YEŞIM NAZLAR:	Of course, Olivier. Let's first of all start the recording.
	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO monthly call taking place on the 20th of June 2017 at 18:00 UTC.
	On our call today, we have Oliver Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Yrjö Länsipuro, Christopher Wilkinson, Erich Scweighofer, Fiorella Belciu, and Wale Bakare, and Sandra Hoferichter has just joined us as well.
	We have received apologies from Matthieu Camus, Andrei Kolesnikov, Oksana Prykhodko, Sébastien Bachollet, Anne-Marie Joly-Bachollet, and Bastiaan Goslings.
	From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Gabriella Schittek, and myself, Yeşim Nazlar.
	And before we start, as always, I would like to remind everyone to state their names before speaking for the transcription purposes. And over to you, Olivier. Thank you very much.
OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	Thank you very much, Yeşim. Oliver Crépin-Leblond speaking. And welcome everyone to this monthly EURALO call. And the first question is, have we missed anybody in the roll call?
	It appears not. So, today's agenda is going to be, again, looking at the usual public consultations that are taking place. I say usual, but they're quite unusual because, as we are running off to an ICANN meeting,

there are many of them. Then we'll have a quick update from the EURALO bylaws taskforce that had a call earlier last week.

An update about the discussion with the RIPE NCC to sign a memorandum of understanding for collaborating with them. An update on the EURALO IGF proposal, and looking at our next steps on this. An update and request, well, update and feedback from EuroDIG, Euro [inaudible] internet governance that has taken place just a couple of weeks ago in Estonia.

And then we will finish, hopefully, with the EURALO At-Large structure engagement follow-up. A mix between the public comment development process and the work that Yrjö Länsipuro has been doing, on two specific statements. And we're tracking this very closely. Is there any other business to add to this agenda?

Thankfully I don't see any hands up, which means it's great to have to go quickly. We only have 54 minutes, 53 minutes for the rest of the call today. And we'll start with the action items. There were just three action items, two of them are complete. The one about the two statements, the WHOIS conflicts and the draft framework on interpretation of human rights, we'll be talking about shortly, and the follow-up also to ask the ALAC chair to encourage the ALAC to become actively involved in the preparation of the statement of the revised ICANN procedure for handling WHOIS conflicts.

And also, relating this over to the GDPR, the cross community session on GDPR, scheduled for block four, day two in Johannesburg. There was some question regarding that. I've sent an email to Alan Greenburg.

I've also had a volunteer to take a seat on the panel, and that's Andrea [inaudible]. He was happy to sit on the panel, but the format now is that they're not going to be such a panel as such.

There is going to be, apparently, three sections. Each one introduced to someone who will state the fact, and immediately a discussion engaging with the audience. So, Andrea I think will probably have to sit in the front rows, and take an active part from the floor to get the points of the end users, internet end users through.

And I'm certainly going to be attending this session at the GDPR with particularly interesting for our community. And I think it's important that EURALO follow this very closely. And I'm sure some people, and I'm looking in the direction perhaps of Christopher Wilkinson, will be following this session very closely from a remote participation standpoint.

And from what I recall in previous ICANN meetings, these public sessions are quite well run with the remote participation moderator, although it's not possible to actually speak remotely, you can write your comments in, and these are then read to the microphone by the remote participation moderator. So, it sounds like we've got an interesting topic moving forward on this.

Any comments or questions on these action items?

Just with regards to the second action item, which has to do with opening the election process in the summer for the position of secretariat, which shall be renewed until AGM 2017, that is going to be

scheduled for the end of the summer. It's not something that we need to do so far early in advance, so there is no hassle on that.

Doing it during the summer is probably going to be hard. As you know, the summer slowdown in Europe is unlikely to bring much, vote or much discussion, but at the end of the summer, when people come back from their holidays, filled with excitement, then we will open the selection process at that point.

I don't see anyone putting their hand up whilst I'm going on about these action items, so we can move swiftly to the next agenda item, that's the public consultations. There were four statements recently approved by the ALAC. One was in the competition consumer choice and consumer choice review team, the CCTC review team, draft report of the recommendations for the new generic top-level domains.

This is a process where we have two people already in that working group, in the guise of Kaili Kan and Carlton Samuels. So, the two have been helping and providing the ALAC with constant feedback about what was going in there, and the statement itself was drafted by Holly Raiche with much input from quite a few people.

