
YEŞİM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to today's EURALO Board Call taking place on Monday, 15 February 2016, at 20:00 UTC.

On today's call, we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Jordi Iparraguirre, Yrjö Länsipuro, Mikhail Medrish, Annette Mühlberg, Sebastien Bachollet. We have apologies from Sandra Hoferichter and Matthieu Camus. From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Yeşim Nazlar.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone state your name while speaking for transcript purposes. Over to you, Olivier. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Yeşim. Have we missed anybody in the roll call by any chance? Anybody on the line that we haven't mentioned? No? Okay, so the roll call is complete.

Today's call is going to be primarily looking at the work that's coming up for our task forces that we decided on last time and that we proposed to our EURALO community.

I was going to ask whether in Any Other Business we could add one more item, which was just for us to quickly look through our EURALO call agenda of tomorrow so that you can make any suggestions as to anything that you think we might wish to discuss during our call tomorrow that might be missing. Hopefully, we'll have plenty of time to work on Any Other Business. I hope this call will not take the full hour.

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So we can get going with this. Yeşim, if you can have the link for tomorrow's EURALO call ready so then you'll be able to put it in the Adobe Connect chat when the time comes when we reach Any Other Business. Is there anything else that you wish to add to the agenda today? Hearing nobody speak their name out, so that's fine.

Annette, I just noticed that you're not in the Adobe Connect room, so if you wish to intervene, just please say your name and then I'll put you in the queue if there is a queue, and if there's no queue, I'll give you the floor at that point.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: I'm sorry for that. I have problems to enter it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's no worries. Don't worry about it. That's fine, as long as I know you're here.

Let's go to the first thing, which was the review of our action items from our last conference call. There are several action items which come out of this, as it's loading up.

The first one was to create the task force on ALS engagement. The second one was to create a task force on the review and revision of the Bylaws. Thirdly, there was an action item, which is not really an action item, but it's just a fact that it was agreed there wouldn't be a EURALO face-to-face meeting in Marrakech. Those are the current action items. I think they are reviewed. We don't really need to act on them because they've all been done.

We can move swiftly to Agenda Item 4, which is the update on our task forces. There are two of them, and you will find on the agenda that there are links now to the wiki pages of each one of them.

If we start with the Task Force on At-Large Structure and Engagement, you'll have a link to a wiki page that is still blank at the moment and we have to fill it up with this. Then there's a second one, which is the Task Force on Review and Revision of Bylaws, which is also a second page.

Here we go. Here's the first one: At-Large Structure and Engagement. We need to define a membership. Well, I guess as board members of EURALO, we need to show the way forward and have a few volunteers for that. Then we'll ask people on the EURALO mailings lists for At-Large Structures to join as well, and hopefully we will get – I mean we don't need to have 20 people in this membership – but just a small group of people who can move forward on this and start the work.

I open the floor for discussion and any volunteers to be on the Task Force on At-Large Structure and Engagement. Yrjö Länsipuro, you have the floor.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO:

Thank you, Olivier. I volunteer to be on this task force. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, thanks, Yrjö. Anyone else here want to be on this Task Force on At-Large Structure and Engagement? Wolf Ludwig?

WOLF LUDWIG: I believe that I have a very detailed knowledge and over a long period of time since the beginning. I think it would make sense if I would also be part of this task force.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Wolf. Thank you. Jordi Iparraguirre? Jordi types in the chat that he would be joining too. Jordi, if you can, speak. Jordi probably could speak, but now he has gone quiet. Okay, and Annette, did I hear your name?

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: No.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, okay. The mic doesn't work again with Jordi. That's okay. There was a bit of a noise at some point from your microphone, Jordi. I don't know whether it was background noise or something, but it did work for a short while. But, Jordi, you are noted as well then if you would join.

Okay, that's fine. Thank you for this. That's plenty of people to start leading this. I think that what we can do then is to ask as an action item for staff to issue a call for more members of the team on the EURALO mailing list, and hopefully we can get another three or four people. I think that if we go for 10 or 15 people, it doesn't really matter because at the end of the day, the work is usually done by a small group. There are a lot of people who join up and just listen and don't really contribute much. So it's a good start, and the work is probably not absolutely huge.

