GISELLA GRUBER:	Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Monthly Teleconference on Tuesday the 26th of September at 18:00 UTC. On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Yrjö Lansipuro, Fiorella Belciu, Matthieu Camus, Andrei Kolesnikov, Anne Marie Joly, Oksana Prykhodko, Annette Mühlberg, Danko Jevtovic. Apologies noted from Sébastien Bachollet, Tatiana Tropina, Sandra Hoferichter, Bastiaan Goslings.
	From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Claudia Ruiz, Gabriella Schittek, Andrea Beccalli, and myself, Gisella Gruber. Let me please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes and this every time you take the floor. Just to let you know that Wale Bakare has joined the roll call as well, welcome, and over to you, Olivier.
OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:	Thank you very much, Gisella. Welcome everybody to this call, the first one after our summer break here in Europe. First, have we missed anyone on the role call? I don't see anyone.
GISELLA GRUBER:	Yes, we have. Sorry to interrupt, Heidi Ullrich is on the call as well, welcome.
OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:	Thanks very much, Gisella, for that. Our agenda today is going to be pretty standard; we will have a few updates on some of the current

topics that we're working on, the EURALO hot topics, the EURALO strategy and a quick update on EuroDig. At the end we'll have a little discussion on the cross community working group on option proceeds.

Ladies and gentleman, we can start with the actions items of our previous two calls since some had not been completed. The first one is the call that we held in June and there were a couple of action items that were left unchecked. I wasn't quite whether they needed to be checked as such. The first one was for Olivier, Sandra and Wolf to follow up with Heidi and Silvia on the possibility to obtain funding for a couple of members to participate at the IGF Geneva 2017. I think that we are yet to conclude this discussion so we've left it unchecked, that's ongoing.

The second one was for the EURALO [inaudible] travelers to EuroDig to finalize their trip reports and to circulate them in the mailing list. We've now received four out of five trip reports, so I think maybe this can be checked as being complete. I'll email our EURALO discussed mailing list with the page on which those trip reports are recorded so you can all read them. Very interesting feedback and I'm very thankful for the travelers to have written their feedback and their thoughts and I hope that they'll continue being involved more with EURALO and its purposes.

The action items from the July call still have a few things left. One is for Wolf to follow up with Jean-Jacques Sahel on the next EuroDIG and SEEDIG. I'm not sure, Wolf, whether you have managed to get a response from him. Secondly, there was one on me, Olivier, to contact Chris Despain on the follow up on the geographic regions review

working group; and I have done that and I just wanted to let you know that the discussions are currently in place with him. He has asked the board support staff for a follow up on that. We are likely to see some movement on that.

What I've also done is this afternoon to get in touch with our potentially affected At-Large structures in Armenia and then Azerbaijan to find out what their plans where in case the geographic regions working group recommendations were implemented by the board. I'll just remind you the recommendations were in 2015 so they might have forgotten them but I've sent a copy of those over to them. There is likely to be movement on this. I know that Wolf Ludwig has put his hand up, so Wolf, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG:　　　　　　　Thanks, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig for the record. It's just to come back to your question. Yes, immediately after the call I wrote a long mail to Jean-Jacques Sahel asking him about the issue whether this may become a problem once we'll select the EuroDIG destination next year out of our region.

We only got a preliminary answer from Jean-Jacques Sahel, and as far as I can remember, you were CC'd into his reply, but basically he said he had to first figure out with other colleagues in ICANN whether this may create a problem but his preliminary assumption was it won't become a problem. That's all for the moment I know so far.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wolf. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond, thank you, that's really helpful. Great, so we can also check that box as being complete. Any comments or questions on the actions items from anyone currently on the call?

I don't see anybody putting their hands up, so we can swiftly move to the next agenda item, and that's the EURALO Secretariat election results; you will have noted that there was one candidate for the EURALO secretariat position. There is a bit of a problem that took place with another candidate, Wolf Ludwig actually having been nominated through by email through the list but for some reason ICANN spam system had blocked it. We never received, or I certainly never saw the other nomination and there was also no record of it in the staff account, and so we ended up having Wale as the only candidate winning by acclimation.

I did send a 24 hour, which actually became more than 24 hour contests call on this; anyway, due to the circumstances, I did call Wolf yesterday and we had a chat on this, and as far as I understand he doesn't wish the election to rerun, but there will be certainly some support from Wolf to Wale in proceeding forward in his new position. I just wanted to welcome Wale first to this new position that he'll start taking up at the annual general meeting in Abu Dhabi at the end of October.

