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WOLF LUDWIG:

Hello. Welcome everybody to our EURALO General Assembly 2014. We're a little behind schedule, due to the delay of a previous meeting. I will try to catch up, but at least we can take another 15 minutes to get through our program for today's General Assembly. Before we officially start with the opening and the welcome, I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome and introduce... Jean-Jacques and Nigel have not yet arrived. I will introduce them later.

Let's continue with confirmation of attending Members and apologies. When we send the invitation to the GA in line with ATLAS II, what made this face-to-face possible again after Lisbon last year, we unfortunately had some Members who couldn't confirm at an early stage. That was Stefan Hügel from a German ALS, Lutz Donnerhacke from a German ALS. Lutz is a remote participant here. Welcome Lutz.

We had early apologies from ISOC Bulgaria and ISOC Luxembourg. Meanwhile, in spring, we had a new Member certified, and that's ISOC Portugal. As they came in in spring, they were not more or less supposed to be invited to ATLAS and this GA anymore. Last week we had another apology from one Member, from Manuel Schneider, representing Wiki Media, Austria and Switzerland. Manuel called me last Thursday to tell me his father is in hospital in a very critical state. Unfortunately he actually passed away on Friday, therefore Manuel Schneider is excused as well.

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This means out of 31 Member ALSes presently at EURALO we have seven apologies. As a consequence, that means there should be 24 Members present here at this GA, besides some guests who announced their participation here. Are there any questions from your side? Comments on the attending Members and apologies? When we have 24 Members out of 31 present here, that makes it about 80%.

The Agenda Item #3 – confirmation of the Assembly quorum, it's clear that we have a very good quorum here for this meeting. The next point is I've circulated, at the beginning of June, a draft Agenda. According to our bylaws it needs to be sent and circulated three weeks' ahead of the meeting. It was done in time. Are there any further suggestions or amendments to today's Agenda? If this is not the case, I can declare the draft Agenda as adopted.

The next Item under Standing Issues are the meeting minutes from our last GA in Lisbon. I just realized the link to this Item points back to 2011, which were the minutes from the GA in Belgrade, and not from Lisbon. The same continent, at least. As usual, we never had a situation so far when we formally referred to the minutes from the previous GAs. We've never had questions or comments on it.

Therefore we are through with our Standing Issues on today's Agenda. We can continue with Part B of the Agenda, which is the welcoming of our speakers. Yes, now I see them. I have the pleasure to welcome here at today's Assembly, Jean-Jacques Sahel, who is the Vice President of Stakeholder Engagement in Europe, and has been for two months. It was announced three months ago, before Singapore, but now you're actually in office and have been for two months.

It's a pleasure, because Jean-Jacques Sahel, before he entered the ICANN vessel, was well known already as a long-term collaborator with us at EURODIG. It was a pleasure to read the announcement that you've finally joined the ICANN crowd. We also invited Nigel. I don't know whether Nigel is already here? Okay. We have three guest speakers.

I don't really consider Sebastian Bachollet as a guest speaker, because he is one of the EURALO folks from the very early days, but welcome Sebastian, representing the ICANN Board at our GA. I also welcome of course, to the left of Sebastian, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, who I think is a well known individual Member of EURALO, ALAC Member of EURALO and ALAC Chair. I will now give the floor to Sebastian for his statement.

SEBASTIAN BACHOLLET:

I just want to say a very few words, because there is a lot of things on the table. I really think it's important for EURALO to be involved in the discussion on the table today, within ICANN. I know that you were participating and were very engaged in the discussions over the last few days, but please, after this ATLAS II Meeting, stay involved, stay engaged, stay participating, because it can't just be a few of us who are doing the work over five years and then just for a few days others appear.

That's not because it's bad, but because we will be more efficient if there are more people engaged. The other reason is that we need as much diversity as possible. I have the opinion that diversity is difficult to obtain within ICANN. For getting better diversity we need to have more people engaged. That's why I want to, once again, ask you to stay involved. There is plenty of work to do.

Olivier and Wolf can give you the list of where you can be and how you can be involved. What's important is the work you're doing. I don't want to diminish the fact that yes, it's interesting to be on the Board, but if we want to have an efficient Board, we need to have a community who does their work efficiently, and for that we need to have your participation.

The second point is that I really think that we need to achieve our goal to have at least one ALS in each country in this region. It's something in the Report of the EURALO Chair, but it's really important that we, together, try to do that. Not just a few of us though. When you go to a country you can make contact with people and try to see if there's an association who can represent the end user and be participating to this important work for the future of the Internet, and then for the future of the users of the Internet.

I'll stop here, because I think there are so many things to do in a very short time. Thank you for inviting me. Thank you for your support during the last four years as a Board Member. I'll try and keep involved with EURALO in the near future. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot Sebastian. It's always good for us to know, having had, over the last period, such a good Board Member like you. I think I repeatedly told you directly that I was very impressed that you always submitted, over all the years, to your origins, to your roots, to EURALO. Sebastian, for me, surprisingly, being on the Board and having had some very stressful moments as a Board Member, whenever he could he participated in monthly calls, and this was very well received.

We are very glad and proud to have you as a EURALO Member on the ICANN Board. I am pleased that we can still, and continuously, count on you as a close Member committed to EURALO. Next on my list, as announced before, is Jean-Jacques Sahel. Please, Jean-Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Hello everyone. I'm really glad to be here. I've been around Internet governance discussions for over ten years, which is the prime reason why I don't have dreadlocks anymore. I've lost all my hair doing all that. I've been with ISOC for quite a few years, which is why even though this is only my second ICANN Meeting, before Singapore and working with ICANN, I was officially with ISOC England. I've got my Chair, Olivier, at the back of the room. Thank you.

I'm delighted to be here today, both because there's many of you that I haven't yet met, and I was looking forward to that, and because I think there are a lot of things that we can do together. My job is supposed to be about stakeholder engagement and outreach. Pretty much every single discussion I've heard this week has effectively been around how we can engage better with our communities.

Whether it's making sure we engage better with certain stakeholder groups, or all stakeholder groups, or that we engage better geographically. We clearly do need ICANN to be increasingly diverse and truly representing the global Internet that it is today. Much more than it was just a few years ago. I think EURALO is a great platform for making this a reality in Europe.

Over the coming weeks and months I really want to engage with you, work with you. We should be able to help each other out. We've got common interests and objectives, mainly that the Internet should remain the great thing that it is. I look forward to working with you, going forward. Just to mention, by way of information, tomorrow at 17:30 we're going to have a discussion on what's called the European Engagement Strategy.