I'd like to be on this as well. I think it's important that I be actually on both of the task forces. I don't wish to be leading them, though, because it's already enough work to be with EURALO chair and it's also good that we share responsibilities among the Regional At-Large Organizations.

So that's the first one. Are there any comments, or does anybody wish to sort of go a bit further than this in the Task Force on At-Large Structure and Engagement?

What I was going to share with you is I have been discussing things with Glenn McKnight, who is the chair of the North American Regional At-Large Organization. As you know, between the RALOs, we all have the same sort of problems with low engagement from At-Large Structures, and it's sometimes good to share best practices of things that have actually worked. I looked at what they were doing in NARALO. We might wish to take some input from what they are doing in NARALO. There's some really interesting stuff that comes out of there.

Of course, you also know that there are two tasks which we discussed during our last call, which were the two initial tasks: the follow up on At-Large Structure skillsets and the update and refining of the At-Large Structures, including having contact points. And because we have contact points, these would be behind a login.

For courtesy reasons, we're not going to have those contact points shared amongst absolutely everyone, except of course if the At-Large Structure representative wants to make their address public. But in many cases, people don't wish to have those publicly because it gets

picked up by spammers, etc. Exactly. Wolf says the cultures are rather different in some places. It's good that we have a good team here. I think we're quite well diversified across Europe, so it's good to have the different points of view.

So that was the first task force. Now the second one is the Task Force...

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Annette, please?

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: I just put my hand up verbally. Sorry.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: May I just add something to the task force ALS engagement? Is there sort of feedback we could get though we are not members in it? I mean, I do have loads of experience on that, but I don't feel that I really want to join this but I could maybe give some ideas. So is there sort of continuous in the calls maybe or a little information of that task force given to us?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thanks, Annette. I think that, obviously, the task force will be providing feedback every month to the EURALO ALSes in our monthly calls, obviously. But I think that, if you want – and this is just my feeling; I don't know about the others – but as far as I'm concerned if you don't mind receiving the e-mails, you could be on the mailing list because there will be a mailing list that will be created for this. You could be on the mailing list and if you don't mind pressing the [beneath] key a few more times if you're interested. That's fine, but at least you'll be kept up to date.

I'm a little concerned about when you have task forces, the amount of time that it takes to then report about what you're doing is time that you're not taking actually doing what you're doing. You're just reporting on them.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: That's true.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So there's a little concern. Because it doesn't cost anything, I usually say if anybody is just even interested and might not be an active member but might just wish to follow on these things, they're very welcome to be part of the mailing list. I don't know how others think here, and this is a democracy. So the floor is all open for anybody to chime in what you think.

I note that Silvia Vivanco is saying the work will be documented in the respective wiki pages because that's how we work and the wiki pages

are all open. And all of the task force calls will have recordings and transcripts. So if you don't feel like listening to the one hour of call, then you can always quickly scope through the transcript, which is what I often do with calls that I've missed. Take five or ten minutes, go through them, look for keywords in different parts of the discussions of things.

But, Wolf, you have put your hand up, so you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. Well, I think if we have a task force composed by some key members to push the work in the details, but there must be regular updates during our monthly calls to include, to inform the broader membership and even updates on the mailing list. That would be my suggestion.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Wolf. Thank you. I think we're in agreement here. So as I said, Annette, it's your choice. If you wish to subscribe to be on the task force or not, that's really up to you.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Okay, I'm fine. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You can either have the monthly updates or you can have it directly on a daily basis.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Alright.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. We have the second task force now, and that's the one on the Bylaws review. We also have a wiki page for this. This one is Review and Revision of Bylaws. The two initial tasks for this will be, first, to map out the differences between the Bylaws as they are drafted and how EURALO actually works. That, I guess, is the first step: reviewing what Bylaws we currently have and whether they are suitable to the way that we actually work, whether they provide us with the flexibility and at the same time the efficiency of being able to conduct our business.

Then, I guess, from that point onward there will then be a discussion of all of the At-Large Structures from EURALO to decide on whether there need to be changes. Once that is the case, then we will take decision as to whether those Bylaws or the parts of the Bylaws would need to be redrafted.