And there was some good discussion that went onto this. The other one, the next one, was the GNSO community comment on the new gTLD subsequent procedures. Well, as you know, the subsequent procedures policy development process working group, the generic names supporting organization, was the group that is addressing all of the points that have been raised, all of the problems that have been raised, in the current round of new generic top level domain releases.

And they have their work cut-out. There really is so much to be done. So, this is the second public comment that has been coming through. As you know, the competition, consumer trust, and consumer choice review team output will also feed into this. So, the ALAC drafted a statement that has been sent out, and that points out a few things that relate to the points that are asked about here in the various work track regarding fees, regarding the queuing of applications, regarding the registration protections, closed generics.

Quite a number of quite technical points, which are being made there. Anyway, that was a very significant statement, so thanks for this. Then we had recommendation stream through SO AC accountability. That's part of the cross community working group on accountability work stream two topics.

And the ALAC drafted a small, a short but punchy point, regarding the best practices that have been given. They make sense, but the ALAC couldn't support the explicit incorporation of the best practices into the scope of the accountability and transparency review team, because what we're looking at is something which has already been done. It's repeating work again and again.

And the ATRT is about to start the third round, ATRT 3. And there is much discussion going on now as to whether they should have a very wide mandate, or a mandate that is somehow reduced from other times, because so much work is already done in the accountability cross community working group.

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Fourth statement that's gone through is the proposed renewal of the dot net registry agreement. A couple of points were made here. This is, of course, renewed by a small company, which you might know, called VeriSign, and the ALAC didn't have any specific comments to make on this, a part from a few concerns regarding the increasing cost of dot net domains.

As you know, or you might not know, VeriSign is the largest registry out there. They run both dot net and dot hub, so they hold such a domineering position. The query was raised whether the, you know, how the dot net funds would be returned to serve the internet community, in line with the dot org funds, etc. And there is still some concern on this.

So, that was the very short statement. We haven't received a response to this. Now, statements in progress are the ones that are important. There is one on draft framework of interpretation of human rights. Bastiaan Goslings has held the pen on this, and wrote a very good statement that is currently being subjected to ratification from the ALAC.

This is one of the statements which we managed to identify a drafter, because of the database of At-Large structure knowledge that we have. So, we'll touch on this later on during this call. Then the revised ICANN procedure for handling WHOIS conflicts with privacy law, process, and next steps. That's the other statement that we have tapped, that we have asked specifically several of our European At-Large structures, and they have all worked together to produce a draft, which is still currently under comment.

So, if you haven't read that draft, please click on this, read it, and I would suggest that you also comment on it. You don't need to be from those ALSes that have held the pen, to start with. Then, there is an issues report on the country code name supporting organization policy development process, and the retirement and review mechanism.

Something that's somehow quite technical from within the ccNSO. No statement has been drafted yet. It's written down here that [inaudible] and Maureen Hilyard are working on this. So, the closing date being the 10th of July. That gives us a little bit more time, and I expect that they probably would be speaking about this or discussing this statement face to face when they meet in Johannesburg.

No statements are currently stalled, but several statements have been deemed as to not requiring an ALAC comment. One was about the release of country and territory names for various top-level domains. The ALAC has never commented on these. One was about the proposed limitation of the generic name supporting organization consensus policy recommendations for the protection of international and governmental and international non-governmental identifiers in all generic top-level domains.

Not something that affects end users directly, although there is a component of the public interest that comes into this. But no one has stepped forward to hold the pen on this, so it's currently marked as not submitting a statement. Label generational rules for the root-zone version two. This is also do with internationalized domain names, and there are quite a few of these that we have, these public consultations that we have seen over the years.

This one, I believe, that's to do with all of the IDN labels. I'm sorry, I'm discovering this as I speak, yes. It's to do with the extension of the actual repertoire of the label generation rules. If you're not quite sure, the label generation rules are rules that effectively equate one type of character with another type of character for a specific script.

In the Latin script, each character is quite specific, but in some other scripts, you might be able to use more than one character for the same sound, or to write the same word in a different way. And the question is whether the meaning of the word is what's important, or whether the writing, the actual writing of the word, is important, and what fits and what doesn't fit.

So, what is equated as working together or not. Originally, there was only a handful of scripts out there. Now, as I say, there are 28 scripts, and so you probably need to have a slightly larger set of repertoires to, and that's just a technical move.

