
YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to today's EURALO monthly call, taking place on Tuesday, 16th of February, 2016 at 19:00 UTC.

On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Oksana Prykhodko, Wolf Ludwig, Yrjö Lansipuro, Sébastien Bachollet, Stefano Trumpy, Jean-Jacques Subrenat, Roberto Gaetano, Narine Khachatryan, and Christoph Bruch.

We have apologies from Lianna Galsyan, Sandra Hoferichter, and Matthieu Camus.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself Yesim Nazlar.

Please do let me know if I forgot to announce anyone's name. I guess not. So finally, I would like to remind everyone to state their names while speaking for transcript purposes. Over to you Olivier. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Yesim. It's Olivier speaking. And tonight we have an extensive agenda that will take us through policy discussions currently on, policy consultation, then a quick update from Wolf Ludwig on the public interest document that he was working on. Then we'll have an update on the work of the cross community working group on IANA stewardship transition and the one on accountability, ICANN accountability.

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Big, well sort of actions of the EURALO Board. There was a conference call yesterday. Then an update, another update, to let you know about this special budget request that EURALO had filed. And finally, a reminder on the outreach and engagement calendars.

Hopefully, we can fit all of this in one hour's time. Are there any other topics that anybody would like to bring up that we can add to the any other business part of this call?

Okay. I don't notice anybody wanting to make any amendments to the agenda, so the agenda is adopted as it is on your screen. And we can go immediately to item number two, and that's our action items from our last conference call one month ago. There are still several action items that are still pending.

And I'm going to read through this because I just wanted to check if we have an update on these. First we have Wolf Ludwig asks that all EURALO members should send feedback by email on their interest to create the EURALO public interest working group.

May I just add that perhaps we can discuss this in the next agenda item? We have an agenda item specifically for this, so let's put this to the side. Gisella is to setup a single issue call for EURALO on the CCWG accountability. That's also set aside, we're dealing with it on this call.

Wolf and Olivier are to issue a call for participation for the EURALO working group on the public interest. Okay. Sounds like something we've heard about. We'll discuss this in a moment, and number five, Olivier asked members to stand up for the two newly created taskforces. And we're going to have some more on this today.

So I expect that by the end of this call, hopefully, we've got all of these action items covered. Are there any comments or questions on these?

No comments and no questions. Let's then move swiftly on to agenda item number three, and this is the state of the current ALAC consultations and initiatives. On the agenda you will see a quick summary of what has happened recently, and what is about to happen soon.

First there is one statement that was approved by the ALAC, and that was the proposed implementation of the GNSO. That's the Generic Name Supporting Organization, THICK WHOIS consensus policy requiring consistent labeling and display of RDDS, which means Registration Data Distributed Services, WHOIS output for all generic top level domains.

It's such a title I am surprised we even managed to come up with an actual statement. But there you go. We have a statement that was drafted by Holly Raiche, and sorry, by Alan Greenberg, assisted by Holly Raiche and Carlton Samuels. Effectively this whole RDDS is a sort of next generation registration data services WHOIS type database, that hopefully at some point, is going to replace...

Well, I'm not quite sure it will replace it or not, but there is some movement on that, and one of the problems, of course, as you know with WHOIS, is that it's a one-size fits all system, at the moment, where the information about a registrant is either there or it is not. So it's either full information or no information.

It's not really suited for what it should be these days. Anyway, we have a statement on this. If you're interested in these issues, please a read of the statement. That was totally agreed by the ALAC with 11 votes in favor. Now there are two statements at the moment that are being drafted and where you can comment.

The first one is the final report recommendations of the geographic regions review working group. That's an important one for us, for many other regions as well, but for us it's particularly important because we do have a small number of countries, and particularly Armenia, that are currently part of the Asia-Pacific and Pacific Islands regional At-Large organization, because that's how they were listed originally in the...

The regions are listed like that in the ICANN bylaws, well, in the ICANN rules. But there is a possibility for this to change now. And I note that we have some participants from Armenia on the call. They have been very active in EURALO, and this might be a chance now for, once these rules are setup, this might be a chance for Armenia to move over to Europe and embrace the EURALO sphere of interest.