It sounds a bit grand, but basically it's just a place for us to discuss how we can work together over the year to come. I'd love to sit down and effectively plan how we can coordinate our respective efforts and help each other out. Again, it's 17:30 until 19:00 tomorrow, in the room called Sovereign. I'd love you all to be there, if you can. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot, Jean-Jacques, for your warm words. It's a pleasure from our side. We've already observed, since your predecessor Nigel was in office in Brussels, that we immediately started a very close relationship with the regional office in Brussels. I think it was very important, and for EURALO it was a new step towards ICANN's inclusiveness. Having a close cooperation and coordination with Brussels office.

By the way, thanks for the announcement of the meeting tomorrow afternoon. We'll come back to this even today, during our GA, under AI #14 – ideas on EURALO's strategy and planning for 2014/15, including considering ICANN's regional strategy for Europe. I've prepared a document for this. We can discuss it later. We can do a sort of introduction to this course for tomorrow. I will intensify it tomorrow afternoon. Next on my list is Nigel. Nigel, welcome.

Nigel, welcome here. This is what I call right in time. You can come here and take over Sebastian's seat, because you're next on my list. Take your chance.

NIGEL HICKSON: You want me to speak? Have I missed Jean-Jacques?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, you've missed him. He was brilliant by the way. Now you have to try anything to top him.

NIGEL HICKSON: He's younger than me, so... Good afternoon. I know many of you. It's good to see you again. I'm Nigel Hickson. I'm now not the Vice President for Europe. I'm the Vice President for making the coffee in Geneva... No, I'm the Vice President for International Governmental Organizations. What a lovely phrase. Essentially, my role is in Geneva. My role is to engage with the UN there and with the other governmental organizations in Geneva.

Many of you know that the ITU resides in Geneva, the WTO, WIPO – lots of international organizations. All the bad guys live in Geneva. The Red Cross – they're not bad guys, of course. The Olympic Committee by the way, I was looking forward to visiting them, because I don't know anything about the Olympics, but I think they're in Zurich or something?

WOLF LUDWIG: No, Lausanne. It's the FIFA that's in Zurich.

NIGEL HICKSON:

Lausanne, is it? It's the football... I'm so glad they're in Zurich, so I don't have to go and see them. I don't think I'd know much about that either. To be serious, Geneva is a good place to engage, but not just the IGOs, it's the missions primarily, which we're engaging with. As you know, the way the UN structure works is in towns and...

This is the same in Brussels, obviously, for the European Union, but in Geneva and New York, where the UN is, countries have missions. They're like embassies but they call them missions, effectively. It's the people in the missions, the governmental representatives of the people in the missions, that tend to turn up to the ITU meetings or turn up to the UN Committee meetings in Geneva and represent their country's views.

In terms of the engagement work that ICANN does, it's very useful indeed to be able to engage with the missions. Now, our engagement strategy isn't primarily one of going along to the missions and telling them how to vote at an ITU meeting, although perhaps we'd like to do that. No, it's more listening to what they have to say on their country's position on various Internet related issues, but it's also to understand their concerns and also impart a bit of understanding about what ICANN is all about.

It's quite interesting, in Geneva, in that a couple of months ago there was an interesting newspaper article talking about, "The Internet is coming to Geneva." It didn't exactly say that, but it was about the launch of the Geneva Internet platform, which is a platform for awareness raising on Internet governance issues, that's been launched

by Diplo and the Swiss authorities. This article mentioned ICANN and said, “ICANN has come to Geneva to discuss Internet governance issues.”

On the back of that there’s quite an interest in the various UN missions and country missions in Geneva about what ICANN is all about. There’s also, of course, interest in the gTLD Program. Not so much the registry and registrar aspects of it, but the intellectual property aspects of the gTLD Program, and there’s interest in the NTIA transition of the IANA function. There’s a lot of interest in that. Part of our mission clearly is to inform and to listen, etcetera. Did you want me to touch on a few specific issues?

WOLF LUDWIG:

At the moment I think let’s keep it as it is. We’ll come back under Agenda Item #14 to the regional strategy, and your background and knowledge will be needed and appreciated for this later discussion. As you are now based in Geneva, in Switzerland, we have two ALSes. Most probably soon we may get a third one, so we’re quite close to each other, etcetera, and we could even think about some kind of informal meetings, dinner parties, in Geneva, with some of the ALSes, etcetera, to intensify our relationships.

NIGEL HICKSON:

I’d be delighted to follow up. Geneva is... Switzerland in general of course is... There’s a lot of activity going on there. I know ISOC have Chapters in Geneva, and of course ISOC have an office in Geneva. We’re working with ISOC. We’re working with Diplo, and the World Economic

Forum of course is in... So it's a great place to be to discuss Internet governance issues.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks Nigel for the moment. Let me continue with our next speaker, which is Olivier. You have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf. By now I don't think I need to introduce myself, but some of you may not know that before all of this I was Secretary of EURALO for a while, for a year I think it was. It was on-the-job training and it gave me an insight into what goes on to actually run a regional At-Large organization. I just thought things were done automatically or just magically, but that is actually not the case.

There's a Leadership that needs to prepare the meetings, prepare the monthly calls, engage members, get the membership to grow, go out there and find new At-Large structures. I wanted to take this couple of minutes to thank Wolf for having assumed a lot of those responsibilities for many years. Having really held EURALO together, I think it's a hard one.

The only concern I have is we're all around the table here today, but in-between meetings there is little engagement. I know we're all busy and things, but at least maybe not to the level that the whole region deserves. Europe has a really key role to play in the future of the Internet governance. The European institutions have been involved in this for quite a while, and I've just come back from the EURODIG in

Berlin, which incidentally is sponsored by EURALO and organized by some of the people in the room here.

This EURODIG has been absolutely exceptional in the quality of the debate. Of course, every year we say, “This is the best one ever,” but with this one many people have resounded back afterwards and said, “The maturity of the discussions is very high indeed.” It really is a case now that we’ve gone beyond informing the governments about the Internet, beyond informing the participants about the various parts.

There’s not one session that I attended at EURODIG that actually didn’t go deep into a topic and went into something that yielded very good results. I think Wolf might be taking messages from EURODIG. I hope that’s what he’s doing, because there’s a set of messages that have been published, as far as I understand, from the EURODIG sessions, and these will feed into the IGF process.