That's the current policy development process. And there is one new one, at the moment, which is just a draft framework for the registry operator to respond to security threats. Cybersecurity, very important at the moment, as you will have seen in the news with all of the attacks that are out there. And there has been a call for registry operators to be able to coordinate or work with the people in cybersecurity, just in case they were to be affected.

And it's all part of increasing the security and stability of the internet DNS. Any comments or questions?

I don't see anyone putting their hands up. And let's then move on. And quick update on the EURALO bylaws taskforce. And we had a call last week with [inaudible], providing much, well, asking more questions from the working group. And providing us with some answers.

I'm not sure who wishes to provide us with a quick update on this actually. I note that Erich Schwighofer and Wolf Ludwig are on the call. So, who of you two gentleman would like to give us a quick update please?

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: Erich Schweighoffer speaking. It's best that Wolf Ludwig is doing that at the present. Sorry, due to a conference.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Erich. Thanks for this. Wolf, it sounds like you are in the hot seat.

WOLF LUDWIG: Well, okay. It's Wolf. Thanks, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig for the record. Actually, the most important thing, the good news that is according to my feelings, I think we are now really quickly progressing. And at each call, we are discussing in details, substantial items. For example, which was brought up, which was not one of my favorite, or most favorite issues, that was dispute resolution.

And last time, I think, we could discuss reasonable procedure, which would start the moment dispute pops up in the community persons

who feel uncomfortable, or disliked, or have a problem with somebody else, etc. can address themselves to the EURALO Board.

If the EURALO Board is not capable to sort out the conflict, next step is that the applicant can write to the ICANN ombudsman, and the ombudsman, in his sphere, try to come up with mediation, or a solution. If this is not satisfactory, then we have another option that the conflicting parties can name each a person of their confidence for conflict resolution panel.

And the two panelists selected by the parties can name a third person to sort out the issue. If this is not sufficient, there is another option to go to the General Assembly, which is the authority of the EURALO association, etc. And with such procedure, we really hope that in one of the steps, etc. or levels, conflicts can be solved, and that it, there will be no need to go to court, which would be the final option for anybody having a problem.

But before you can go to a court and make a court case in Switzerland, the General Assembly must have had a decision already on the issue, otherwise the Board will not enter into [inaudible]. That's briefly speaking. Then we discussed questions of [inaudible] again, etc. And we now reach consensus amongst the taskforce members, etc.

I'm rather confident that in the near future, we may come up with a draft proposal, what we will send the [inaudible] to send to the EURALO Board for consultation, and then to the Board membership. I think that's all for the moment, and the next taskforce call is supposed to be organized early July.

This means after the upcoming ICANN meeting. Thanks.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf, for this excellent summary of the progress of this working group. Oliver Crépin-Leblond speaking. I'm very happy with the progress as well. I think we're now, again, in cruising mode. But I had one question with regards to what Oksana shared with us on the mailing list, and that was to do with the privacy.

There was a small discussion regarding privacy of, you know, listing of names and so on, on our Wiki. And the point that Oksana was making was that, well, these are organizations, not private individuals that are listed. Is there any point in discussing this?

Yeah, Wolf Ludwig, back to you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Just a short comment. I'm not sure whether I understood Oksana's point in all details. As a matter of fact, such privacy issues are rather strong at EURALO, and we need to take this into consideration, that there are strong concerns in the community.

Oksana mentioned in her email, the question of legislation and publications of list of registrations on the website, etc. But in this respect, there are usually clear options, with [inaudible] for example, we use the process that generally we would like that registration are open, and can be seen on the website on the list of participants, etc.

But we do offer the option for people who get registered, not to appear on the list of participation on the public website. So, there should be opt-out models, in my opinion, in most of such cases, otherwise, and this is a political or technical consideration.

Once we finish our draft amended bylaws, and we submit it to the membership, please be conscious, we need a two-third majority for adoption of the amended bylaws. If we do not get two-thirds, then the whole effort was in vein, and we have to take this point really into consideration and we cannot neglect sincere concerns in our community at this point. Thanks.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Wolf. Next in the queue is Erich Schweighofer.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: Thank you. Erich Schwighofer speaking. Concerning the privacy issue, it's not often, but it's sometimes across organization, concerning the publication of your statements, and we have to be clear that we have public discussions, and not public discussions. When you give your opinion in a public discussion, you [inaudible]…

And it can't make it easy at that, so if you're aware of that, that you have to make it aware to our members for the Wikis. And concerning the second issue, concerning yes, we should reserve privacy possible, meaning that participation lists, [inaudible], participation lists shouldn't be published. Someone [inaudible] we do that, I guess concern is the

main issue, and if someone doesn't like the [inaudible] slated before he [inaudible].