So that's one. It's open for comment. Tijani Ben Jemaa has drafted a statement. And in fact, with the help of Jean-Jacques Subrenat and Narine Khachatryan. So this is very EURALO heavy statement, I think. The next one is the notice of preliminary determination to grant registrar data retention waiver requests to [inaudible] incorporated, Denmark.

[Inaudible] technologies incorporated USA, that's again, one of these things where the registrar data retention rules are such that for

companies that are based in Europe, they could be breaking the local law on data retention policies. And especially when it comes down to privacy. So, ICANN has been providing these sort of waivers, one at a time, for all sorts of companies.

Then when it provides a waiver, it needs to have an actual open consultation to ask if there are any comments. The ALAC hasn't paid notice of this in the past, because we've always said that there should be something that should be done to redraft the actual policy rather than providing these one off waivers. But Roberto Gaetano was in charge of drafting something for this.

I don't know what the closing time is. I notice here it says 11th of January 2016. I gather this has probably been delayed further, unless we are very late on this. Now...

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Excuse me Olivier. Annette speaking.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Welcome. Anette Muehlberg, you have the floor.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Anette Muehlberg. Is that [what] Roberto referred to in his mail? He sent an [email] to the list. Just a few minutes ago.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The email, I have not read. So I don't know.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Roberto, are you on?

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes, it is.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So the answer was from Wolf Ludwig. I see that Alan Greenberg has put his hand up, so maybe Alan can take us through this. Let us know, and if I just heard Roberto afterwards, then maybe Roberto can tell us a few words on this one. Alan Greenberg, you have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. It's been out... We made statements long time ago saying that we believe that ICANN should make sure that registrars can obey their local laws. We have not been commenting on these requests one by one. When this one came up, Roberto made a comment saying something to the effect of, I won't try to quote him exactly, but am I the only one or is this just silly that we're wasting so much time on this?

And I reacted to that and said, no you're not the only one. And following that, I did ask Roberto to draft something, which unfortunately, I dropped the ball on and have not focused on because of the work on accountability and a number of other things. But I will be putting that one onto the front burner, and I suspect we'll end...

Because of the delay, we'll probably end up talking about it in Marrakesh.

But my intent, certainly if the ALAC agrees, is to make a statement in more elegant words than Roberto may have used initially, but saying, this is silly. We should have a lighter weight process to make sure that people can do things without having to have them submit all sorts of documents, and then ICANN spend all sorts of time processing them.

So that's where it stands. So I'm afraid I'm the guilty one in not continuing. This item is staying on even though that particular comment is closed, because we were not planning to respond to the comment period as such, but to give advice to the Board. So that's where it stands right now. Roberto, I'm sure, can elaborate, with my apologies to him for not following up quicker. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this Alan. Olivier speaking. And Roberto Gaetano, you have the floor.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes. It's just to say that I basically agree that we should find a way to be diplomatic in our statement. However, it has also to be firm in the sense that there is a matter of principle here, which is ICANN complying with the national laws. And I think that it is important that we as the ALAC make [inaudible]...

...some opinion, advice to the Board. I don't think that we should spend a lot of time on this call, but you know, I'm available to further [inaudible] draft statement. But...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You're coming a bit faint Roberto. I can hear you, but you sound a little distant.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: I don't hear you at all.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Oh, okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's a lot better.

ROBERTO GAETANO: This one. Can you hear me better now?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Now it sounds like you're in the room, before it sounded like you were on another planet. But that's good.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Well the funny thing is that I was using the microphone before, and now I'm just speaking loud into the microphone of the computer. Okay. I was basically saying that it is important that we make a sort of statement on this, because it is a question about ICANN complying with the national laws, and not obliging the, you know, people that don't, that live outside the US, and they're a different jurisdiction to do all sorts of fancy things.

Anyway, I think that if possible, if we can have a chat with people that are interested in this subject in Marrakesh, that would be the best solution. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this Roberto. Very helpful. I see Jean-Jacques Subrenat has put his hand up. Jean-Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you Olivier, and hello all. This is Jean-Jacques. I will not be in attendance in Marrakesh. My trip and accommodation are not being taken care of by ICANN. I will attend remotely, so you can count on me and send me the information on how I can do that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Jean-Jacques. I'm sure that there will be a follow-up, hopefully, with Alan taking up the ball on this, and he can relate to you and to Roberto on this. I don't know when that discussion will be scheduled, but I'm sure at some point. And no doubt, there will be an announcement of this in [inaudible].