Yet, as far as ICANN and EURALO is concerned, this region would really benefit from a lot more help from your guys. It’s growing. The region is growing, but I’m seeing the same problem with my Chapter. I also wear the hat of the ISOC England UK Chapter. My Chapter has not joined as an ALS yet. Shame on me. Shame on the Chapter. One of the things we keep on having is, “But we’re busy, we have so much work. There are other things to do.”

If everyone just spends an hour a month just on these issues, that would make a big difference, because we are so many of us. That would really push the Agenda forward. That’s what I’m going to tell my Members later on for ISOC UK England. That said, it’s great to see so many people

here. I know many of the faces. We have a lot of knowledge in the region.

A lot of pioneers that were there in the very early days, that have seen ICANN version one or even ICANN version zero, for some, and in fact pre-ICANN version zero as well. We're able to take the knowledge and the experience of those people, and we have to transform this into a case where EURALO will be one of the strong regions in At-Large. That's particularly important. That's all for today, but have a good meeting.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Olivier. Let me reconfirm that on the other hand we are from EURALO, from a region point of view. We are very proud having somebody like you assume the ALAC Chair, which you've had since the end of 2010. To me, at the time, you were sort of a gift from heaven. Sending you to the ALAC Chair, you'd just become an ALAC Member the day before, and the next day promoted to Chair. That was simply excellent. Actually, we do have some previous ALAC Chairs here in the room.

We have Vittorio Bertola, who was the first ALAC Chair. We have Annette Muehlberg, who was the second ALAC Chair. Now, being the third regional ALAC Chair representative from the region, we also have the current ALAC Members, and you're one of them. Sandra Hoferichter is the second ALAC Member, and Jean-Jacques Subrenat is our third ALAC representative.

I'm always proud to know that we're very well represented, beyond our region, and I'm very grateful for this. Let me continue with our next

Agenda Item, which is actually the presentation and discussion of our annual Report, which is a EURALO Chair Report. It's been circulated via the EURALO list, a week ago, for your attention and review. According to the Agenda, let's now briefly go through this Report. I hope that most of you may have had a look, prior to this meeting today.

We do not have to discuss all the details, like point one, regular activities. I think this is known. This is the monthly Report. The essentials about regular activities are posted regularly, in the monthly reports. What I've already said is point two, EURALO representatives at different levels, besides our Board Members, Sebastian Bachollet, we even have a second Board Member, since the end of last year, since the Buenos Aires meeting, which was Wolfgang Kleinwächter. He was selected by the NomCom.

Therefore, on the Board level, it couldn't be better than Sebastian and Wolfgang Kleinwächter. The ALAC Chairs I mentioned already. On the NomCom level over the last couple of years, it was similar. We had first Wolfgang Kleinwächter, then we had Adam Peake as NomCom Chairs. We had Yrjö Länsipuro as NomCom Chair, and all left their print and marks during their offices. They are very highly recognized and appreciated for their long-term services.

Olivier, before, in parallel to his EURALO Chair provisional function, you have been on the NomCom as well, so you're also experienced...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm cutting you off. I was not EURALO Chair.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Sorry. Secretariat, yes. You had this double function in between. It was an emergency. You had to step in because [unclear 00:38:34] retired at the time and we had to find a replacement at the time. Olivier kindly stepped in. Adam Peake is also here in the room, right at the back here. He was also a NomCom Chair and is now a part of the EURALO Individuals Association with Roberto and Oksana.

Finally, we always over the year had a close relationship with NCUC. Bill Drake is an active long-term member of that. We can say we have quite some good people on board. Many years ago, before we had seat 15, the voting Board Member from At-Large was introduced after the first Summit, in 2009, in Mexico. That more or less impressed previous ICANN Boards that we were not just a bunch of useless idiots, but we had something to contribute in substance to ICANN.

Then the ICANN Board decided, in August 2009, to have the voting Board Member, seat 15, from At-Large. The first was Sebastian Bachollet who had this position, and at the end of the year, when Sebastian goes out, you may recall we had a regional consultation in spring on this. The successor of Sebastian in late autumn will be Rinalia Abdul Rahim from APRALO. This is just a short recapitulation on EURALO Chair Report, point two.

The third one is EURALO at EURODIG. I think Olivier has already mentioned that EURALO was among the founding members for EURODIG. I see at least three people who were in the early evening at the ICANN Paris meeting, part of the dinner table, and they were Annette and Yrjö and me, at the time. Out of this dinner table idea

came a project, which was started in October 2008 under the auspices of the Council of Europe.

Since then we had repeated successful annual EURODIG events. The last one was in Berlin. The next point of the Chair Report is a little bit on what Sebastian has already announced – the question of outreach and inreach. Inreach is to keep our members involved and active. I know most of the ALSes in detail; what they're doing on the ground. I know that most of our ALSes are very busy in their country, in their region, on the ground, and I'm very pleased about this.

The difficulty is to make the link between the daily activities and EURALO activities, and beyond EURALO, get them involved in At-Large affairs. This is a link or bridge that's still under construction, I would say. It could work better than over the last year. One of the symptoms is attendance of our monthly calls. We always have the same people, around ten people, attending our monthly calls. We still have to work on this. I'm not satisfied at all with the way it's worked so far.

I still believe there is a lot of space for improvements. We'll need to discuss this afterwards. We'll come back to this point. The key question is how to keep our existing Members committed and involved. The next question is outreach, which is also an incredible challenge. As Sebastian mentioned, we have the long-term goal, which is to finally have one Member ALS in each European country. We are far from this goal.

We are slightly improving with our membership, and I'm pleased to have [Eric Schweichater 00:44:22] here in the room, as a guest. [Eric] last night, after we had some introductory communication over the last few weeks, sent the first application tonight, out of two. So by tomorrow or

during this week, we'll have two new ALS applications from Austria. I'm very pleased about this. Can you please...?

[ERIC SCHWEICHATER]: The first one is the Austrian Computing Society, strongly involved in informatics and society. The second group is a group [unclear 00:45:12] thematics, strongly involved in Internet governance questions.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. We're pleased to have you here for the first time, at a EURALO GA, bringing a gift to this GA, in the form of two new ALS candidates. Of course, as we all know, I'm waiting – and I look again at Olivier and then at Jean-Jacques Sahel – I'm counting the days until we finally get the application from ISOC UK. I can also, if I may, Oksana, think that we have a discussion at ISOC Switzerland, to prepare the application from ISOC Switzerland to EURALO.