At the same time I also wanted to thank Wolf for his years of great service, both as chair and as secretary of EURALO. I've learnt a lot from Wolf and I'm really thankful for him continuing to remain involved. I just wondered whether any of the incumbents wanted to say any words. Whether Wolf or Wale wanted to say anything?

I don't see anyone putting their hands up, so thanks to both of you, and then we will continue on our agenda, that's certainly going quickly tonight. I guess everyone's hunger for dinner or they've already just had dinner and looking at what to do next, let's move than. Hello, Annette, welcome.

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Hi, I just want to say hi and hello to Wale and I really want to thank Wolf for his work also on the phone not only on the list.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, much appreciated.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Let's then move on to the next agenda item and that's the review of the current upcoming public consultations. At present, listed on our agenda there is one statement currently in process being drafted in comment or in vote and that's the proposed dates for the ICANN public meetings between 2021 and 2023, which to me might as well sound like the next century because it sounds so far away.

But ICANN has set those dates being quite careful about various factors such as religious holidays etc. Yrjo Lansipuro is drafting a statement. Yrjo, did you want to say a few words about the statement that you are currently drafting?

YRJO LANSIPURO: Yeah, this is Yrjo. Thank you, Olivier. I wrote a statement with some reluctance because what I'm saying there is that even a big region of holidays should be taken into account, and of course what I meant was a very Northern European thing that it was midsummer, but at the same time I said that the same of course should apply to all major regional holidays, if possible of course. In the end, everything is made by compromise. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LABLOND: Thanks for this, Yrjo. Olivier speaking. Are there any comments here on this call perhaps that anybody wishes to contribute whilst Yrjo is on the line and ready to listen and add?

No comments; okay, thanks for this, Yrjo. I note, and I'm not quite sure why, that in the At-Large policy advise development page there is actually a second open public comment proceeding and that's the proposed changes to the NCUC charter. The NCUC being the Non-Commercial Users Constituency of the generic names supporting organization.

It's marked on our agenda as being a public comment request to which the ALAC decided not to submit statements, but in the policy page it's marked as being at this stage of commenting. I'm not quite sure which is correct, would any staff member know about this, Heidi or Silvia or Gisella?

SILVIA VIVANCO:	Hello Olivier, this Silvia, I will ask Ariel Liang who is managing the process.
OLIVIER CREPIN-LABLOND:	Thanks very much for this, Silvia. I just don't know why it's like that, but okay. Please follow up on the mail list after the call, just a quick note on whether it's still as a not submitting statement or whether it's actually in the commenting stage. Now, the other public comments to which the ALAC has decided not to submit statements include the statistical analysis of DNS Abuse in generic top level domains, the so called SADAG report.

I had the joy of reviewing this statement and looking at the public comment and looking at whether it was important for our community to draft something. I did put a couple of notes in the chat of that public comment page and it doesn't appear like there's anything in there that we need to comment on apart from just saying, "Yes, it's great to see that report out." In general the ALAC doesn't just say, "Yes, we're happy about something and keep on doing what you're doing." We would need something a bit more substantial than this so that was decided as not being commented on.

Then the proposal renewal of .museum's sponsored registry agreement, again, often the ALAC does not comment on specific top level domain registry agreements except in cases where it really affects end users; .museum is restricted to actual museums, it's serving only a very small number of domains, so it was decided that there was nothing really in there that warranted an ALAC statement as such.

Strangely enough, the policy calendar is very, very light on this occasion, which is very bizarre just before an ICANN meeting, but there might be some that come in the next few days so please keep your eyes and your ears open to statements that might come up in the next couple of weeks. Any comments or points that anybody wishes to make about the current policy work?

I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so we can move on to the next agenda, and that's the discussion on the, would the RIPE NCC to sign a memorandum of understanding for the purpose of collaboration. You will have seen on the mailing list some discussion based on a document that RIPE had sent us from the bases of a memorandum of understanding between our respective organizations. There has been a suggestion made by -- I think it was Jean-Jacques Subrenat to add a couple more lines.

I've shared this with RIPE and I'm not being pushy about it since there was no complete consensus as to -- some people wanted to have that statement in there, others did not support this. I said, "Well, this is an option." The response I've had from RIPE was that they're in general happy including it or not including it, they're just checking with their legal team and we should have an answer very soon.