But it's well understood from our last call that drafting bylaws is no easy task, and it has the ability sometimes to drag on for a very long time. The safe way is to do it in two different ways.

There's also here a note that in order not to reinvent the wheel, many information sources will need to be accessible on the task force's page so that our ALSes will have a good ability to choose and to be well informed about where we are on this.

Now, I note, Mikhail Medrish, you have your hand up, so you have the floor, Mikhail.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Thank you. I suppose it will be interesting to add a bit to this theme to compare us and our neighbors, our colleagues from other RALOs, how they are living, what kind of document they have. It will be a full picture in such case, so to understand how we are living in comparison with the text of our Bylaw and to compare with other RALOs how they are living and what they have as the main documents. Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Mikhail. I have no objection to this, and I'll tell you why. Because some of the more recent At-Large reviews and recommendations that were made a few years ago, one of them actually called for a harmonization of bylaws across all of the different Regional At-Large Organizations.

That said, I must admit that when we did have a look at all of the different bylaws in the different parts of the world, it really depends. A lot of it is down to culture. In fact, some of the other regions have bylaws that are an absolute headache. They are very long. They contradict each other. They have huge problems in them. Other regions have got very light bylaws. So, yeah, we might be able to learn things from the other regions and also learn things not to do from the other regions as well. So maybe that's a [way] forward as well.

Mikhail, please go ahead.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Excuse me. You are right absolutely. Not necessary to mirror something and to use as is. But from one point of view it is necessary to understand what kind of document they have. For example, all our colleagues have Operating Principles as a main document. It's not a real bylaw I can say. I've read all of them. I've looked through and understood that they have very light documents, and the name of the documents are the same: "Operating Principles." Not all of them, but they have Rules of Procedure as a document that describes procedures inside their life.

So they are different, but they're very close – speaking about main ideas, high-level ideas. That's why I suppose it is interesting to analyze what does it mean. It is not necessary to use directly, but to understand better, I suppose it's useful.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks, Mikhail.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: May I put my hand up?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, I'll put you in the queue in a second. I was looking to respond first to Mikhail.

So would you say that step one would be to map out the differences between the Bylaws as they are drafted and how EURALO actually works. Step two, to compare or to have a look at what the other RALOs

have as organizing documents and maybe see what there is in the other RALOs. Then step three is to then present all of that to the EURALO ALSes with their results. And finally, step four is to make a decision on that on what amendments we want to make? Does that [fly], Mikhail?

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And now Annette? You have the floor.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Okay. As I was deeply involved in bylaw drafting, not only the EURALO one but globally, I rather hesitate to really review all bylaws. It always makes sense to have a look at it, Mikhail, that's for sure. But I would rather take a different approach. Changing bylaws is always a hassle. So it is good to see if there is anything that actually hinders us to do something.

So my approach, my proposal would be that we do not look first at what we have and if that is the same in the Bylaws, but if there is anything what we would like to do that we cannot do because of the Bylaws. See the difference? I would just recommend not to touch any Bylaws if they are not a problem. But if there is something we want to do and here is a problem, then it really makes sense to say, "Okay, let's change that."

And if there is this problem, let's have a look at other RALOs and also, of course, have a look at their bylaws and ask other RALOs if they have

great experience with a special paragraph that helped them to solve problems. What was useful for them? So the question would be to the others, “Is there anything you’re really proud of and think that works great and it really helps?” and for us to just check is there something we want to do and we cannot do it because of the Bylaws, and then propose a change.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Annette. That sounds like a good way forward as well. I guess the decision moment on saying, “Do we have to change something? What do we have to change?” this is a decision we’re going to have to make quite a time from now. It’s not one that we can make today, definitely not. So that’s one that we’ll make later on when the working group will have done their first task.

I think we are talking about the same thing. The first thing is map out the differences between how the Bylaws are drafted and how EURALO actually works. Find out if there’s anything that we do that is stopped by the Bylaws, if there’s a clash between the Bylaws and EURALO. And I guess from that point onward, then the working group can evolve.