As I directly [mentioned 00:46:14] you have the right to defend yourself, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf. I will put that name card down and wear my other hat, as ISOC UK England Chair. Thank you for this invitation. You will be pleased to hear that this morning I have emailed the ISOC UK England Membership and told them that they should go to the ATLAS II Fayre this afternoon, so as to get an insight into what the At-Large community is all about at ICANN.

I hope we'll have a good turnout of ISOC UK England Chapter Members, and that of course includes Jean-Jacques over there. I hope you'll be able to make it and show others that it's a good opportunity for ISOC UK England. If you do find someone from the Chapter, then please tell them what a good group this is, and how useful this work is in ICANN. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Olivier for this announcement. Let me suggest that if they're showing up tonight at the Fayre of Opportunities we will lock them in, etcetera, and they will not get out until they've submitted their application. Well, this is, I admit, a tough and straightforward way, but in some cases it may be justified. Okay. This is as far as outreach is concerned.

I stressed this in the Annual Report, and sometimes I felt a little bit frustrated because out of the last seven new Members we could win for EURALO, I think 80% of them applied due to my stubborn, repeated initiatives. I'd like to see outreach, which Sebastian clearly said before should be considered and perceived not as a one-man job, etcetera. It's not just a leadership function. All of us here in this room have very good networks to other people, other organizations, etcetera.

People on the ground, please keep it in mind and remind them, invite them, encourage them, to get in touch with EURALO and to consider an application and to become part of the community. You wanted to comment?

[CAROLINE SAUVIGNON]: [00:49:13] [.hv]. Just one point for the record, we were one of the organizations that were invited by Wolf, and I can testify that it's not stubborn, it was a very convincing and good interaction. I totally agree, Wolf, and we'll be happy to support with that a little bit, from time to time. When I think about how to address organizations that we meet, it would help our organization a lot to have very basic introductory material.

I know there are the leaflets on ALAC and EURALO out there on the Internet, but it's not helping me a lot to have these, because they are very high-level and very institutionally-based. Perhaps this would be a good thing for a Working Group to do over the next year, as to what your organization can contribute to and get out of participating in the At-Large Structures. It would be something that would help us a lot, to do that.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thank you for this feedback. One more remark is that it was encouraging the moment you joined. Your regular representative for this is [unclear 00:50:32]. She's been attending since you joined all our monthly calls, which became a best practice on your side. We'll come back to your suggestion under Agenda Item #10, where we have to discuss concrete steps on how we can improve. Next up is Olivier. Then I have Oliver and Annette.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Pass.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, then Oliver, you have the floor.

OLIVER [PASSEK]: Olivier [Passek 00:51:08] speaking for Digital [Courage]. I just want to stress two points. I think your Chair Report is very honest and transparent. Thank you for that. In some points, it's maybe too pessimistic, because I think we had great success. You mentioned that in EURALO representatives and those people we sent into the different constituencies and to the Board are really part of a game-changing process towards our Liaison to the Board and for the topics very important for civil society.

I think this has to be stressed. That's also a success of the Chair. The second point is the outreach. I think we're also able, like EURODIG, but it's much more. It's the IGF, it's the Brazil process, and so on, where we can transport our topics into the other political forums. That's a great success for EURALO and you really should keep that in mind, I think.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thank you Oliver. Annette?

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Thank you all for all the work you've done here, Wolf, and Sebastian, Olivier, Sandra, and Wolfgang. I also wanted to add something to your Report. We just heard yesterday that Avri Doria got the Multistakeholder Award, and I think this is something really, really important too, and we should congratulate Avri too, but we can also be proud of this. [Applause]

What Oliver just said, I share on the one side sometimes the depression you can get, as a Chair, when you're trying to get all the people together. On the other hand, maybe we could start making some little proposals, as [Carvolin 00:53:32] just said that we need some more material that's easily understood. Being here I've found there are so many issues that are especially important for Europeans.

For example the WHOIS discussion, which is just going on now. I'm very thankful, Wolf, that you also gave us this mapping paper, so that we now will discuss how we could connect to other organizations in Europe, and maybe we could do something – not just ICANN Papers on certain procedures and Committees and so on –, like little issue papers, which would be really helpful. They could be on how WHOIS touches the interests and concerns of end users.

Maybe we could find the possibility to get those little articles written by people we know are experts on it. I think this would be really helpful for us – to have certain issues that we know our ALSes are interested in, and we could link up to those. There are many issues I think. There are some articles going around. Some of them are in my mother tongue, some are in your mother tongue.

Maybe we could collect those and find issues that we could get translated, or that we could get written on. I think that would be very helpful too, on the content issue – not only just procedure, but content. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. Annette, this is perfect timing on these issues. If we can just pull down one of the slides on the AC room? We've put in links to the Beginner's Guide Series. You all received those in your packets on Saturday. There's also something called the Speaker's Guide Handout. It's a Wiki page. If we can bring that up? What that is is all of the very simple documents that ICANN has produced in the last two, three years, in various languages. It includes at least one in German.

Again, I think they're happy now translating more into various languages. They're diagrams, they're simple sheets, that very clearly state, without acronyms, what ICANN issues are. Please take advantage of these resources.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot Annette and Heidi. We'll come back to these issues and concrete suggestions. At the moment we're concentrating on the Annual Report, covering last year's period. To get to further planning and detail, we'll do it at a later stage, under the respective AI. This is just recapitulating last year's activities. I agree, Oliver. EURALO has seen progress, and I think we can be proud of the good steps we've taken.

One of the success stories from EURALO or the initial initiative from EURALO, which I mentioned in the last Report, but not here anymore, is the ICANN Academy Project. It was pushed by Sandra and became a success at the ICANN level. So there are a lot of bright sides from our activities, but now, after a couple of years, I thought it was necessary to also point to the dark sides of the moon.

There are still a lot of deficits. I pointed out our deficits straighter than in previous years. I think we have to consider them, and this will be a basis for our discussion under the next Agenda Item. Therefore, I'd like to cut down this Agenda point. I've seen Bill...

SPEAKER: We need to speed up in order to finish on time.