The mood is such that we're now working out a time at which the agreement would be signed and this is likely to be during the European stakeholders session on one of the days, I can't remember which but anyway, we'll all forget by that time, but it's happening just before the APRALO showcase or general assembly on one of the days, so I hope that we'll have a good turnout and the great thing about it happening in

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the European stakeholders meeting is that it will be followed by a cocktail with light refreshments and some light bites that we can have.

It's a milestone I think in EURALO's development, it's something that the other RALO's have done as well. Although, I think that we were probably one of the earliest to have worked with the our regional internet registry thanks to the excellent work that Wolf and Sandra did with EuroDIG, so many years ago actually, where EURALO became a partner of EuroDIG and therefore is completely involved with the organization of EuroDIG.

It's great to see that we're now also having a direct link with RIPE because RIPE was also a partner of EuroDIG, so we've already been working, not directly but indirectly together; now it's great to see that we can work directly together soon and hopefully we will; I think some of the next steps would probably be that we will have more involvement in going and meeting at RIPE meetings. That is something that other RALO's have done and we will see with time if we can continue in that direction. Are there any comments or questions about this?

I don't see anyone putting their hand up so that's the good news about RIPE. Next we have two current processes going on in EURALO; the first one is the EURALO hot topics. The link in the agenda sends you over to the Wiki page that talks about the hot topics and there is a link there that goes into a Google Doc. Now, I really thank the people that have already contributed to this document and that have pointed out some amendments to it.

I note through the discussion, I think it was Yrjo that mentioned that actually most of the topics are still very much in the spotlight, but perhaps one that has to be added and maybe even at the top of the list is the one about the general data protection regulation, which is otherwise known as the GDPR, a very hot topic in Europe.

To give you an idea, this is a set of rules and regulations that was drafted by the European commission and I understand that they will come in place in 2019. They deal with any database that contains personal data and it actually has a direct influence on ICANN when it comes down to Whois, the register of the people's names associated with a domain name, so the owner of a domain name is listed using the Whois database and that might be in contravention to some of the GDPR rules.

There are going to be some session in the forthcoming ICANN meeting about GDPR. There has been some good involvement from our region and in particular Christopher Wilkinson who has been involved at the heart of this for quite awhile has really contributed well, but others as well have contributed; I'm thinking about Andrie Kolesnikov for example who spoke in the last ICANN meeting in Johannesburg on our behalf.

There's a lot going on in that and the reason why it's so important is that because any company that contravenes the GDPR regulation, will have 15 days to make it right, which is not very much for a large organization, and if they don't get it right within 15 days they get slammed with a 20 million -- I don't know if it was 20 million euro's or dollars but it is a large amount, whether in euro's or dollars, and that's of course getting everyone to be very careful about this.

Certainly in our region, the GDPR's is going to have a huge impact and I think that can be added. Is there any other topics that could be added to the hot topics, EURALO hot topics?

I see quite a few people are reading the document at the moment. I mean what we can do of course is to just have the same document, add the DGPR on it, change the date to 2017, it's already been changed, and then go from there. Are there any topics that you think might need to be taken out of the document perhaps because they are now past and they're not really important topics anymore? That's really up to you. I open the floor for any comments or questions.

WOLF LUDWIG: Olivier, there is a question from Oksana in the chat. Could you please comment what GDPR means for non EU countries, and I suggest that perhaps Andrei may comment on this question as well.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. I'm sorry, I was looking at the wrong window and yes very good point, Wolf. Andrei, are you able to speak and provide us with some feedback with what that means for non EU countries?

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: Hi, it's Andrei. Yeah, I can comment on this. We are not an EU country of course, but this kind of regulation was implemented a few years ago, however there is a big difference between the core target of the legislation. In Russia unlike EU, in Russia the personal data protection is

kind of a safe care, there's whole instruments, whole tools within this legislation to protect the private data and the personal data. It's supplied with state enforcement instruments, special checks and controls, the regular controls and it's kind of a dehumanizing approach.

While the GDPR in Europe, in the center of the whole legislation is the [inaudible] and its intention to protect privacy. There is a big difference between privacy and personal data because privacy it's much broader and it's closer to the human being, while the personal data is more kind of instrumental, you know, where is my record, the government will take care of my record, etc, etc., so there are important nuances between the two approaches.

The fact is that this regulation being in place in Russia for about six or seven years, and for example all the registrars and the registries are in full compliance to this law and this compliance is not just a statement but it's set a processes and procedures and the communication developed in every registrar and also in the registry which proves sending to the state saying that we are compliant.