Mikhail, you have the floor.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: I would like to stress one point. I suppose it’s very urgent. From my point of view, the main goal of the working group of the job to review Bylaws is to have a bylaw which is a written bylaw just how we are living. It is very important because if it is so no contradictions, yes,

contradictions can have a place, but no contradictions in between document and real life so it's not good contradiction.

This is the main point. We are to analyze and to understand what's to change, maybe our real life, to change in order to have no contradictions in between text and real life or to change text, maybe slightly to change text or slightly to change our life. It is a job. It is a result of our working group job, but no contradictions [must have. That's all.]

No matter, Wolf, I understand that it is necessary to have [two-third hands]. Okay, I know, but it is necessary to try to describe this in a very positive [inaudible], and I suppose no problems [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Mikhail. Thank you for this. I suppose that you are a volunteer for this working group, for this task force?

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so we have Mikhail on this. Anybody else interested? Of course, I'll be on this as well to see what's going on. Annette, would you be interested in being on this?

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG:

Here is the problem. If we do – okay, Mikhail, I would not like to join a group checking if there is a contradiction somehow with the existing reality. I would rather prefer to be in a group to say, “What do we need, and is there something that is a problem for us in the Bylaws?” This is a major difference because to make a bylaw suitable to reality, maybe we don’t want to have this type of reality. Maybe there was a good idea in the bylaws, and we should rather change our reality.

Seriously, I think bylaws, it’s a terrible work. It’s really hard work, and it’s not productive in the sense that you don’t write new text where you explain how ICANN works or how the Internet works or what are security issues. It’s not productive in that sense. It’s just a procedure we try to find to make our work go more easy, to make it better. So it just should facilitate our work, so I think it has to be linked somehow to our ALS engagement. It has to be linked to our real work. So it has to be linked to an agenda of what we want to do.

If something occurs that we cannot do because of the Bylaws, then we should change it. See? This is the difference. So I don’t want to have a study, and this is why I did not raise my hand to say, “Yes, I’m joining,” because I don’t want to study bylaws over and over and have a look at the difference of this and that. But I would volunteer to find a solution if we have a problem in reality and cannot solve the problems because of the Bylaws.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks for this, Annette. I take it that you will be actively listening to the monthly updates from this task force and then bringing in your input

once the task force has done mapping out the differences and so on, has done the first stage. And you might be involved later on in seeing what needs to be reconciled, whether the bylaw has to be aligned with what's happening or whether what's happening has to be aligned with the bylaw, one way or the other.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Right.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Mikhail, you have a response? Your hand is up. Mikhail Medrish?

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Maybe it's not a response. Annette, I fully agree with you that changes must be fulfilled due to goals. What we are to achieve we must understand, and all changes in documents or in our life must be done taking in mind the main goals, absolutely.

What I spoke about, about [excess] of contradictions in between text and real life. Real life, I mean how we are living. But it's one side of the medal. The other side of the medal you described, it's absolutely right. So I suppose it's not a contradiction in between us. It's two sides of the same medal, as I can imagine.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Okay.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. I think that we can then move forward. I note, Annette, that Wolf had mentioned earlier that because you were involved with the first version, you were involved with the creation of the Bylaws, he was suggesting that you should be part of this task force as well. But I guess if you are watching from the sidelines and then coming in when we will see the review and see, “Okay, where do we go from here? What do we want to get from here?” you can always come in a bit later.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Perfect.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so I think we have our step forward. What we will do is to issue a call for volunteers to join these two task forces. I don’t know, Silvia, if this call for volunteers – and I think we need to send it into two different e-mails so that it’s a bit more impactful because people sometimes just read the first line of a message and say, “Oh, Bylaws. I’m not interested in this,” or “ALS Engagement. I’m not interested,” and they hit the DELETE key a bit too fast. So maybe one call for the first task force, one call for the second task force. Can we have those out after this call, Silvia, so that gives us about 24 hours until we have the EURALO call tomorrow? Silvia Vivanco, hello?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, I'm here. Will do.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Sorry, I think you might have been muted.