And the second point concerning the bylaws, one point, I guess we need a very large majority, maybe a bigger one, to work this [inaudible] former problem concerning the present organization, so it would be a smooth [inaudible] if it gets near overall concerns within the bylaws. Thank you.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Erich. It's Oliver Crépin-Leblond speaking. And I was just going to ask, this issue of privacy, is this something that needs to be listed or given in the bylaws? I mean, are there any clauses that need to be added to our bylaws regarding this and regarding the publicness of our mailing list, of our calls, etc.? Or, is this in the rules of procedures?

WOLF LUDWIG: This is not described, to have details on this, by the association law. In any case, I would not put anything particular into the amended bylaws, and I would simply write or explain about such details in the rules of procedure.

In my opinion, it has nothing to do in the bylaws. Bylaws is for basics, and not the way, how we proceed in our operation and models.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Wolf. Erich Schweighofer.

ERICH SCHWIGHOFER: Erich Schwighofer speaking. I may note that it's appropriate to include a clause that we respect privacy, and [inaudible] to be decided by the Board. [Inaudible] rules of procedure on that, if necessary. Thank you.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Erich. All right. Thanks for this work. It looks like we're progressing on the bylaws, which is excellent news, and let's then move on. I did see, by the way, Sandra Hoferichter with her hand up earlier. I'm not quite sure whether she still wanted to intervene or not. Sandra, you put your hand down, so I'm taking it that you didn't have anything else to add to this.

Resolved. Okay, excellent. Thanks. Let's then move on to agenda item five. Just a very quick update on the discussion with the RIPE NCC. This is the regional internet registry for Europe, the one that provides internet protocol addresses, the IP addresses for computers, for all of the computers, and now, all devices in Europe.

The work with RIPE has already started a number of years ago, because RIPE is one of the partners in EuroDig, and of course, EURALO is another part in EuroDig. So, there has been some good cross-pollination and discussion, and collaboration between RIPE and EURALO in the EuroDig project and partnering.

But the other regions of the world have, find some direct memorandums of understanding for the purpose of collaboration. They don't have EuroDig in their parts of the world, so they've had to go the

full way. And EURALO now sends the last of the regional At-Large organizations that has not signed, well… After Johannesburg, it will be the last one that has not signed a memorandum of understanding with its regional internet registry.

It has been very helpful for some that have already signed. So, NARALO, for example, having signed with ARIN, managed to run their General Assembly at the ARIN meeting a few months ago, and it was a real resounding success. So, the process by now, where are we? I've met with…

Wolf and I, actually, Wolf Ludwig and I, have met with Chris [inaudible] on behalf of RIPE. He's been discussing things with us and I've now sent an email to the EURALO Board, it's a public email, if you're interested, you can look at the EURALO Board mailing list archives. And asking for feedback from the EURALO Board.

Once we've obtained feedback, we will go back to RIPE and provide them with our feedback. Then there will be a last, or a final, or new version, if there are any significant changes. If not, then we will then share it with EURALO mailing list, and get all of our At-Large structures to comment on this. And hopefully, if there are no negative comments and we can just dot the I's and cross the T's, we should be able to then find face to face, as the meeting, last meeting of the year.

The meeting that will take place in Abu Dhabi. It is worth noting that RIPE also serves that part of the world, that region. In fact, RIPE has also served in Dubai, so in the United Arab Emirates, the state right next to Abu Dhabi, and so, we'll likely to have a good, interesting, a good

celebration over there of this signing of the memorandum of understanding.

So, we're not there yet. So, feedback would be appreciated from everyone. Are there any questions or comments?

And thank you to staff for putting the, listing the email that I've sent to the EURALO Board. No comments. Let's move on then. So, that's a very successful process. The next process was the EURALO IGF proposal. We sent a proposal for funding of, well, two things basically.