WOLF LUDWIG: This is just still the Report from the past year. We mentioned the weak points; outreach, inreach, etcetera. I think you've already [unclear 00:58:23] the Membership. I don't have to repeat that we're pleased to have them on board now. There's a critical point. We have to keep in mind what's point six, EURALO officers on the Board. I'd like to have a little bit more initiative from the Board Members. There is kind of a problem, from my perception. This will be my last year as a Chair. During the next 12 months we have to discuss and think about finding a better solution.

This was my last remark on the Chair Report. If there are no questions or comments on this Report, I would like to ask you whether this Chair Report can be considered as approved? May I have your silent approval? Let me put it the other way around – if there are no objections then we can consider this Chair Report as approved. Thanks a lot. Rough consensus.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Point of order – if there are no objections then it is a full consensus.

WOLF LUDWIG:

I prefer full consensus than just approved. Okay. Thanks. The next point is something I can make short. It's #8. Briefing and approval of EURALO budget for fiscal year 2014/15. We didn't have any special budget plan proposal for the last year, because we all know that we will have our face-to-face GA here in London. Therefore we didn't need anything separate. There was, in between, a new pilot program, called the CROP Program, where each RALO could submit five suggested candidates for funding on regional initiatives.

We took the opportunity during the pilot CROP Program to suggest five candidates from the region to be supported to attend EURODIG 2014 in Berlin. This was approved at the beginning of the year. We had five candidates here. Some of them are in the room. There was [Nareen 01:01:27] from Armenia. We had Oksana and Tatiana from the Ukraine, and we had [unclear] from Bulgaria, and we had Veronica Cretu, who is our current NomCom representative, who couldn't arrive in time here.

This was a first attempt. The pilot will be continued next year, and in the same frame we will submit some new suggestions with concentration, in my opinion, on what's politically justified, in case we should consider participants from Eastern European countries. This is still a part of Europe where we have to improve our outreach initiatives, where we have to help these members to be more involved in European activities, which are more difficult to achieve. Therefore, for next year's CROPP we'll do it in a similar direction.

Otherwise, there won't be any budget proposal for FY 2014/15, and if there are no questions and comments from your side...? Jean-Jacques?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Just a placeholder about future budgets, because I'd like to intervene in the very substantial point, #10, or #11 or #12, I'm not sure. There may be budgetary implications, but that's in the future.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks Jean-Jacques for this. I can already guess to what you will refer, and I'm waiting for this reference. If there are no further comments and questions then we can accomplish Agenda Item #8. On the budget side, which was always, over the last years, a quick thing to do, Agenda Item #9 is 2014 EURALO selections, re-selections by formal approval of existing ALAC Members. At our GA last year we re-approved Olivier for the next term, from 2013 to 2015.

Now, at the end of the year, Sandra would formally arrive at the end of her ALAC period of the present term. As I said before, Sandra has done such an excellent job at At-Large, I think she really merits to be reapproved, reconfirmed, for her next term – from 2014 to 2016. We had, for the NomCom, our current NomCom delegate, which is Veronica Cretu, who's done it for the last two years. She can only do two subsequent terms. She needs a break at the moment.

Yrjö has been on the NomCom for longer, but as he was in a Chair position, that doesn't count for the rule of the two years, so Yrjö can go for another term. Looking around, I didn't really see any other alternative, and therefore I was pleased when I asked Yrjö and he confirmed he would be interested and willing to do another term as the

regional delegate to the NomCom. Therefore, I suggest to approve Sandra and Yrjö for the next term, as outlined on the Agenda.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: I have a point of order. I'm not a candidate for any of these, but I just want to make sure that there is not another candidate, there are not other candidates. As a point of order I think you should do that.

WOLF LUDWIG: Well, it was announced on the draft Agenda three weeks ago, and if there would have been severe interest, I think it would have been brought up. We also must take into consideration, I think, that the majority of Members here in the room won't have a precise idea of how much work is really involved in following up a NomCom Mandate. I think Olivier can speak on that, and whoever else has been on the NomCom. This is an incredible challenge and workload.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: I take your point, of course. That's absolutely true. My point was simply a question of procedure, so that we cannot be attacked in any way. That was all.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. It was on the Agenda, as I said before, for three weeks. People could have come up and... I'll ask now. Is there anybody in the room who would like to stand up as a second candidate for the ALAC or for the NomCom? How many minutes should we wait? Okay. If this is not the

case, let me ask once again whether we can just approve, as we did in the previous years already...?

If there is no objection raised and nobody comes up with another idea then we usually consider it as approved. I'd like to thank Sandra for the work over her last terms, and I'd like to thank Yrjö for his excellent performance and work during the last years. I wish you all the best for your next terms please. I think for the minute we can take this as unanimous approval. We're now through with Part B of our Agenda.

What is more or less the regularities we have to do during a GA, we're now coming up to what we touched during the Board Report. The interesting part is #10 – how to improve EURALO's inreach, Members' involvement in current functioning, ideas, means, steps, tools, etcetera. There were suggestions from [Carol 01:09:15] already. There were ideas from Annette on the table. There will be more ideas.

On this part I would like to lean back a little bit, and it should be the discourse of the Members here. I will not intervene with any concrete suggestions under #14. Guys, you have the floor. I see several. It was Jean-Jacques first, it was Olivier, it was Annette.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you Wolf. I'm going to speak in French. I'd like to thank the interpreters. First, I'm very glad to see that we are more and more Members, and more and more ALSes in our EURALO. I'd like to suggest to have a more historical revision of our reality. I'm going to ask a question. What is the added value of EURALO on us, as Internet users in Europe, regarding users of the Internet in other regions of the world?

The question is, what is the added value we can add to us and to the other people? Something very amazing, when we look at the situation of the Internet users, at the global level – the economical level, the society, the education, Europe – it's still a model in some areas; in the law areas, in the human rights areas, and also in the defense and implementation of the user's right of the Internet. It may be far away from today's concerns, but I'd like you to look at the other regions of the world.

In Asia, for example, there are so many systems, and they're not as united as us, in Europe. You all know the books that were written in the last years about the law system of Europe. You know that around the world the European system is today the model most used by other countries – in Latin America, in Asia – more than individual models, as in the United Kingdom's model or the United State's model.

We are a kind of moral attraction, because of the cohesion and coherence of our law systems. It is more difficult in other areas. For example, it's very difficult today in Europe to have a user influence on big societies working on technology. Here we have to work to improve the trend. We need to have a system in a computer or in a cell phone to be more for the protection of a user's data and private life.