There is a special tool and document and a process in place where you actually apply; it's not license, you just make a statement, "I'm in full compliance with the private data law." That's how it works in Russia and it's a process, it's a beauracratic process and there is some monetary value because we have to hire the people who will do the process, you have to amend it, write the process for the personnel, how you sort the data, how you keep this in the safe, who you keep it in the database, etc, etc. That's basically a short intro on how it works in Russia. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Andrei. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. If I could just add just one more sentence to your excellent explanation, for any company that wishes to do business in Europe or whose services could be used in Europe contains the name and the database of people that are European addresses; I think that affects them directly as well. That's why you could be a US company but being directly affected by this. Andrei Kolesnikov.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: Yeah, I forgot to say that this European regulation makes no difference between where you're from. If it's a company from [inaudible], you have to compliant to this law, that's very important to understand.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay excellent, thanks very much for this. It's Olivier speaking. And I've noticed that Fiorella Belciu has mentioned a couple of points regarding other directives and regulations that might come out of the European parliament soon. Fiorella, would you be able to just give us a few words about this as well, please? [AUDIO BREAK]

I don't know whether Fiorella's microphone is enabled or not. Microphone is not working. Okay, so Fiorella will add some more in the chat, but there certainly is some more regulation coming from the European parliament on privacy and communications. Of course all of these things are linked together between ePrivacy, the GDPR, etc. Will

be interesting to see how that moves forward and certainly a big topic at ICANN. We'll include it in the EURALO hot topics.

I noticed Glenn McKnight has also turned up on the call, welcome Glenn, and he's mentioning RightsCon. Last year RightsCon took place in Europe. We had the luck of having, I think it was Bastiaan Goslings who managed to go to RightsCon on our behalf. This year it's happening now in Canada, so it's left us and Canada is the country where Glenn lives, so it's quite likely that Glenn will be able to take part in this. I note from what he's saying that Göran Marby is a speaker there as well, no RightsCon for us this year. Any other comments on the EURALO hot topics, comments and proposals?

Okay, so I'm not noticing any other points on this at present. Please, we have until the end of the month to come up with this, come up with a final document and the whole idea is that the document, you will just add what we need to add to it and then we'll pass it by the EURALO mailing list one last time for any last call, and then that will be our hot topics for 2017.

It's great to see that other RALO's are following suite and are also coming up with similar documents for their region and it's interesting to compare the commonality of topics between regions and for some the differences of topics. Glenn McKnight, you have the floor.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yes, hi. Thank you for allowing me to join your meeting today. I had a couple of things and it's inspiration from you guys. You guys did a fantastic job on your document on hot topics and copying is the best

form of flattery. I did two additional things that came to mind. I tried to tie the hot topics to the ICANN Strategic Plan and a couple of them actually don't actually correspond, which is a whole other issue. I think I went back to the same thing you guys did on the expertise survey and I tried to tie people to inspire them to actually take a somewhat ownership of the thread or the hot topic and inspired them to start doing some webinars and topics and speak out on these issues.

Hopefully, we can have the ground swell of policy statements. This is something we did a great job at our GA, but we really dropped the ball on the last few months. We've been busy with our rules of procedures and the damn At-Large review took the air out of the room for a few months. Happy to share with you how we're approaching it. Thanks, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for sharing this with us, Glenn. Glenn McKnight is the chair of the North American Region of At-Large organization, the NARALO. So great to have you on the call, and thanks for mentioning this suggestion of linking the hot topics with the subject matter experts in the region. Yrjo Lansipuro is on the call, he's the chair of our working group on our ALS engagement tasks force. Yrjo, do you think this something we could actually pick up on and try and do also in our region?

YRJO LANSIPURO: Yes, this is Yrjo Lansipurio. Thank you, Olivier, and thank you, Glenn, for giving this idea to us. If there is time to do this, that is to say to try to

get ALS'es and independent members to comment on the topics, so yeah we should certainly do it.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Yrjo, I'll leave that in your capable hands. Fiorella has put her comment in the chat and I'll try and read it before it scrolls out of view too quickly. She mentions that, "Hand in hand with the GDPR, the European Commission has been working for a faster process to keep up with the GDPR implementation. This is the case also for what has been the ePrivacy directives in the EU, which builds on the EU telecoms and data protection frameworks to ensure that all communications over public networks maintain respect for fundamental rights and in particular a high level of data protection and of privacy regardless of the technology that is used. So on the 10th of January 2017 the European Commission, and it's just scrolled out, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a regulation on privacy and electronic communications to replace the 2009 directive and now it's in the hands of the European Parliament so it might take a little bit longer to reach an agreement and then pass it to the council for the trilog."