First, there was a funding request for extra projects for this EURALO proposal of workshop on the public interest. And the funding was agreed, provided that the workshop was going to be accepted by the multi-stakeholder advisory group, the MAG, which is the group that decides on the agenda of the Internet Governance Forum.

Unfortunately, that proposal was not accepted on this occasion. So, the next steps is to try and find out, since, of course, the IGF is taking place in the European region, it is taking place in Geneva, to find out if we would still be allowed to have some activities in Geneva.

I haven't launched this with staff yet, but that's what I would propose, so that we would still be able to have some funding to send people to Geneva. I have a feeling we might be told well, you have to use CROP, but it is not often that there is an IGF in Europe. It's the first one in a long time.

And Switzerland is really at the heart of Europe, so I think we need to try to see if we cannot push for a few people, at least a core team to be

able to go to Geneva, have a booth in Geneva, and really promote EURALO and promote At-Large over there.

I open the floor for comments or questions on this.

Someone had put their hand up, back down, and back up. Sandra Hoferichter, you have the floor.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hello Oliver and all. Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, very well.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Wonderful. I just want to give you a heads up that from the yearly [inaudible], we are actually planning to do a big [inaudible] European [inaudible] including European Convention, Council of Europe, [inaudible] probably. And I think EURALO would be of course, and first-time a EuroDig official partner, but also I think there would be a good opportunity to include EURALO in that group as well.

At least I'm representing them with some flyers, that maybe even more… And I have to find out what the IGF secretariat, and what are the possibilities if we get kind of a bigger space, a European corner,

obviously… Or, if this is not possible, of course, this is not possible we cannot do a joint booth, but if it's possible, then I would propose to make kind of an European [inaudible], and I have already confirmation from Council of Europe and the European Commission that they would very much appreciate such a joined approach.

So, I think EURALO should be in the queue. And as we are collaborating, Olivier, as well, then, and Yrjö and many others, in EuroDig, I think this will somehow be easy. Thank you very much.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Sandra. That's very exciting. And it's the first I hear of this, so that's really excellent news. And perhaps could we relay this also to ICANN in our search for being able to send people to this place? So, that would be good. Any other comments?

I don't see anyone putting their hand up. So, yeah, let's hope that we can follow-up on this. I think that the action item for this would be for me and Wolf… So, Wolf Ludwig and I to follow-up, and perhaps Sandra as well. Sandra, you will be in Johannesburg, won't you as well?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, of course.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, excellent. So, maybe the three of us should go and have a chat with At-Large staff, and…

YEŞIM NAZLAR:	Olivier? This is Yeşim speaking. Olivier, can you hear us?
WOLF LUDWIG:	He's typing.
YEŞIM NAZLAR:	Okay. He says he has dropped. And we'll quickly dial out to him again.
	Okay, our operator is re-dialing at the moment.
OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	And I'm back. Sorry about this. I seemed to have been dropped off. Hello? Can you hear me?
YEŞIM NAZLAR:	Yes, we can.
OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	Thanks very much…
WOLF LUDWIG:	We hear your line [inaudible]…

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, yes, it is sweating. It is very hot, indeed. So, sorry about this. Oliver Crépin-Leblond speaking. I was just saying that, as an action item, for Sandra, Wolf and I to meet with Heidi and Silvia during the ICANN Johannesburg meeting, so as to try and find options for us, since this workshop has not been accepted, but it is such an important meeting for us and for this region.

WOLF LUDWIG: It's already noted.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's already noted. So, that's great. Thanks very much. Let's then move on. And I'm sorry, my computer now is showing signs of unhappiness. This is quite amazing. Technology is just melting away around me at the moment. The next agenda item is the feedback on EuroDig 17.

And we've written here about 10 minutes for this, let's try and go a little faster since I would like to discuss a little more on the last agenda item. So, just two things. First, the EURALO activities at EuroDig. ICANN had a booth that was there, and several of us went very regularly to the booth.

I thank all the people that were there, whether funded or not funded. There was always someone around the booth to help out anyone who was interested in EURALO and ICANN activities. All of the, as far as I understand, all of the brochures, which were put on the table in the EURALO, sorry. On the ICANN booth, have all got.

So, they either were all stolen by some people who really absolutely loved this brochure, or they were distributed to people. And I have a feeling, from the number of people that were walking around and that I spoke to, that many people just picked up the brochures that were interested in the topic.