The normal trend currently in the Internet is that you have to look somewhere to find a way to limit the way of losing your personal data – but you have to click on that special item, which is very difficult to find. So it's difficult. In our countries it's very difficult to convince the public authority of the necessity to respect the Internet user's rights. The

current trend is [in the name 01:14:17] different things, for example to fight pornography, or human being exploitation, or terrorism.

The trend is to use those true problems as pretext to limit the user's right. What are the conclusions that I want to express here? We need to learn among us. Yesterday, for example, I was amazed to realize, in the ISOC Session, that ISOC France is almost dead. I have a lot to learn from ISOC Armenia, for example, no? Another example. I have a lot to learn from the different ALSes in Africa and in Latin America. Not because they are better than us, but their experiences are very different from ours.

I have two conclusions that I want to express. Why do we not implement, in the future, one or two projects that are very modest in the beginning in those areas, between EURALO and, for example, APRALO or AFRALO, for example. The second comment is that we could imagine creating financing for these kind of actions, if we can identify some action of this kind that is interesting us.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Next is Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Wolf. I'm not sure whether Matthieu, who put his card up, wanted to respond directly to Jean-Jacques. I was going to make another point, so whether you first want to take any answers relating to Jean-Jacque's point?

MATTHIEU CAMUS: Matthieu Camus, Internet Society France. I have to react, and I'll do it in French too. Internet Society France belongs to EURALO, which is a part of this broader At-Large community. We all work from a local viewpoint on issues that are global. At that level, we work every day in order to try and reach out to end users, to raise awareness among everyday Internet users on the issues that the Internet entails.

EURALO's Report has already mentioned this, but Internet Society France, a Member of EURALO, has co-hosted the local IGF. That's the Internet Governance Forum in France. This IGF had no equivalent for a number of years at the national level, and so it's a wonderful start, in order to have a multistakeholder model on governance issues in France. At that, it's a wonderful success.

Now, regarding the issues that have been mentioned, not only regarding personal data but also about other WHOIS aspects, such as privacy around WHOIS, and also domain name management at the level of users, we have project that are currently being undergone, but there is no publication. I imagine such publications will come shortly. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thank you Matthieu for this additional information. I'll now come back to Olivier, then to Annette, and then Oliver.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Wolf. One of the suggestions – and I've seen this already framed by some of the questions that have been brought here – is what kind of value do people get from taking part in EURALO and

taking part in At-Large? I have looked at all of the ALSes and all of the RALOs currently asking this question. It's not just something that's in EURALO; it's also something in AFRALO and the same question I've heard in LACRALO.

Some RALOs have actually gone a little bit further and started to test out some various ways to increase user participation and increase the number of members that take part in the monthly calls. LACRALO, for one, has introduced the ability to have a capacity building session in the middle of their call.

Their call, instead of being one hour long, is one and a half hours' long, which is marginally longer, but in that one and a half hours they have half an hour that's dedicated to some discussion – either a hot issue, or some capacity building –, something that will make that call interesting for people, specifically newcomers. That is one. Another RALO, which I think was APRALO, or another, has done the presentation of ALSes.

In other words, they've worked on the networking aspect, basically having an ALS present itself and say, "This is what we do, in addition to what we do for ICANN," and the ones that are involved quite actively present why and how they're actively involved in the ICANN process. It's APRALO and NARALO have brought that. In both cases, we've seen an increase in participating in the monthly calls. This is one of the two things that EURALO might wish to pursue or test out.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Olivier. This is noted. Next is Annette and Oliver and then [Christopher].

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Thank you Wolf. I just asked Gisella to put up your mapping, because I think this is a very important paper you gave us. It's a strategic possibility of who to connect to in our region, so that we're not alone on this. There are many actors in Europe, and we might link up to them. There's also a lot of knowledge we could use.

Also, in the business part, there are not only business people who are doing business, but there are also citizens, and they're happy to have a close look at users' interests and talk with us about them. It's our duty then to say, "Okay, this is something we really have to focus on." I think this is a very good strategic mapping, and I'd like to add some groups. Actually, I talked with Oliver about this, so it's a joint thing.

It's the Article 29 Working Party. It's consumer rights in general. It is [OCD 01:22:48], and I'd like to add the GAC as someone we should talk to. It is something in respect to what we're doing, and as a report I might say, as an ALS, that it is important that we keep the contact to our GAC, and that there is an exchange with the ministries and our group on certain issues. I think it's very valuable that there is also a users' interest input on GAC positions.

That is something I just would like to add to the mapping here. I'd like to explain a little more on what I said before. These little issues we define, like Jean-Jacques also just said, if we do focus on a certain issue it would be extremely helpful not to just have – which are also very helpful – the paper you just spoke on and loaded up, of what the topics are about, but to have a certain issue of what is, for example, the problem with the WHOIS issue in the legal aspects.

American lawyers think, “This is the problem,” and we, as Europeans, have a different legal approach and a different civil rights approach. How do we translate this into technical and organizational structure? As soon as we are more precise and content-oriented, I think you’ll keep the discussion within us and you’ll also gain newcomers. Also, talking about GAC, there was for example this morning an extremely interesting discussion on the GAC and human rights perspective.

There is a little booklet. I’d like staff just to send this around, because I think it’s very useful for our discussion. It also helps us in our discussion to get rid of the issue of, “What do human rights have to do with ICANN?” Here it is. It’s in their policy. It’s up to us to look at it from an end user perspective. I think this is a good thing to work on in the future.

WOLF LUDWIG: Can you announce the title?

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: The title is “ICANN’s Procedures and Policies in the Light of Human Rights, Fundamental Freedoms and Democratic Values”. It’s a study by the Council of Europe.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot. Next is Oliver, on my list, and then Christopher and Bill.

OLIVER [PASSEK]: Just to add two points to what Annette already mentioned from our brainstorming, concerning the outreach, I think what we also should look at is two more target groups. That's why I really welcome the new initiative from Austria, because I think we have to look more at scientific initiatives and groups also. The second thing is that there are so many newcomers in the context of the data privacy initiatives here. We've seen groups in Europe full of young people, and therefore all these privacy initiatives now popping up on the European level should really be part of our outreach also.

