exclusively so if anybody on this call would like to contribute to this discussion please let us know because anymore thoughts and inputs are welcome. And we have to do this during the next weeks because I would like to have this accomplished before our next monthly call. This can be reviewed by the call participants. We also have to post it on the EURALO list asking for comments, etc.

And we should at least give after our next monthly call in May, 10 days until the end of May beginning of June to have this more or less confirmed. This is what we did in the previous year what was the best and the most inclusive way possible. I would have mentioned better ways but we really need or have to use Lisbon as a remobilization of our membership to get them more involved in a more active way.

I would like to have more input and feedback on our mailing list. Any further questions, comments, remarks? If this is not the case I think our time for this call is over again. And I think the main point for our next monthly call in May should be the approval of the agenda outline for the Lisbon General Assembly. I will try to because this is a very important phase and period as Sandra said of the finalization of the EuroDIG program, what is also work intensive.

I will try to submit a draft outline for the Board Report by the next call so that we have several reference documents to be discussed and to be approved on the monthly call and to be well prepared for the next step, what is in my eyes in Lisbon itself. Is there anything under any other business? If this is not the case, I see no hands raised. Let me thank you all for your participation in this monthly call. And I wish all of you an excellent evening. I'm looking forward to speak with you soon again. Thanks to all of you and good night.

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