So, that was one thing. The other thing was that Tatiana [inaudible] and I were invited in the early… So, pre [inaudible], to the youth dig. And we managed to speak both, well Tatiana spoke about NCUC and I spoke about EURALO. So, we might have an influx of new, I would say either new At-Large structures, or more likely in the short-term, new blood in the EURALO individuals' association.

Now, with regards to our CROP attendees, there were five attendees, and I remember that out of them, so we had Andrea [inaudible] from the ISOC, sorry. From the [inaudible] Russia, we had Russian ALS that changed their leader, and so we had the visit of that person who spent the whole time.

We had [inaudible] from an individual user from Denmark, but also coming from North Africa. We had [inaudible], full name. We had [inaudible] I think it's called, and he is from Austria, and he is very much involved with things, and is actually already going to be involved with some of the work that we do in some of the working groups.

He has done a good follow-up report. I think the last person on the list was Anette Newburg, who was again, very active. She was really very good in spreading the word about EURALO throughout the conference. So, I think that was a very successful conference for EURALO. As always,

it takes a little bit of time, then as a follow-up afterwards to see if we've been very successful in our outreach, or if we've not been successful in our outreach.

But hopefully, on this occasion, this has been a very good meeting. I'm going to hand the floor over to Wolf Ludwig first for any additional things. Wolf is very much involved with the organization of EuroDig, so he can provide some feedback from his perspective. And then Sandra Hoferichter as well, for her to provide some input from her perspective. Wolf Ludwig, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. Wolf Ludwig for the record. So, you have summarized, already, all of EURALO related activities. [Inaudible] which was, according to my observation, the best outreach ever we've had so far, on the event itself. I can simply say that, in my opinion, it was the 10th edition and the best event we ever had on different levels, from as an organization point of view with the general security and [inaudible] Sandra, at the forefront.

Which was quite impressing. It was close to perfect. There was some new elements. Meanwhile, what has been a pre-event in the EuroDig in the past, which was summer school, became kind of a baby of EuroDig, which is called [inaudible], which took place two days before the official event, which was a success, in my opinion, as well.

And all feedback I got on the [inaudible], and the youngsters played a very active role in the event itself. So, it was from the organizational point of view, from the host side, it was perfect, and also from the

program, I was quite impressed. There were only two sessions I've observed I was not satisfied with, but for the rest of the program, I think it's a good step forward.

And this coordination, collaboration, with the subject matter experts, proved to be quite successful. And many people have told me that they felt that it was most substantial discussions they have observed at EuroDig so far. So, it was a big success, in my opinion, and most have said it goes to Sandra.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf. And now over to Sandra Hoferichter.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hi. I have not much to add. With respect to the time, I would just say now is the focus now is how to bring up our messages [inaudible], the global ITF and into the global discussion. Not only editing and designing this little brochure, which we call [inaudible], but also in terms of participating in the global IGF preparatory process.

And here, we actually need to keep the community mobilized, and also the subject matter experts, we have tools here on the [inaudible] Yrjö and Olivier, will play a significant role here. And because it is now actually at the point, or it's really important that we really bring our discussions, our results, or messages, into the global debate at this early stage, not only in the IGF itself but even in the best practice forum.

And I also have the feeling that EuroDig is among, or is seen as a very successful forum, and that it's now somehow expected from us that we

go the next step in terms of [inaudible] the message for collaborating with the global IGF, and making this bottom-up process even more bottom-up from the [inaudible], from the regional, to the global forum. Thank you very much.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much, Sandra. Oliver Crépin-Leblond speaking. And just to close off on this topic, I wanted to… And I'll hand it over to Yrjö in a second, but just before I wanted to thank ICANN in all of the support that it has provided to EURALO and to EuroDig as well. It was very present there, in that Göran Marby was also there. There were several high-level speakers from ICANN.

So, they were present for many occasions, and there was never any trouble in being able to leverage all of the presence of ICANN in order to perform more outreach. It's a good pillar. And certainly, from my perspective, that EuroDig, it's going from strength to strength. Yrjö Länsipuro, you were also there. You were also a main pillar.

I saw you in several sessions and so on. What are your thoughts?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Yeah, thank you. This is Yrjö Länsipuro speaking. Just briefly, one aspect of this EuroDig. It seems that the EuroDig is now being taken seriously on the political level. There were a couple of presidents, a couple of prime ministers, misters of foreign affairs, and so on and so forth.