Okay, excellent. Thanks for this. Then let's now move on to the next thing, and that's Agenda Item 5 already. That's another thing that has landed on our table. It's the flyers. That actually goes with outreach and so on. As you know, we have the ability to have some flyers printed that we can then take to other meetings like EuroDIG, like local Internet governance forums, like various places. Recently, there has been an update on all of the flyers. So the question is: Do we want to update our flyer as well, the EURALO flyer?

I'm not sure. Silvia, are you able to speak and explain to us? Are the APRALO flyer and the AFRALO flyer updated flyers, or are they their original flyers as well?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Olivier. [inaudible] new flyers [inaudible] AFRALO and APRALO.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You sound very far away.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I sound very far away? I'm sorry about that. I am sitting very close to my phone. I think I [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, well, you probably are very far away.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, sorry about that. I will speak up. They are the new flyers. They have been just updated, the AFRALO and the APRALO. So the idea for here is to review the current EURALO flyer.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Excuse me. Olivier, could you repeat this because I really can't hear this.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, I'll repeat afterwards, Annette. Don't worry.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Okay, great.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, sorry about that, Annette. It sounds like I don't have a good connection. I was saying that both flyers have been recently updated, the AFRALO flyer and the APRALO flyer. You can use them as an example to update yours. There is [inaudible] but not the same. So you have good opportunity to review the paragraph and [use a new paragraph if you wish and new photos]. The deadline for EURALO would be the end of April, so there is time to do a nice review.

I'll check, Olivier. We could also do it in Russian and in French, so no problem in a couple of languages to translate this flyer into two or three languages if you wish. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Silvia. So, Annette, what Silvia was saying is what we currently have on the screen is the APRALO flyer. That's one of the flyers that has been updated. The EURALO flyer has not been updated yet.

It seems that there is some common text in between the different flyers. For example, I can see here the map of different At-Large Structures around the world, explain what a Regional At-Large Organization is, what the At-Large Advisory Committee is. But then there are also some sections of the flyer that we could update. We could update that pictures, for example. We could update some of the text if we wish.

The deadline for us to do such a thing – and I hope that Yeşim will be able to share the EURALO current flyer so that we can have a look at it – the deadline for this is going to be the end of April. The reason is because these need to be then printed and so on. And hopefully, we can have some of the new flyers ready for EuroDIG, hence the reason why we can do that.

Then what Silvia was also saying is we can have them not only in English, but we can also have them in Russian and in French. Of course, the reference would be in English, and then the Russian and the French would be translated from this.

So really at this moment, I guess I'm not going to ask that we have a look and we decide right now on what we want to do with it, but this is just to alert you about those flyers. Does anybody wish to? I mean, I guess we can discuss this on tomorrow's call quickly. But as far as that perhaps since you are the leadership team here, it would be really that this committee can have a look at it and you can all make your suggestions on how to improve those flyers.

Any feedback on this? Wolf Ludwig, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks, Olivier. Well, I think this is not a big issue in my opinion because it simply needs some updates compared to a couple of years ago when the current edition was created. In an overview, there are not much changes here to make. So it's basically some kind of editorial work and to think about what can be our key messages, what should be our key messages, and how we can present EURALO in a compact way. So it's in my opinion not a big job that can easily be done until the end of April. Thanks.

YEŞİM NAZLAR:

Hi. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Oh, I have just been very lightly speaking to myself, Yeşim. Thank you for letting me know.

YEŞİM NAZLAR: No worries.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Terrible. Okay, let's start again then. Thank you very much for this, Wolf. What was I saying? I don't think this is an issue where we need to ask all of our At-Large Structures. As you said, Wolf, you are quite correct. There are only a few things to tweak out in there. Maybe we can just send a link to the flyer to our board mailing list, and we can all – you know, we have a EURALO board. I mean, come on. So the board can just make sense of the little few things that need to be changed. Staff will make those few tweaks and changes, and then we've got a new set of flyers that goes out there.

I quite like the format of it. It looks good. There's nothing major to change in there. It doesn't say anything outrageously wrong. It might just need to be hyped up a little bit, put up to date a little bit, and then it's ready for printing. So if we're okay with that, yeah, I see here Jordi says, "Much of the contents may be similar to APRALO and LACRALO. Let's focus on our messages." Exactly. We can do that. We can focus on some key messages. That's a good way.