Fiorella mentions she might add this in the Google Doc. Maybe as a footnote in the EURALO hot topics that would be helpful, so it provides us maybe with points for discussion next year as of course this document is a living document and it will continue evolving, so that we don't forgot or lose this information by next year. Thanks very much for this contribution as well ,Fiorella. Andrea, yes; welcome, Andrea, please, you have the floor.

ANDREA BECCALLI: Yeah, just to say a few words on the topic. I really commend this initiative of the hot topics and tracking them. I think the GDPR it will be a full case for us, for ICANN as more and more realize that we could have been more involved as a community in ICANN, in the process that's lead to the GDPR. Would could have been assessing the experts the article 29 parties that have been working on that. We see now that the aspects of these regulations on the DNS to see [inaudible] been completely clear and understood. We're actually doing this exercise now within ICANN, there is a community working group on that.

There is an external legal advisor that is looking at the legal impacts of GDPR on the whole ICANN legal system. There is a matrix that is going on. These are all initiatives that they want, they want to turn back time. We have to make sure that that's going on; we as a community, I will speak for myself as an ICANN task, [inaudible] complete power on what's going on in the European region, but we are able to flag and to be more participant in that.

So I really look forward to this positive that you are having on hot topics and ePrivacy definitely is one that is coming up and there will be more. I really invite to look at the digital single market packages and have a look from the ICANN perspective and from the DNS ecosystem perspective and see how they pick the seven impacts, what is the traction on that. And to avoid this kind of fire fighting and bashing back. In this case GDPR is also very tip fine for the infractions that companies may have incur in that and that's kind of an incentive now to do [inaudible] and make sure that we comply.

Just to conclude, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow the CEO of ICANN will be in Brussels, a very busy two day meeting with basically the different parts of the European Commission that will be involved with GDPR, this will be the topic. So this is something that we at ICANN [inaudible] to the highest level, but still as I said, we won't be able to turn back time so we have to make sure that this kind of situation we won't repeat in the future. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for very much for this, Andrea, and that was Andrea Beccalli. I CANN staff for this. Andrea, you mentioned a number of things. I'm not sure whether you are on the EURALO discussion mailing list but it would be helpful if you could drop a few of the references you mentioned there on the EURALO mailing list as a follow up. I think it's a very exciting and interesting development taking place at the moment and our mailing list is really where we can catch up and we can have more input from our At-Large structures.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible] Andrei?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: No Andrea, Andrea Beccalli.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: There's two Andrei's.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I know, I didn't say Andrei. I said Andrea, Andrea Beccalli. We have one too many Andrei or Andrea's here. Thanks very much for this. I don't see any other hands on this topic, so let's than move on to the next agenda item and that's again going to point us to a Google Doc so Wiki and access to a Google Doc.

Now, for the core of this document I have to thank Wale Bakare who has drafted this on behalf of the EURALO individuals association; they started this, it was passed by the members of the EURALO individuals association and then passed on over to us, so that's the EURALO strategy for 2017.

This is not the EURALO outreach strategy which we've done separately and which has been filed with ICANN already, but it has several component parts including the aims of EURALO, the objectives, the strategies, the plan for outreach and events for the year 2018. And by the way, I pointed that perhaps we should just have that section pointing over to the EURALO outreach strategic plan since it shouldn't really do double duty and then finally the ICANN events potential travel supports.

So now I open the floor for comments on this other document and I already see two people cueing for this, so let's start with Wolf Ludwig.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thank you, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig for the record. Just a short comment referring to what you just posted on the EURALO list before

the call that there is one element that seems rather important to me. I completely agree with what Wale has drafted from the point of view of individual users and he has stressed his prospective and presented his prospective fairly well, but I think we shouldn't forget in this context that the basis of EURALO are our At-Large structures around [inaudible] and I think this organizational basis or aspect should also be included in this strategy paper, so I just want to note for the record that I fully support the comments made by Yrjo Lansipuro. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wolf. Next is Yrjo Lansipuro.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Yes, thank you, this is Yrjo Lansipuro. Thank you, Wolf, for supporting. I think that this document is a good base for the drafting. Of course it is written from the point of the independent members association so that what it needs is just an editorial change or editorial processing that brings the ALSes into that also. The other thing concerning ALSes that I also mentioned in that posting is that perhaps a few lines could be said about the importance of the ALSes in their national or local context.