Now, let's just move on. I notice that time is ticking. So that's a good point. We're moving forward on this. There are no statements that are stalled at the moment. There are two public comment requests on our table at the moment, where the ALAC has not really decided...

Sorry. The ALAC has decided not to submit a statement. The first one was the GNSO privacy and proxy services accreditation issues, policy development process recommendations for ICANN Board consideration. This is what the accreditation of what these privacy and proxy services, really very much way down the line on recommendations. And I guess it's probably is a little late if we are to come now.

We have commented about this in the past. We as in the ALAC has commented about this in the past, so I gather most of the points that the ALAC made have been taken into account. And also, I note that we have had some people from At-Large in the working group as well.

Next, a very continuous data based driven analysis of the root service system stability study plan. That's a method by which one finds out how stable the root server system is. As you know, there are a quantity of root servers around the world. Is it 13 of them? I think it is 13 of them. I'm just doing this from memory.

And the 13 are also mirrored in hundreds and hundreds of locations. So we actually now have hundreds of root servers that are all copied on the main root around the world. And so far, we don't seem to have had any breakdown in the whole system, since the Internet has been running continuously for so long.

But it's always good to have some kind of analysis to make sure that we keep to these standards. I don't think the ALAC had anything to say about this, apart from saying yeah, good. Keep on doing what you're doing.

Any comments or questions on any of the public comment systems that we have here?

And of course, you will see on your screen, there is a link, well, it's not a link, but there is the closed statements and past communication. There is actually a policy development page that, if you are interested in, you can constantly follow it because the policy is an ongoing item. I've put a link in our chat. That effectively is the link to follow. You'll see how things are progressing.

And whenever there is some new public comment request, they come onto that page. So it's a good page to bookmark on your browser. Now, let's move on to the next thing, and that's agenda item number four. That's the update of the work of Wolf Ludwig, the public interest document. I guess I could just hand the floor over to Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig for the record. But as we have discussed at our last call, we had the two options. The first option and the clear options was that we put this up and as a EURALO working group, concentrating on our own region. And the other option was to introduce or to propose this at the ALAC level, and to invite other RALOs to join our work, and to open it up to participants, other RALOs.

And we suggested this at the last Secretariat call, where we presented it from other RALOs that were present. So they were somehow, okay, interested in it, but also feedback response that people from other regions would like to participate in it. Therefore, for the time being I think it should be clear we concentrate on this in our own region, as it was expressed by some people in the past already.

And I have Annette and I have Yrjö, and I have Jean-Jacques Subrenat on my list already. I do not know whether this group is complete by now, or whether other people, other members are still interested to join this working group. So it will be open at the time. It will not be anything closed.

So anybody here on the call, or anybody who will contact at a later stage, wishing to join this working group, is of course, welcome. So it's just, it's a starting point. It was the first input from my side, which is more or less a very compact document. I had a much longer version with many more details in it.

So it was meant to be a thesis paper, and a thesis paper is always due for review. And there may be other aspects which may pop up in the working group. So this basically thesis paper can and should be amended, and perhaps over the time, getting a little bit more comprehensive, because there are quite a number of aspects, which can be more detailed, in my opinion, such as how the concept of the public interest can be first pushed and better implemented at the ICANN level.

And there is still a lot of [inaudible] etc. in this direction. I think from my side, that's all. If you have any further questions on this, please let

me know. And I see Silvia's hand raised, and perhaps Silvia has a question or a comment.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Silvia Vivanco, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: I've seen already a note from Silvia in the chat, to send other members of the working group, and Silvia can add them. Yes, I will do Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. Hello. Can you hear me? This is Silvia. I just wanted to ask you if I would open a Wiki page, and I will add the members, if you can send me the members? And if also you would like any conference calls to be organized for this working group, please let us know.

And I also put on the chat, you can see the session that [inaudible] on Monday the 7th of March in Marrakesh. This is a session led by the group of public responsibility, led by Nora [inaudible]. And the discussion will focus on the public interest within ICANN.

So you are welcome to participate on that meeting as well. Thank you.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Which meeting was that? Sorry, Annette for the record.