Not only from the host country, but actually from other countries. So, I think Sandra said, this is more and more our chance to make an impact on a global level, and that shows how important this EURALO EuroDig cooperation is. It's actually not only cooperation, it's almost [inaudible] or [inaudible].

So, let's continue. Thank you.

YEŞIM NAZLAR: Olivier?

WOLF LUDWIG: We have lost Olivier again.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, and I was talking to myself, because I hadn't pressed the… Hello? I was talking to myself, because my finger had pressed the mute button without me knowing. [CROSSTALK]

Thanks for this, Yrjö. And thanks for all of the work that everyone has done in this. Indeed, the EuroDig is going from strength to strength, and osmosis with EURALO, and I hope that we will be able to continue this close collaboration, thanking ICANN and thanking the community that has been so involved. Our community, that has been so involved in making EuroDig what it is today.

I think more than 500, it's 600 and something number of participants from a very large number of countries. I Tweeted about it a couple of

days ago, a few days ago, with the numbers from the organizers, and it was really great.

The next one will take place in Georgia a little bit further out. Now, of course, Georgia at present, as seen in the At-Large, the ICANN geographic region, is based in the APRALO region, Asia-Pacific Region At-Large Organization, and I do hope by then, there will have been some movements to bring Georgia into EURALO, should they wish to be taking part in EURALO.

And I think they are, they have told me that they are waiting for the day. So, hopefully we'll continue this collaboration and see them, and see the one in Georgia. Time is flying, and I'm rambling on a little bit. I'm sorry. My computer is a little slow.

Are CROP attendees…? Just to finish off on this topic, are currently drafting their reports, and the moment that we have those reports, we will share those with you. And share those with the EURALO mailing list. Now, the final thing on our agenda, and that's this pilot project that we're somehow undertaking, which is the work of the EURALO At-Large structure engagement work.

And Yrjö Länsipuro and I have been working to try and do a little test here, to see if we can solicit input directly from At-Large structures that have provided details of their competencies. As you know… Or, perhaps I should ask Yrjö to give us just a five minute rundown of what basically happened on the, how we got the competencies, and then I'll quickly comment on the feedback that we've had so far. Yrjö?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Yeah. This is Yrjö Länsipuro speaking. Thank you. Yeah, this was a test pilot project, and I think that it was successful in the sense that we had lots of reaction and answers on this when we asked for comments, and expertise, on these two public comment items.

At least, so the response exceeded my expectations. Now, going forward, I think that first of all, we could show this, good practice. Maybe not the best at this, to other RALOs. I know that [inaudible] had already sort of, is following our footsteps. And of course, one goal of this exercise would be to show that ALSes are actually at least performing dutiful work, unlike what the ITEMS consultants seem to think.

The other thing is that we have to continue also, within EURALO of course, that not too much, that is to say, let's be fairly selective on the items on which we are going to ask for the expertise from the ALSes, so that they will not get tired. Thank you.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Yrjö. Very wise words, indeed. Just to let you know, the text that is currently on your screen is regarding the draft framework of interpretation for human rights.   Three At-Large structures had indicated that they were experts in this, including one whose ALS representative is Neil [inaudible], and he's actually the chair of the working group that started that consultation, or at least of the proposing working group for that consultation.

So, he provided some input, of course, that it was a bit difficult to comment on one's own work, but [inaudible] from ISOC, from the

Internet Society Netherlands chapter, was completely [inaudible] and ended up taking up the pen. RALO rolls out for [inaudible], provided some input and feedback on this.

So, this is really, you know, three out of three, very good success. On the other topic of the revised procedures for handling WHOIS conflicts with privacy law, I sent an email out to, let's see, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Oops.

Nine, 10, 11, I believe, 11 people. And out of those 11 people, I think we got feedback from eight on the topic. So eight out of 11 is not bad at all. You know, eight responses from At-Large structures, European At-Large structures out of 11 is not bad at all. And so, Christopher Wilkinson held the pen and there was a lot of input into this topic.

I'm quite pleased with the response rate so far. Christopher Wilkinson, perhaps would you like to say a few words about this?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Hi, good evening. Thank you, Olivier. Yes, I'm about to have to leave the call. First of all, regarding the WHOIS consultation, I'm glad that the EURALO ALS, we seem to have a stable text. I'm not quite sure how At-Large, particularly ALAC, receives from the first view of the other RALOs, [inaudible] in any sense so far.