Okay, so that's what's going on with the brochures. Then the sixth thing here is just a quick update on the special budget requests that the process has just completed. The deadline was actually today, but it has been extended by a couple more days because some of the other supporting organizations and advisory committees of ICANN are not as

well organized as At-Large is. I can't believe we would have ever said anything like this but, hey, it actually is the truth.

So the ALAC has actually got a number of requests that they have put through using the Finance and Budget Subcommittee that we have in place. And Wolf and I have drafted a request for EURALO, which was to fund five members of EURALO to attend the ICANN Studienkreis to take place in Dubrovnik.

A couple of calls took place of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee and during the first call, it was decided – because if you look at the sheet, there are so many requests from so many different RALOs for so many different things – it was decided that this was not going to be granted and the Finance and Budget Subcommittee was not going to send this over to ICANN Finance, which was a bit of a disappointment. However, the feedback was that this was not closely enough related to ICANN. Of course, it it's called "ICANN Studienkreis." Darn!

So in the next call, I made a point that not only was it "ICANN Studienkreis" – I can't imagine something being more related to ICANN than that – but it had Fadi Chehadé and many staff members and Board members during the past few years. Plus, it was really worrying that when you looked at the actual panels, you would find all of the component parts of the multi-stakeholder system. So you would have governments and you'd have some civil society, but you'd have a lot of contracted parties and a lot of businesses on there and yet there were not end users and, in fact, nobody representing any At-Large Structures that were related specifically to the ALAC's mission. That was a bit distressful for us.

That somehow got the other people in the group to change their mind and say, “You know what? That’s a very good point. We need to be present there.” So hopefully, this is going to be understood by ICANN Finance and, hopefully, for the first time ever we might get some funding to go there. I’m not putting my head on the chopping board for that, but let’s hope that this is also understood by ICANN Finance.

What’s important is that there was a representative from the ICANN Finance department that attended those Finance and Budget Subcommittee calls, so they heard the frustration that was there and the general feedback that was received and the support that we got from the other members of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee. So hopefully, this one, let’s hope for the best.

Any feedback any comments on this?

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG:

I really support that. This is one of the best ICANN-related lessons actually you can take. We used it already for gaining more members for the At-Large Structure. I was a speaker there in the past, and I’m really happy that to meet again people who attended the Studienkreis, meet them at the ICANN meetings later in the following years and they do great work. So I think it’s really essential to go there. Really, it’s great.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks so much for this, Annette. I hope to be attending one of these in the future because I’ve never been to any. Such is life. But it really does

seem like an excellent event and certainly very much aligned with ICANN's mandates and so on, so let's just hope that this goes through.

Now we've reached the last item on our agenda, and that's Any Other Business. I was going to suggest for Any Other Business that we have a very quick look at our call tomorrow, the EURALO conference call at 8:00 PM Central European Time (CET). Do we have a link? Oh, excellent. Yeşim, thank you very much for this. In your agenda, you will see the usual stuff that we have, starting with the review of the action items. Then we'll have the current ALAC consultations and initiatives. That hasn't been updated yet on the agenda. Hopefully, it will be updated very soon. Is it Ariel that has to update this?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, it's Ariel who is today on holiday. It's a holiday [to rest], but she will do it tonight.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Thanks very much for this. That's good, Silvia. Thank you. Hopefully, Ariel doesn't delete the rest of the agenda, which sometimes happens. But okay, so that's great. That will be the next thing, and then after that, we'll have a quick update on the Public Interest document next steps. Wolf, are you okay with that? Do you need more time, less time?

WOLF LUDWIG: No. We finally have to create the group.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so five minutes is enough for you to get it moving?

WOLF LUDWIG: Right.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, excellent. Then I'll be providing a quick update on the work of the IANA stewardship transition and the ICANN accountability. As you remember, we had an action item in the past where we asked if there could be a webinar specifically directed at EURALO members, so EURALO ALSes, to explain the whole process of IANA stewardship transition and ICANN accountability. The problem we're faced with now is that the proposal for the ICANN accountability is still not finalized. We're only a few days away from the finalization of it. Then there is going to be a vote of the ALAC on each and every recommendation made by the accountability cross-community working group.