WOLF LUDWIG: It is a special meeting, Annette. It's Wolf Ludwig again for the record. It's a special meeting on the subject which is organized in line with the next ICANN meeting in Marrakesh. But it's in a much broader context, and it comprises all constituencies, that means everybody from other constituencies if invited for this meeting, so it will be an ICANN wide and not a pure ALAC or a RALO meeting.

And my suggestion on the end of Silvia, if you go into this link, you can get more information about the state of art at this level. And I would suggest, after the Marrakesh conference, and after this particular meeting, I will be there at this meeting, and I need to get a little bit more updated on other ideas and other thoughts in this direction.

And then would make further plans to organize a call conference for our working group. So it should be after the Marrakesh meeting, either end of March or in April. That's my suggestion for the moment. And yet [CROSSTALK]...

Okay. Before you get in, in the chat Heidi suggested yes, create a mailing list for this group as soon as I send you the members. And okay, Annette again.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Yeah. I just wanted to join this working group on public interest.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah. You're already on the list.

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: Yeah, I just wanted to make sure...

WOLF LUDWIG: Annette, you and Jean-Jacques. So if anybody is interested, anybody else interested, just give me a short note and we will add you to this list. Then I could send it to At-Large staff afterwards. Thanks. And from my point, from my side, Olivier, that's all.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Wolf. Olivier speaking. I have a couple of questions because I'm reading the session on the public interest, which I was aware was being created. It says here, agenda details to be collaboratively designed. But are you part of that working group? To prepare this public interest session?

Because I certainly think with the work that you have done, you should be actively involved with that session. Not only just sitting in the audience, but I think you should both... If this agenda is to be collaboratively designed, you should be in charge of part of the collaboration to design the agenda, and then be on the panel as a speaker there.

So I, has this happened?

WOLF LUDWIG: Wolf Ludwig for the record again. No it has not happened. I think I have expressed my interest towards Nora [inaudible] already, etc., and I think others, but I was not re-contacted. I am not part of this group. I

agree, it would making sense, being part of it. And if I will be invited, then I will accept with pleasure.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, yes Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. I'm just concerned that the agenda says it's going to be collaboratively designed, and one of the primary culprits of this thing offers a paper and so on, is not being contacted. Silvia, you've put your hand up. May be you can give us a follow up on this?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, yes, thank you very much. I just contacted my colleagues on this initiative, and they have sent me a mailing list, which I just put on the chat. And you all are encouraged to join this mailing list as the agenda is being developed as we speak, in this day. So I would very much encourage you to subscribe to this mailing list in order to participate and help design this session.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this Silvia. Yeah, I notice, I see the mailing list here. Thanks for this point. I was not aware of this. And Wolf, I guess, you can take note of that mailing list and get on this ASAP. I'm just thinking I would hate to not see the At-Large voice in those discussions, and I have concerns that for many, the public interest means something completely different than what we're seeing the public interest is.

So we need to be there early on to push forward, and if we are to push for sort of a wider effort and so on, I would really certainly hope that you would go on this list. Let's go down our list of speaker's queue.
Jean-Jacques Subrenat.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you Olivier. This is Jean-Jacques speaking. Yes. I would like to very much support what Olivier has said, and take it a step further. I think I've seen this has not that things which have to do with public interest were not necessarily very well organized. So I think that signing on to the list is one necessary thing, but it's not enough. I would encourage the ALAC to send a note to senior staff to point out very clearly, that we consider this is a necessary component.

That the ALAC contribution as the representatives of the ordinary, or the global, ordinary user, is absolutely essential. I've seen cases where simply signing onto a list made people vague observers, and certainly not taking part in the definition of the work to be done. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this Jean-Jacques. Olivier speaking. I must say, I do agree. We do need to take an active part. I see Alan Greenberg has put his hand up. You mentioned the ALAC should be moving forward, well we have the ALAC Chair with us. Alan, you have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. I'll just comment saying, first of all, there is no traffic, there have been no posts on that list. So joining is interesting,

but you haven't missed anything yet. But in theory, that list might well be used for something that's important, if it ever starts being used. Just to note, the ALAC will not be left out.

I will be contacting them and making sure that whatever happens, we will be actively participating. Now whether that includes Wolf or not, will depend on exactly what the specifics are that they're planning, which I'm still somewhat vague on. But there certainly will be At-Large involvement. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this Alan. Good to hear. Okay, so as we said, if there are any more people who wish to be part of this initiative, there is going to be a mailing list created at the At-Large level, and or I believe the At-Large level is the EURALO level, I don't even know about that, whether this should be a RALO or At-Large.