Another point – I hope it's right here, but I have to leave a bit earlier because of my flight, and it's not a RALO issue itself, it's more an At-Large issue – is that we should really try to be part of the IANA transformation process. If they're the multistakeholder model involving civil society issues, it doesn't work and we have a problem for the whole ICANN structure. We should really think that there's fair representation of our interest, for example in this Coordination Group Committee.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks. Christopher?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Thank you. Christopher Wilkinson. Regarding the last speaker, we are actually still waiting for the At-Large Committee to tell us how they'll select the two delegates that have been designated for At-Large in the IANA Coordinating Committee, but that's a different subject. I think we're still discussing the question as to what is EURALO for, vis-à-vis our Members. I'd like to suggest we could act more proactively as an

interface of information and policy between our Members on the one hand, and ICANN on the other hand.

A couple of examples in the privacy field. I don't want to be ideological about the right to forget, but I was disappointed to see Vint Cerf leaping to the defense of Google against the European Court of Justice's ruling, when a few days later Google itself announced that they intended to cooperate with the European Court of Justice in implementing its ruling. Now, ICANN is not Google, but ICANN itself holds a lot of private information about us all.

I would suspect that in the ICANN archives, for over the last 15 years, there are at least five copies of my out-of-date CV. I couldn't care less, I suppose, but I think it would be a good principle for ICANN to give the members of the various constituencies the right, if not to forget, at least to have access to all the personal information that's in the archive, and where it is. I think somebody in ICANN would say, "Of course it's available, you just need to search for it." It's not quite as simple as that.

I think that interface could be improved. Another example: there has been, I gather – I'm afraid when it arrived in my inbox it was such a large document that I haven't been able to print it out and read it on the plane – a big study going on, if not completed, about the reform of WHOIS. It has a different name, and I'm sure Nigel knows what the proper name for it is. Fadi referred to it the other day.

There's a very interesting letter of dissent circulating from a Canadian private privacy specialist. I don't want to speak to the merits of the case, but I think as a matter of principle it would be useful, first of all, for EURALO to take note of this. Secondly, to inform our Members of what

will happen when WHOIS is revised, and if we have any comments on the document to refer them to ICANN.

Now, I know that there will have been an At-Large participant somewhere in the process of developing this proposal, but for the sake of argument I don't know who he or she was. If WHOIS is going to be thoroughly revised on the basis of this report, it may be a very good thing. We've always been very critical of certain aspects of WHOIS, but at least at the level of information and comment, we should take it on board. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks Christopher. Next on my list is Bill, and then Yrjö, Yuliya, Vittorio and Adam.

BILL DRAKE:

Thanks Wolf. It's the WHOIS... The new mechanism is Registration Directory Services. The Non-Commercial Users Constituency spent all day lobbying intensively against this, against the privacy problematic aspects of this, in meetings with the EWG. The Canadian lawyer you mentioned is one of our members. We spent a bunch of time in the three and a half hour meeting I just chaired talking about this as well.

We would very much welcome engagement with EURALO and At-Large more generally on privacy issues. We've been fighting over WHOIS for 15 years and continue to do so. That's on the gNSO side, and I see no problem whatsoever, as I've said repeatedly in many, many contexts, between people working in user communities, and civil society working

in both the gNSO context and the At-Large context. I think they're completely complementary and we should be cooperating.

We have a bunch of stuff going on already about this, so we'd be very happy to connect with people. Similarly, on the Report that Annette was showing, we had one of the authors, Thomas Schneider, and Lee Hibbard, from the Council of Europe, in our meeting, for an hour this morning. We debated this document at great length, and we're going to have a follow up initiative on it. We've asked the Council of Europe to put it up for public comment.

They've said that they'll put up a website to try to do so. We are going to try to get a workshop in the main program in the Los Angeles conference, to talk about taking these issues forward. I think that the Council of Europe's involvement on human right issues is quite useful as a tool that can be used to leverage on public interest and human rights issues in the ICANN context. We should explore ways to do that.

On all these things that are going on, there's a lot happening already. We have people who are Members on both sides, and we can certainly coordinate more effectively and would love to do that.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Bill. Yrjö?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO:

Okay, thank you. I think ALSes should ideally be acting like a conveyer or interface between the set of issues that are of relevance and interest to the end users locally, and then at the ICANN level, what the issues are

that we're discussing here. Sometimes it's very difficult to make that connection, as everybody knows. Sometimes I feel that it's almost like trying to make people interested in how the water provision system of a city works.

People are used to getting the water when they turn on a tap, and the water flows out. It's no use to try to explain them, enthusiastically, about all the water pipelines and pumps. The interest is there only if something goes wrong. Of course, in those cases, the At-Large organizations, the ALSes, should ideally provide the expertise in the media and so on and so forth to explain. The other thing is this is a two-way street, and the other direction of this conveyor is, of course, to tell ICANN what the end user thinks.

Before proclaiming that this is what the end users want, I'd like to have some fact, some evidence, some empirical things. I don't mean that ALSes can be turned into research institutes or financial research, but perhaps in cooperation with the universities and those sorts of institutions, we could actually find some data that would enable us to say, "We know that this is what end users would think of this and that."

Finally, I think that the connection between ALSes and government representatives on a local level is very interesting and important. I think we should try to establish the ALSes – be they ISOC Chapters or whatever – as centers of expert organizations, from which the government representatives and ministries of communication, etcetera, would get some information that would be useful for them. By so doing, we could actually make ourselves necessary to them and make ourselves important for them. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Before I go to the next speaker I see that Gustav has a point of order?

GUSTAV: We are about to close the meeting, and I think there should be time for [unclear 01:37:35], for all of our issues. We have to close up.

WOLF LUDWIG: We started with more than 20 minutes delay. I take the liberty to go to 14:45, so in 15 minutes, and not to close down sharp, when we were only allowed into this room with a 20-minute delay. I take your point of order that we're now closing the speaker list on this Agenda Item, and going over to the last ones. Next on my list is Yuliya.

YULIYA MORENETS: Thank you Wolf. I actually want to go back to the issue of WHOIS and what Annette was saying. I think it was a very interesting and important discussion yesterday, concerning the WHOIS transition period. What was underlined by a number of speakers and persons present in the room was that we need to review the legislation before the transition period.

Now, it wasn't reliant that the European standard and framework should be taken as a standard. I think we have great expertise here with our ALSes. We definitely have to bring in the input to help this review and at least to have our say there. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Next is Vittorio.

VITTORIO BELTORA: Thank you. Vittorio Beltora for ISOC Italy. First I want to say that what I'm going to say is not meant to be a criticism to the current leadership of EURALO and ALAC representatives or whatever, because I've not been doing anything for the last four or five years, so it's my fault if things have not been going the way I want them to.