Alan Greenberg, the ALAC chair, has asked that this vote takes place in Marrakech and that the people who vote on these issues actually know and understand what they're voting about, which I think is a good idea. Not only that, if the ALAC is going to support this or not support this, each one of those recommendations, we need to be absolutely sure that this is the point of view of our At-Large Structures.

So he has basically said, "Look, let's have two webinars." They're not even going to be webinars. They will be sessions of the ALAC and any interested At-Large Structures to be part of these and going on a line-

by-line basis, recommendation-by-recommendation basis and saying, “Recommendation 1, this is what the recommendation says. This is what it means. Are we for this? Are we against this?” and debate, discuss. Then once the Recommendation 1 is dealt with, go for the next one and the next one.

Some recommendations might take a few minutes because everyone will agree and say, “Hey, you know what? That’s a good idea.” Some of them, and I speak from experience there because the working group that deals specifically with this issue has been on very extensive calls recently where some of us disagree with each other. Some of us have grave concerns about ratifying such a recommendation and others just say, “Ah, it’s okay. We can go ahead with it. It’s not going to be something that will kill us.”

But we have to be quite clear about it, so I thought that rather than having the webinar for EURALO in addition to all of this, we would make sure we invite our EURALO ALSes to join those two calls. We already have the two dates. We don’t have the exact timings of them. In fact, there will be a link in the agenda to the Doodle poll to be filled out for people to choose the best timings for them. Do you think that’s a good way forward, or should we still go for a webinar for our own At-Large Structures?

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: I think it’s a good way.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Annette. I don't see anyone else. I don't see anybody else wanting to say anything on this issue, so I gather that this is probably an okay way forward. Yeah, we have a green tick from Wolf Ludwig. So no objections to that. That, I think, will be a really good engagement for us. All we need to do is to really tell our At-Large Structures, "This is the time when you can basically say if you agree with something or you don't agree with something. You've been saved from a year of very long phone calls."

I notice that Sebastien is on the call at the moment, and he is the EURALO representative on this. I'm sure he will be around to be able to answer a lot of the questions that might be asked as well and to put his points across. So I really hope that this is going to be well attended because it's giving us, giving everyone, the ability to say yes or no to each one of the recommendations and whether they're happy with it or not. Sebastien, do you wish to add a couple more things?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, thank you, Olivier. I am on the call but not [inaudible]. I really think that it's important, and we need to try to have as much as possible people to participate to these two calls. If they can't come to the two, at least they can come from one. What is also very important is that all the ALAC members get a real knowledge of what is happening and what is at stake. It's why I push, and I guess it's what we will do. We will have the two first days of the meeting in Marrakech concentrate on just that topic to be sure that everybody understood where we are going and what we are doing.

It's not an easy task because, of course, people will say, "Okay, but what is important is the transition." It's a very important issue, but on the other hand is in what we are transforming ICANN. Are we transforming into a better organization or something that will be more difficult to run, to understand, to participate in? It's why I would like very much to have the point of view of, as much as possible, people to help toward decision. I have my own point of view and not always the same as the other ALAC members, but it doesn't matter. What at the end is important is what the ALS representative – and you are the EURALO representative – will want to say, and I think it's important we discuss all of that. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Sebastien. Fantastic. And well done, by the way, for spending all this time on the accountability working group. I read the e-mails and know that you have so many calls on that. I think it shows real dedication for all of our representatives on this working group, so well done, everyone.

Next on this agenda that we will have tomorrow, we'll have a quick look at what we discussed on today's conference call. I think that what will be worthy of mentioning will be, obviously, the task forces. That's where we can press for members, for more people to join the Task Force on ALS and Engagement and on the Review and Revision of the Bylaws. We'll have a call for participants.

Then we'll have just an update on the special budget requests, which should take five minutes. And finally, a reminder of the outreach and

engagement calendars. I'm a little concerned that we haven't got any input yet to put what's going on in Europe. At the moment, you look at the outreach and engagement calendars in Europe, and it looks like nothing is happening. Nothing. And that's wrong.