We have asked that this should really be something for all the RALOs, and for all of At-Large. So I think we can ask for it to be created for all of At-Large, provided we have the greenlight from Alan on this?

ALAN GREENBERG: I have no problem with an At-Large mailing list on the subject.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: I will go further. I think it's a good idea.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Even better. Thanks. And if you are interested, anybody on the call is interested, please let staff know and be added to the list like this. So let's get moving. I note, one more note from Jean-Jacques Subrenat in the chat, he would respectfully suggest that in sharing its interest, the ALAC should state that some preparatory work has already been done in EURALO.

So that's read to the record. Let's move on. It's good to see that things are moving forward on this. Next we have an update on the cross community working group on IANA stewardship transition, and the cross community working group on ICANN accountability. Now you might have remembered from last month, that we had an action item...

In fact the Board, the EURALO Board had an action item to put together a webinar to explain the whole accountability proposal to our At-Large structures in Europe. But since that time, we thought that we were going to have a final presentation on these things, but this still hasn't happened, and the working group is still in the process of finalizing different texts.

And now time has somehow overtaken us, and there is a request by the ALAC Chair to actually have two, they're not even webinars, they're going to be full meetings on the 24th of February and the 25th of February. And there is a Doodle poll that was sent out to the ALAC announce list for everyone to fill in, to choose the best dates for this.

So Alan, since you are on the call, could you just let us know a little bit, what you're planning to do on the 24th and the 25th of February?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. This is prep work for the review in Marrakesh and presuming or potential ratification of the CCWG request proposal by the ALAC. There was a strong demand that we allocate some time prior to getting to Marrakesh to go over the overall proposal, the 12 recommendations, and solicit input and feedback to aid our discussions in Marrakesh.

So essentially, it will be, excuse me. The two sessions will comprise of an overall review of the CCWG accountability proposal, and an open discussion on, are there issues that we believe either justify not approving them, or potentially submitting a minority statement against them?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks for this Alan. It's Olivier speaking. And is this aimed...? I mean, the way you'll run that meeting, will this be primarily for input by ALAC members? Or is it by all At-Large structures?

ALAN GREENBERG:

We have said that attendance by ALAC is, I hesitate to use the word mandatory, but certainly we expect all ALAC members to either attend or listen to the recordings afterwards. Others are welcome to participate at whatever level they feel appropriate.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. So it's Olivier speaking. So you are collecting input from everyone, basically.

ALAN GREENBERG: To the extent those people have input, certainly.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Fantastic. So that really, I think, judging from the fact that this is going to go into each one of the 12 recommendations that are being made by the cross community working group on ICANN accountability. Having a webinar in addition to this, felt a little bit redundant, in fact, very much redundant, because it would be a repeat without having the input.

And so it was felt that it would be better for people to go to those two meetings. And the... So there is a link to the agenda to a Doodle poll. If you are interested in going, choose the timings that would be most suitable for you. I don't know when the Doodle poll closes, but I would imagine it would close very soon, which means you need to make your selections pretty fast.

And I did share this with the Board yesterday, the EURALO Board, and it was felt that indeed, we should just proceed forward with sending people or ALSs. And in fact, everyone or each one of us to be present in those two calls.

Now the next thing on our agenda is, speaking about the EURALO Board, what happened on yesterday's EURALO Board call? And our main discussion was on two topics. And that was an update on the taskforces. So do recall some, the announcement that we had. Two taskforces have now been created in EURALO.

One is on At-Large structure engagement. How to get our At-Large structures to be more engaged? How to make EURALO and ICANN issues more exciting? And so on. So that's one of them. And the second one is a taskforce on the review and the revision of the bylaws.

So the Board, EURALO Board had a good discussion yesterday on these, and have started populating the membership list for these. We have the Wiki page for each one of these taskforces. The one on At-Large structure engagement has two initial tasks, to follow-up on the At-Large structures skill sets, and to update and refine the list of At-Large structures with contact points behind a login.

In fact, I do know that Oksana Pryhodko has sent me a file that already has a very good ground work of the list of At-Large structures with contact forms and so on. So that will probably be a good starting point for this taskforce to do some work, and to then move forward and define what it wants to do and add to it, two initial tasks which are listed on the Wiki page.