That is to say there are very different organizations, existing organizations with internet related interests but the fact that they wanted to be ALSes means that they have some sympathy towards ICANN and actually they are very useful, can I say agents, in their local surroundings, local context when it comes to things that relate to ICANN. I think that it could be also a part of our strategy to help the

ALSes to function as important parts of the local multi-stakeholder corporation systems in each country.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Yrjo, I see agreement from Wolf Ludwig. I open the floor for more comments and questions. Wale, you were the first drafter of this, what do you make of the points that have been made?

I think we might have a problem, we can't hear you well. We can't hear you well at all, your voice comes out very distorted, perhaps be closer to the mic or otherwise please write your comments in the chat.

WOLF LUDWIG: Perhaps he can post his comment in the chat?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, that's what I mentioned, Wolf, thank you. So Wale, please type your comments in the chat and I ask any other comments or questions on this. I don't hear anyone coming up with an opposite view to the one made by Yrjo and by Wolf. May I ask you, Yrjo, to perhaps type the text directly in the Google Doc where you want the text to go, so suggest some text somewhere, where it can be added basically, and we know exactly where it is and so on. It makes it a lot easier than just having it as an email like this and then not knowing really where to put it, is that okay?

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YRJO LANSIPURO: That's okay. I'll do it.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this. I'll wait until Wale finishes typing his text, his feedback. It's a little unfortunate but sometimes technology lets us down, we're unable to hear someone and the text is backup as a testimony to someone's ability to draft or to type quickly at the time.

Now, the aim again for this document is to finish it by the end of this month so we are reaching the last few days. We've got until the end of this week actually, that's the end of the month, so just a few days left until we then freeze the document and pass it by the EURALO mailing list for a consensus call, maybe a final cleanup and so on. We're not stuck to an absolute deadline of the 30th so if there are more comments that come in towards the end of this week and there is still discussion around any of those two documents, we might extend.

The idea really is to have a finalized document and something that is in place for the last ICANN meeting of the year for the annual general meeting so that we can start the next year with a document that is finalized, that's done.

"The draft is just a starting point, the draft will updated to integrate all the suggestions," says Wale Bakare on the chat. With this, I think that we can then move to the next agenda item. As I said four more days, so please follow up on the documents itself.

Let's go to the next one, and I pressed the wrong button, sorry for this. The next agenda item is a quick update on EuroDIG. That's just a

passing update about two events that have actually taken place that are unrelated. They were both under EuroDIG but first there was the Georgian IGF that took place a couple of weeks ago, and on that occasion, Sandra Hoferichter and a number of people, me included, went to meet at the location of the next EuroDIG.

As you know, this meeting will take place in June 2018 in the wonderful city of Tbilisi, wonderful wine and wonderful people as well. Great facilities, fantastic internet speed, I was quite impressed with that. That's where the next EuroDIG will take place. At the same time, I did have some discussions myself with the ISOC Internet Society Georgian Chapter who were the main organizers for the Georgian IGF and it might be that they apply as an At-Large structure in the near future.

The second update is about ISOC Inter Community 2017. The Internet Society had a one day -- well, 24 hour, not one day, 15 hours I think it was. Maybe not a full 24, 15 hours of broadcasting on various different topics that took place. I think that some of our members were involved and a number of people said they wouldn't be able to be on last week's call. This is why we've moved the call to this week and I don't know if there are any chapters present who wish to say anything about Inter Community.

I watched not all of it but some of it and I felt it was quite good fun. Very interesting discussions taking place, some on privacy, some discussions on the GDPR and the future of the internet, on all sorts of topics that were all related to the internet. Nothing specific to ICANN itself, well not that I recall, maybe when I was sleeping, but not when I was up and running. Yrjo Lansipuro, ISOC Finland.

YRJO LANSIPURO: I just wanted to say that we did a so called chapter celebration with about five people present, other stakeholders. I think this feed from around the globe was a very good help in doing that sort of outreach to the various stakeholder groups in our case. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Yrjo. We've just given an update for something on the Internet Society Chapters. I wonder if there are other events taking place that some of our other At-Large structures are staging sometimes; if we could not keep five minutes on each one of our monthly calls for our At-Large structures to be able to tell us what they've been up to, if they've had any events. So that goes for ISOC chapters, but also other organizations and there are quite a few things going on elsewhere.

