



the company behind .nl



Background: being a ccTLD registry

RFC 1591

"..These designated authorities are trustees for the delegated domain, and have a duty to serve the community. The designated manager is the trustee of the top-level domain for both the nation, in the case of a country code, and the global Internet community.."

J. Postel, March 1994.



Background: strategy 2005 onwards

Core:

- Organisational continuity
- Maximising our value for the local and international internet communities

“We want to contribute to the growth, innovation, availability and use of the internet. And therefore initiate, stimulate and support activities that enhance the security, safety, availability and use of the internet”



Background – successful, but..

- Ever growing number of supported initiatives, increasing demand
 - Increasing surplus from operations
 - maximize positive impact: need for capacity, expertise, selection, support&monitoring: professionalize!
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- Pressure from registrars
 - Consulted peers and others
 - Contracted research into best use of surplus
 - Decided to create SIDN Fund

nominet-trust



SIDNfonds

Goal:

- Increase economic and social value of the internet

For SIDN

- Added value
- Reputation and position
- Supported use of surplus

In short:

- Separate organisation
- Financial support to internet related projects
 - Education, research, innovation
 - Access, openness, use
 - Security & trust
- 5 mio start, 2-5 mio per year



Looking back

- It's still early
- Separate, expert, professional
- Support, but (largely) independent
- Ensure goals are aligned
- Off at a very good start (7mio in applications)
- Should have managed consultation of registrars better, involve them
- Beware of taxes