Why are we talking about this here? Because we are making a call for members. If you are interested in joining, that would be very good. At the moment, we're looking at, you know, I'm speaking about ALS

engagement, not the bylaws. Could we have please the ALS engagement PDF?

And so we're asking for, calling for volunteers. I know that on the emails, there have been some responses already from some people. So these have been recorded. They will be added onto the list, and I believe that mailing lists will be created for each one of these taskforces as well. And so everyone will be added, the volunteers will be added to these.

Jean-Jacques Subrenat, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you Olivier. This is Jean-Jacques. At the EURALO General Assembly in Dublin, I think I remember there was a brief mention of the idea that perhaps a member of the new EURALO Board could be charged more specifically with outreach and with this kind of thing, ALS engagement.

My question to you Olivier is, has this been done? And has a member of your Board been designated for this task?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this reminder. It's so far... It's Olivier speaking. So far, no we haven't moved forward on this. So we haven't designated someone specifically on this task, but I believe that one of the members of the EURALO Board that are listed currently on this taskforce on At-Large structure engagement, will be probably taking the lead on this.

At the moment we have myself, there is Wolf Ludwig, Jodi Iparraguirre, and Yrjö Lansipuro listed. So I'm sure one of them will be volunteering to lead and move forward on this. So that's one of the things basically. And I guess, I leave it over to the taskforce to start its work and then report back to us on a monthly basis, to see how things are progressing.

And I note here, a good starting point should be to designate a Board member to launch the work, says Jean-Jacques. Okay, that's the point noted, and we will put this on our next Board agenda, or even follow up by email and see if somebody volunteers to lead up on this.

I don't want to put any of the current members on the spot whilst we are on this call. Next is the one on the revision and the rewriting of the bylaws. Also a Wiki page has been created for this, and there are a number of people who have put their name down on this.

Three initial tasks, map out the differences between the bylaws, the way the bylaws are drafted and how EURALO actually works. The taskforce will revert back to EURALO ALSs with their results. Yesterday, the Board went a little bit further, the EURALO Board went a bit further. We discussed ways to move forward, and we had sort of an agreement on how to proceed forward with things.

So I think that might need to be a little bit updated Silvia. Maybe it's an old page that...

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: I just wrote an email, Olivier. Annette Muehlberg speaking.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so excellent. So everyone decides to write emails when I chair the call. How can I read email and chair the call at the same time? Okay. Anyway, that's fine. But the work is moving forward on this. Here we go, yes, now we have... Annette's email is there as well. So work is already starting, and hopefully we'll have a mailing list in place very soon indeed.

So that's the... These are the two taskforces. And that was essentially what we spoke about on yesterday's Board call. Obviously, we don't have time to discuss the actual work itself, that the taskforce will be doing because we only have one hour on our call today. But what I would suggest is, please volunteer to be part of those taskforces.

Let other At-Large structures know about these. You might have some colleagues whom you remember, or other ALSs whom you remember had a lot of ideas on the ALS engagement, or quite a few ideas on the problems or any review of the bylaws. So now is the time to suggest that they join those two taskforces.

I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so let's move on...

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: I put my hand up again. Annette again. Annette Muehlberg for the record. I think that we should agree on [inaudible] amended. This is what I wrote for trying to summarize yesterday what I said about checking if there is anything that needs to be changed in respect to what we want to do, so that we don't spend time in procedure instead of content.

So content should be first, and then we see if what procedure is needed. So I think this, and coming back with the results of this taskforce to the members of the RALO with the proposals, I think that would be a great way to work.

And what we discussed yesterday too is to have international experiences put in the Wiki too.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's correct, yes. It's Olivier speaking. So, if by international experiences you mean the experiences of the other RALOs [CROSSTALK]...

ANNETTE MUEHLBERG: ...think is really useful, so that we can, you know, have... With the Wiki, we have a nice store of knowledge, and we can refer to if it's needed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, that's fine, thank you. This is all recorded and I guess Yesim will be putting this in the... Whoever is dealing with the action items, is going to be adding this. Oh God. That's a little late, at the moment, looking at the... Hopefully the action items are going to fill themselves up with time.