I think it would be interesting for us to share some of the work that we do in At-Large structures. I know that some other RALO's have done that, if I recall I think LACRALO actually had an extended time when they got one of their At-Large structures to talk about the work they were doing in different projects and so on. Maybe that's something we could consider doing. I note in order, first Wolf Ludwig and then Heidi Ullrich. Wolf first, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. In this context, I was not sure where to add this, it would also fit among our agenda item nine, but it's just a short

announcement. Some or many of you may have realized there have been Federal elections in Germany last Sunday and one of our members, a guy you know fairly well, which is Jimmy Schulz, which was a NomCom appointed ALAC member for one terms, he was reelected to the German Parliament again.

This was a good news for me, so we have somebody in the Deutscher Bundestag, so the German Parliament again, who is familiar with our concerns and the subjects etc., and I'm in regular contact with Jimmy Schulz, etc. I was pleased that his party came back again and especially that Jimmy Schulz became reelected. I wanted to make you aware about this. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Wolf. That's really amazing, that's excellent. Well done Jimmy, and a round of applause for Jimmy Schulz. For those people who don't know Jimmy, he was on the ALAC, selected by the NomCom, he did his time on the ALAC, was very helpful, a very enthusiastic and very active member in our community.

It's great to hear that he's back in the German Parliament and I really hope that he'll be able to push the multi-stakeholder model in the German Parliament and to share his knowledge about what he's been doing at ICANN with parliamentarians, which I know, and I'm speaking here for all countries, that's sometimes very difficult to do, since parliamentarians are sometimes a very special breed.

Let's go for Heidi Ullrich and then Annette Muhlberg afterwards. Heidi, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you very much and congratulations to Jimmy. Following up on the idea of promoting or showcasing what the ALSes are doing in their region, I think that has always been important but probably extremely important now with the review that is focusing on the RALO's and the At-Large structures and individuals. For a survey of what the RALO's have done, there have been several attempt over the years.

AFRALO had a Wiki page that had allowed the ALSes and AFRALO to showcase what they were doing. That went well for awhile but within about six months it sort of did not, wasn't very active anymore. Then NARALO did a showcase on ALS spotlight which was fantastic, that went on for quite some time, but again, that currently is not continuing at the moment. NARALO also has a fantastic newsletter that Eduardo has been handling for many years, I think about three years now and that's something that would be useful to see happen across the RALO's, perhaps across a RALO regional newsletter, highlights the ALSes.

These are some of the possible ideas that EURALO may consider or that the regional leadership may consider for all of the RALO's. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this ,Heidi. Having edited a newsletter quite a few years ago, my local internet society chapter, I know how much work is involved, it's huge and kudos to Eduardo for having run the NARALO newsletter which I was subscribed to and which I've thoroughly enjoyed reading. It's a wonderful thing to do; I'd love it if somebody could take

on the responsibility of doing it in EURALO or maybe even a group of people. It's just so much work to do though.

Perhaps, and let me just turn the tables here, there was a request or a recommendation in the At-Large review about having some kind of a staff managing resources to come up with regular information etc, someone dedicated to this sort of thing. I'm not sure but could we have some kind of a guest editor from staff on this?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Just on that point, nice try, Olivier, however there are now regional newsletters from the communications department that include what we call blurbs internally on specific RALO or At-Large activities. Again, this does not really give a chance for specific ALSes to highlight their activities.

Again, this might be something, an item to be considered for the regional leadership in Abu Dhabi or perhaps even during the implementation of the At-Large review, how can we more effectively highlight the activities of the ALSes, and you know, we might bring the ICANN communications team in there to help us. Back over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Heidi. I realize the time is ticking, let's have Annette Muhlberg, you have the floor, Annette.

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ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Thank you. I just wanted to let you know that we organized again in Germany a German IGF in November, 15th of November, and there were several ALSes involved. It is a multi-stakeholder approach, the whole IGF we organize in the steering committee with multi-stakeholder approach and we will tackle a lot of interesting issues from security to public interest, all to internet governance and IT infrastructure. We hopefully managed to also give some input from this IGF to the German IGF to the EuroDIG. Just to let you know.

OLIVIER CREPI-LEBLON: Thanks very much for this update, Annette. You've just mentioned a number of topics which I felt would be very good for EURALO that touch on ICANN issues, the public interest being one of them. Would it be possible in the future to -- I gather there will be messages as you said that will be sent to EuroDIG, could a copy of these messages be sent over to the EURALO mailing list?

And if they are in German, than maybe we'll have to try and get an English version of it or something because that would be really helpful for our own discussions that are taking place in At-Large on these issues?