Of course, there are tons of things that are happening in Europe. Our At-Large Structures are doing things. They have regional. They have local Internet governance forums. They have some [inaudible] that are taking place. They have some meetings that they're doing. Come on! Europe is awake. We need to get that information from everyone. The great thing about it, it's quite self-explanatory, quite simple to add those thing on the calendar and then we can fill our calendar.

There has been a discussion with the civil society engagement part of this other initiative that is taking place at ICANN where they are going to also take input from different calendars. The whole idea is that we do our bit, then our bit goes into the bigger bit and the bigger bit goes into the bigger-bigger bit and we end up being part of that huge, big calendar with all the things that are happening around the world. So we basically are not only showcasing what our ALSes are doing but are also probably going to be able to attract more interest into what we're doing. So it's a two-way process, basically, and I'm a little concerned we're kind of missing on this at the moment. So hopefully, we'll be able to drum up some support tomorrow.

Is there anything else that you think we need to add on this? Should we add anything to this agenda or delete anything from this agenda? I don't know. It's up to you.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: I don't want to add or put away. I just want to go back to the ICANN At-Large community calendar. Maybe it would be helpful to just have a start of these events related to EuroDIG, to national IGF. This could be entered because we will always also use that situation to recruit new ALSes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, you're absolutely right, Annette. I certainly agree. That's exactly the sort of thing we need to put in there. I'll study how to do the inputs because I know that there is an outreach and engagement working group in At-Large, and they're the ones who are asking us, "Why don't you do this? Fill this up." I'm going to see how easy it is to add those things. Once we have that, then we can start populating it together. I don't think it's a huge task, but if we can get all our ALSes to themselves also say things, that would be really helpful.

ANNETTE MÜHLBERG: Okay, and I will be able to give an update. Okay, I just want to let you know that in Germany, we are just having a big meeting in two days. We'll be setting up a new type of German IGF. It's a multi-stakeholder approach. I'm really excited about that, and I will let you know. Unfortunately, it's after the EURALO call, but I will let you know about that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Annette. That is exactly the type of candidate for putting into that calendar. That would be perfect once you've decided the dates and so on.

Okay, so that's the Any Other Business part. Anything else that anybody wished to bring forward? We have two minutes.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, go ahead, Silvia. You have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, I just wanted to thank everyone for attending and to remind you that we have the EURALO portal. The portal is the main wiki page for EURALO. I am currently always taking the portal, updating the portal. If you would like to send me any information to update this portal, please go ahead. Send it to me, and I would be happy to keep it up to date.

This is like a new [sector] for you, this first entry into the EURALO wiki. So I try always to put the announcements first, what is new first. You see currently, we have the new [inaudible] process and the Public Interest document. We have the outreach calendar. We have the EURALO Board, which is what is going on, the most relevant activities going on at the moment.

So I encourage you to use that portal, and staff will be happy to help you to update with any links. For example, the information that Annette just mentioned is important so, Annette, I will be happy to add it there.

In order to update the outreach calendar, the members of EURALO, members of the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee, they would be the persons who have the ability to open this calendar and to input any new events. I believe the members are Wolf and Yuliya Morenets, so you can send them to them. Or also, you can send it to us to staff, and we will be happy to send it to the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee so we can start putting more entries into this calendar.

That's all. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much for this, Silvia. That's very helpful. I note that you've put a URL, a link, in the chat. In fact, there is an even easier link, which is www.euralo.org. Would you believe it? It's amazing, and it works. That redirects to the link that you've given there, so that's pretty excellent.

I think that's the end of our call today. I want to thank you all for this. I think we've made some good progress. I'm really glad that we're all moving forward on this.

I just have one more small item, and I think Wolf has already beaten me to it in the chat. It's to congratulate one of the EURALO Board members, Matthieu Camus, who has a daughter named [inaudible] born yesterday. That's why he couldn't make it today. The proud father is

with the proud mother and with the happy baby. That's an excellent reason for not attending a board call. There you go.

So with all this, I'd like to thank you all, and we'll speak tomorrow and hoping that we'll get some good participation. With this, have a very good night. Take care and goodbye.

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