At the moment I see that there is an update on the public interest discussions. Let's then move forward with item number seven in our agenda. And just noting, before we do that, that there is also a note by Jean-Jacques Subrenat in the chat, a suggestion by Jean-Jacques

Subrenat, regarding the designating the Board, the two suggestions that he made in the chat. And that can go into the action items as well.

Let's move on. Next is the budget development. And in fact, the interesting thing is not the overall budget development workspace, that is the request that was made by EURALO for EURALO members' participation at the 16th ICANN [inaudible]. And that's a meeting that's taking place on the 6th and 7th of October, in Dubrovnik, in Croatia.

Now the ALAC finance and budget subcommittee met for two conference calls, to review all of the requests that had been put forward. The first pass actually gave a negative response to our request, but the second pass was turned into a positive response by noting that this, at the end of the day, is a meeting that is attended by Board members, is attended by, or has been attended by the ICANN CEO, senior members of ICANN staff, and a lot of participants.

But the participants come from the contracted parties, you know, registrars, registries, businesses, some Civil Society, some academia, some governments actually, but actually no representatives or no one from the end users, nobody from At-Large per se. And that was a bit of a concern. So that seemed to have shifted the view in the finance and budget subcommittee.

And this request has now been filed with ICANN finance, and the decision on whether this should be funded or not, will come back within, I don't really know. But the timeline, the decision will be made by ICANN on this. So I don't know whether we will be able to be financed on this, but let's cross fingers and hope that it will happen.

Unfortunately, in the past, we've had a negative response, but on this occasion, we've provided a lot more information than in the past, so hopefully, this sways the balance in the direction of funding. Are there any comments or questions on this?

The deadline was extended. The deadline was the 15th of February. I believe it has been extended to the 17th of February. So tomorrow is the deadline, then it should be filed and moving forward on this. I don't notice any hands up, so that was the budget request. That's the only one that EURALO has filed this year.

We have what we call community regional outreach pilot program requests, CROPP for short. These are five slots where we can send somebody to an ICANN meeting, or to a non-ICANN meeting, or send somebody somewhere to perform outreach. And we have used those slots in the past to actually do it the other way around, to actually send people from perspective At-Large structures that could be, that would then come to the EuroDIG, and meet with many people from our At-Large community who take part in EuroDIG.

And so far, we have actually had some good results on some of those people that were funded. So it's worked. We are planning to probably pursue the same thing this year, but we haven't made any choice yet as to who will be sent. And I gather that will be part of the future discussions that we need to have on the EURALO Board, and also with you, At-Large structures.

Seeing no more hands up either, so let's then move on. And we are down at number eight, the outreach and engagement calendars

already. Now, these are calendars which are self-maintained. So effectively it means that we have the ability to put At-Large structure events, any local meetings, any local Internet governance forum, or if your At-Large structure is having a meeting, you can put it on this calendar.

This calendar will then be integrated with all of the At-Large calendars, and these will then be integrated with the overall big picture ICANN calendars. And the whole idea is that we share this information with each other, so that we know what's happening when, and we can publicize the events, so as to not only have more people coming to the event, but perhaps if your webcasting the event, you can have people following the event remotely.

Or even have, you know, coordination of what you're discussing with other At-Large structures. So it's the whole thing about publicizing what you're doing, and also making it known to other At-Large structures, because there might be someone in this space here, who also is interested in the same issues as your At-Large structure.

So the event calendar is here. At the moment, it's very empty for Europe, and I can't believe this. I mean, there are so many things taking place in Europe. So please bring this forward. Now this is a calendar which has been put together by the ALAC subcommittee on outreach and engagement, but it works hand in hand with ICANN's global stakeholder engagement group, which is pretty sort of, I mean, for Europe, the person in charge of this is Jean-Jacques Sahel.

And we have spoken to Jean-Jacques in the past, and I think many of you know him. And we really need to fill that calendar up. So if something is happening in your part of the world, please let us know. There are ways where you can actually add all of that yourself onto the calendar, if you know how to do it.

If you don't know how to do it, just get in touch with me or with staff, and we'll guide you as to how to add things to this calendar. Are there any other...? Any questions on this calendar?

No questions. Okay. So I hope that you can do this. There is also the other thing that is taking place, and that's the ICANN events near you. It's not a new thing, but it was somehow a little bit forgotten recently. And that's when ICANN, so ICANN the firm itself, the organization creates, or has an event that takes place in your country, then or close to you.