There are a few days left for the consultation. So, it would be useful to try and stabilize this and get a consensus out of ALAC as soon as possible. I think the present proposal is that, on this in Johannesburg on

the 29th of June. Regarding the GDPR session, I think you've said what is necessary.

I shall try and join online, of course. And I think there will be, yeah, a significant number of people in the audience, who would want to contribute. I'm not particularly impressed by the outline of the panel that [inaudible] was putting up to send me over a personal basis. So, this is, this draft of the program, we have it informally. He is not really… Well, from the European point of view, we have a commission official presenting, fine.

But there is no presentation from any of the European interests, whether it's EURALO or indeed, whenever it's European registries already start, or even from ccNSO or [inaudible]. It's all very well chairing a session, I think in order to simulate a debate, you need to have somebody who is going to present a point of view.

Anyway, we'll see how it works out. The one thing I really don't want to see is for ICANN to decide in its wisdom, that it needs to have a legal review. The GDPR proposal has been in the public domain for, I would guess, two or three years, the whole unassisted process has been conducted and concluded, and an organization such as ICANN, and there are many others in similar situations, an organization such as ICANN in certain circumstances should be given priority to the implementation, and not to another source of delay and discussion in the form of a legal review.

On that note, I'll leave you. Olivier, I would encourage you to contact your peers in the other RALOs, and make sure that this is going to be successfully endorsed by the ALAC in Johannesburg. Thank you.

OLIVER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Christopher. And we will, indeed, be pushing this. We have the luck of having a little bit more time than other public comment processes, in that this was extended until after the meeting. And so, we will be in the position to discuss this face to face again in, I believe, in Johannesburg, which is pretty good news.

I can see here the call for comments is closing on June the 26th, and then the vote will open in Johannesburg itself, and I think that's when the ratification will take place. So, I'm sure there will be some discussion based on the this statement. And I'm sure, due to the number of people from EURALO that will be there, hopefully we will be able to push this through.

That's the point. So, I think I may have mentioned, Andrea [inaudible] is going to be representing EURALO At-Large actually, in those discussions, on the GDDP that you alluded to. On the process, I think, as Yrjö said, we should try again for future, another future public comment. We have to choose it.

But so far, I can see this as being a success, with the amount of engagement we've had on this topic. We are, now I'm talking about the regional At-Large organizations, always have a face to face meeting at an ICANN meeting, and on this occasion, EURALO, and I will be presenting the work that we've done and how we've done it, and as

rightly said, NARALO has looked at this very closely, and might also be doing a test very soon. They're currently trying to find out the skills that they have within their region as well.

So, it's exciting times that we're living in, because we're moving from a process by which everyone receives everything, and it's just like, hey, is anybody interested in saying something about this? Targeting things and saying, hey, we think that you've got the real knowledge for this, please help us specifically on this topic.

And I think that the way that you asked that question changes maybe the way you get answers.

Now, any other things on this topic? I noticed we are seven minutes past the top of the hour. We did start a little late. Just, if I don't see any hands, I can open any other business now, AOB.

So, I was just going to recognize Fiorella Belciu for joining us today. Fiorella, I was at the EuroDig and we had some good discussions with her. She was one of the youth participants in EuroDig. She actually mentioned earlier, she's found youth participation better presented this year. So, it's a positive note for the younger generation of end users, and I think it's a positive note that we should have a younger, active younger generation of end users, because there is so much to do out there, and ultimately, this is going to be affecting young end users perhaps even more for a longer time then us people that have either lost our hair or that have hair that is so white that we blush when we look at it.

So, yeah, it's good, you know, I just wanted to recognize her. And I know that we've met quite a few other young people that are very eager to do things. And hopefully, we can, in a few months' time, we will have more involvement, direct involvement, from youth.

I'll certainly follow-up with them by emailing them and following up on this. A part from this, for those people that are traveling to South Africa, have a very safe travel. I don't see anyone else putting their hand up. You probably want to go back out there whilst the sun is going down, catch the last rays, and get a little bit more feeling of the outdoors.

So, thanks for all of you to have make that commitment to be on today's call. Thanks to our staff, and there just needs to be one thing for me to say, which is that this call is now adjourned. Thank you and have a very good evening everyone. Bye-bye.

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