In terms of outreach, I think the main issue is proving that EURALO and the ALAC and all the mechanisms can be productive in terms of the interests of the European Internet users, in our case. This is what I think is still missing. I've got back here after four or five years and I've basically seen no progress in, first and foremost, the WHOIS issue, and the related privacy and data retention issues. In terms of Internet users from Europe, they're possibly the main ones.

The first ones that come to mind, if I had to go to any other user group or organization in Italy or Europe and say, "Please become involved in ICANN because it's important," they would ask, "Okay. What kind of issues will we address? What did you obtain?" and basically we didn't obtain anything.

I've been lurking on the mailing list, and there is some degree of policy discussion, but there's much more discussion on organizational issues and Working Groups, Sub-Working Groups, meetings and selections. That's fine, but it's not really giving you a reason to participate in the whole effort. While that's necessary, of course, we should perhaps try

to aim at having more policy discussions, even online, and trying to be meaningful.

Maybe we could even pick one of these issues and selecting that as the main focus for EURALO for the next couple of years and trying to get some result. Of course, the problem is getting some results, which doesn't depend on us only. It mostly depends on the ICANN Leadership, which maybe is not very well willing to do what we expect them to do. I think that we should try to put more focus on policy making, policy statements and participation.

Maybe that would help in getting more outreach and getting more participation from other organizations, and even from inside our own organizations. Thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Vittorio. Just a very brief comment. All of you can post policy issues on the EURALO list. If I count the last 20 postings I think more than 50% were posted by me. I must also see more of your input. We have to rush up. Holly, for a short comment?

HOLLY RAICHE:

Just a very quick note on the privacy stuff. We're doing a heap of stuff. Yesterday we did a Multistakeholder Forum where we talked about privacy proxy servers. We also talked about the Expert Working Group. It's about an hour and 15 minutes of really interesting learning, and the whole background to the issue is on slides that should be posted. We also had a very full statement about the EWG Report. It was multistakeholder.

We had two people from... We had James Bladel, we had Graham Bunton, we had Steve Metalitz, we had Kathy Kleiman... We had people from all sides. It was a really interesting discussion and I suggest you have a look at it. My slides provide a fair bit of background on a whole range of issues. For people for whom privacy is an interesting topic, there's a hell of a lot on our site.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay Holly, thanks for the hint. Next is Adam.

ADAM PEAKE: Thank you. Adam Peake, and a wonderful lead-in from Holly. Thank you. Just carrying on from Bill's comment about the privacy discussion that's led by the NCSG – the meeting is actually tomorrow, and it's worth noting this. It's on Wednesday from 15:00 until 18:00. There will be many regional experts, experts from Europe there. I think some of the privacy commissioners will be joining, as well as academics and privacy experts.

It will be a very useful session for people who are interested in this subject to attend. That's 15:00 tomorrow in the Sovereign room. As I said, it's going to be if not European-centric then certainly some European focus. I also wanted to mention, for Roberto, myself and Veronica, that with Roberto leading us we now an Individual Users Association, which is up and running.

For those of you who don't feel that you have an institutional home in an ALS in Europe, then there is an individual constituency – for want of a

better word – now, so it’s individualusers.org. Come along. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks Adam for this additional information. Next is Matthieu.

MATTHIEU CAMUS: Matthieu Camus from ISOC France. That’s my volunteer job but in my day life I’m an IT expert for my national legal authority for data protection. I especially work on Article 7 at the European level for the data protection law about the right to be forgotten, so I’m very aware of these questions.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks Matthieu. Lastly we have Bill.

BILL DRAKE: I was actually going to mention the privacy meeting we’re having tomorrow. Just to add one point about what Annette was saying – I wouldn’t assume necessarily that there’s a big divergence between European perspectives, privacy and human rights, and other colleagues from civil society on this point. I actually think European orientation is pretty widely shared on privacy, among a lot of other people.

There’s plenty of possibilities there for cooperation and coordination, cross-fertilization, etcetera. We’re all on the same page, so this is a good thing. We’d like to try to keep that going forward. Thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks Bill for this last contribution. As we are forced to close down in three minutes, I think we have covered the Agenda Items within a brainstorming manner between #10 to #13. The last point I would have liked to discuss is ideas, EURALO strategies and planning, but you have seen there is a proposal on the screen. You can comment on it or you can leave it. It's a working document. It's far from being complete.

We can work on it. We can rework it. We can add to it. It's just a mapping about how I perceive the present situation. As we do not have the time to discuss it we can continue this discussion via the list, or after the meeting, at whatever opportunity. Let me close this Agenda Item down. May I ask if there is anything under any other business?

SPEAKER: Sorry, super quick – the room tomorrow for the European Engagement Strategy, there was a confusion. The room is in Thames Suite.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, in Thames Suite. Thanks for pointing to this. Maybe in the context of tomorrow afternoon's discussion we can use this...

SPEAKER: I actually just finished a presentation before the start of that meeting. It's got a few other [bubbles 01:47:52] but it looks a lot like this one. Maybe we'll merge at some point.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks. I'm pleased that we can follow up this part of the discussion tomorrow afternoon, which frees up some space. If there is nothing under any other business I would like to thank all of you for coming here and joining our 2014 General Assembly. I'm sorry, I cannot predict when we'll have a next opportunity for a face-to-face General Assembly.

I hope we don't have to wait another five years, as we had some hard and difficult times in between. There was a last point from Adam?

ADAM PEAKE: Yes. I thought I'd just stop you there Wolf and say that we ought to be thanking you for making sure that EURALO actually happened and the ATLAS, so thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks Adam for your kind words. I'll try my best in my last year in office to bring EURALO to a stage where I can do a proper handover. Afterwards, my succession has to look into how he or she is getting on with it. I hope it will be on a consolidated basis. Thanks a lot for your active contribution.

I hope we'll have some more opportunities for informal discussions during the Fayre of Opportunities tonight, where we also have to represent the variety and diversity of EURALO. It's an exciting diversity in my opinion, with great potentials, as we've seen today. Olivier, as usual, last word?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Just on the matter of Fayre of Opportunities, you heard earlier I had to send an email to ISOC UK England Members. There were two that stepped into the room just a few minutes after I mentioned this to the room. They've gone out to other meetings but they'll be there. Fast response. We wait for fast response for all of you afterwards as well.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot. We're almost over time. Please, I want to follow up with all of you informally.

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