You can do a search on any events taking place, and you should be able to find out if Fadi is in your country or something, and then you get in touch in advance, and hopefully maybe either get an invite to go to that event, or if it's a private event or an event that needs invitations. Or you could even get an ICANN speaker to perhaps come to your, to an event, an ad-hoc event that you may have if it's in the same town, or something.

It's all about having the synergy of speakers and people, and having better communication across from staff all the way to volunteers. It's still in early stages, but hopefully we can get this moving and show the way forward. And seeing nobody having their hand up, then we're

already, the hour has passed so fast. We are already at any other business. And there was a question. So I see Silvia's hand, but I was going to first give the floor to Jean-Jacques Subrenat who has asked, now just a quick rundown.

Jean-Jacques is on the NetMundial initiative Board, I believe that's what it's called. And the EURALO had given a good word for him when he first applied last year. And so the question was whether now that there is going to be another... So the NetMundial initiative coordination council, that's a name. And there will be a NetMundial initiative coordination council meeting in Madrid on 26th of February.

And the idea was to find out if you EURALO will continue supporting Jean-Jacques's candidacy to continue serving there. Jean-Jacques, would you like to share a few words with us please?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Yes. Thank you for giving me the opportunity Olivier. This is Jean-Jacques. So, basically since joining the initiative coordination council, as soon as it was formed, I have reported back to EURALO thoroughly with the occasion of those [inaudible] EURALO [inaudible] when I was given the opportunity, very kindly, by [EURALO?].

So I would continue to do that, if there are no objections to EURALO continuing to support my candidacy for a new round, and as far as the elections are concerned, and initially it was believed that the next election would take place in June this year, but because of those events, now this date may be displaced slightly.

But in any case, a candidate are supposed to make known their interests pretty soon, let's say in the coming weeks. And as we do have a meeting of the coordination council in Madrid, on the 26th of February, I would like to go there knowing that I am supported or not by EURALO.

So my question to you as chair of EURALO, Olivier, is have you had any written objections?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Jean-Jacques. It's Olivier speaking. And no, there have been no objections, or I certainly have not received any objections to you, to our sustained support of your candidacy. [CROSSTALK] ...I take it that we're fine with it, and we can wish you good luck on another term.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thanks very much [CROSSTALK]... I will... Thank you. But I just wanted to say thank you. And so in Madrid, I will present my candidacy supported by EURALO. Thanks very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this Jean-Jacques. It would be interesting actually if you do have the time to sort of share a little bit what the achievements of this council have been in the past year. I'm not asking for your achievements, the achievements of the council. What has it been doing?

And you know, just send a note over to the EURALO mailing list. I think it would be of interest to see what the NetMundial initiative is, and

what people have been doing there. And I do know also that there are some potential projects that are taking place, and a couple of the projects that have been funded are actually from this region.

I'm not saying... I don't think they're from At-Large structures in this region, but there certainly are from this region, and it's interesting to see that Europe is able to have some interesting projects.

And so...

Okay, thanks for this Jean-Jacques. Any other, other business to add on this? So just one more thing I wanted to mention, and that's the EURALO brochure. The EURALO Board on yesterday's call, had a look at the trifold brochure, which at the moment, is in PDF format. These are the brochures that we have sent out, or shared during, mostly during EuroDIG, but also during local meetings or ICANN meetings when we were in Europe.

They need just a small amount of light updates, and so the EURALO Board has said that they would be looking at this. We have another month or so, month and a half, to update it. I just thought we could share this with you, there you go. That's the brochure. You can have a quick look at it on your screen.

It looks pretty nice, just a few things need to be updated. Some of the text perhaps, maybe we could change one of the pictures, or something. And so the EURALO Board thought it was, if anybody is interested in having a look at this, then send us some feedback on it. What can be improved? That would be very welcome indeed.

And that's pretty much all for this hour. It has been going very, very fast indeed. The next call is going to be after the Marrakesh meeting. So we are not going to have an EURALO meeting in Marrakesh, and so it will be interesting to see those of you who are traveling there in person, but otherwise, please keep in touch on the mailing list.

Join the two taskforces. We really need to get some work moving on these. And until next time, I guess we can have a good week and have a very good month. So I'd like to thank you all, and this call is now adjourned. Thanks and goodbye.

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