ANNETTE MUHLBERG: Sure. I will take care of that.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this. We are five minutes late now so let's go to any other business. There is a point here regarding the cross

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community working group on auction proceeds. The link actually would send you to the homepage of this very important cross community working group. The options of domain names have generated a huge quantity of funds, we're talking about hundreds of millions of dollars that need to be allocated one way or other.

This working group is designing the way by which this money would be allocated. It's not a case of like, "Hey, get on the working group and get paid millions of dollars;" no, not quite. It's designing the process, designing the recommendations and the requirements for allocation and to what sort of group the funds would be allocated etc. The ALAC has five people on this committee and one of those five people, namely Sebastien Bachollet who I hope is on the call perhaps. Is Sebastien on the call? He did send an apology but he did say he might just join at the end. Gisella, you have the floor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes, sorry to interrupt you, Olivier. Would you like us to quickly dial up to him? As he said, he would be available to join us for this agenda item?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes Gisella, I did text you a few minutes, 10 minutes ago actually that I asked. Sorry. That would be helpful. Basically just to summarize quickly, Sebastien now has been chosen for the accountability and transparency review team, the third instance of this work, and this is quite a heavy work schedule, it looks at ICANN, it looks at its

transparency and its processes and has to go through a lot work, flying to face to face meeting.

I think when I was on there a few years ago there were four or five face to face meetings in one year, so every couple of months. So he's a little concerned that he might not be able to give it his full attention to the working group on the cross community working group and auction proceeds. The idea hopefully is if someone else could pick up that position. One would become a member of that working group, so not just an observer; one would be nominated by EURALO to be on there and would effectively be -- it's an official position and would have to relay back to us on this.

It is an exciting working group and very important indeed. This is in a way a call for any candidates who wish to be on that working group, and only go on this if you do have the time. I note that Wale Bakare is already a participant on the CCWG auction proceeds, so that's great, Wale, but not as member, okay.

We'll have to see if we have a person to put on this. I'm a little concerned, Wale, about spreading oneself thin because you're now also taking on the position of EURALO sectary, but let's see what Sebastien says and what he suggests. Do we have him online?

The time is ticking. In the meantime, I can thank everyone for being on the call, that late. Oksana Prykhodko, you have the floor.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you very much, Olivier. I would like to invite everybody to an Ukrainian event. On October 5th we will have IGF-UA 4, and on October 6th we will have 8 IGF-UA. I will send to the list details of some more participation.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Oksana. And thanks, I know you've sent me also an invitation and I look forward to be able to take part remotely. Just one question, there is interpretation on the call, I gather? Of course, okay excellent. It's just my Ukrainian and my Russian are not that great at present. I haven't used them for quite a few years so it's helpful to know that there's interpretation. Great.

Voicemail for Sebastien, so I think I've basically said all I needed to say on his behalf. It's unfortunate, but perhaps he thought that we weren't going to call him after all with this. I note that Wale can volunteer to speak about the auction proceeds on the next EURALO meeting, that's great. We'll follow up then after this call by email if you're interested in the position of member of that working group. And with this, I'd like to ask if there are any other --

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry to interrupt, Olivier, he joined and disconnected.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, that's great to know. Playing hide and seek. This is [inaudible] and I'm not going to make you wait any further. Gisella, that's okay, if we can't get a hold of him then we'll ask him to send a note over to the

EURALO mailing list. It's just Murphy's Law, when you need to reach someone. Any other business?

I don't see anyone putting their hand up so I'd like to thank you all for being on this call, with apologies for the delayed start and delayed end. Let's look forward to the future ICANN meeting that we have coming up. Again, I'll [CROSSTALK] these two documents that we need to have. Oh now we have Sebastien, just at that moment before I close the call. Sebastien, you have one minute to tell us about the position, the seat that you're leaving.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I'm not yet leaving. I would like very much that we think about my replacement in the CCWG on the auction proceeds. It's a place where we are discussing how ICANN will spend the money from the auction, and not who will get the money or whose project will get the money, but for the moment how it will be spent and how it will be organized.

As I consider that I don't want to do too much projects at the same time and as I will join hopefully the [inaudible] team, I would like very much that you think about who could be a replacement for me as a member of the CCWG. You know there are different layers, you can be a member, you can be a participant and you can be an observer. If you are a member you are one who has a vote if any vote is needed, the CCWG needs to be interested in those topics.

It's not too late to join because it's really the beginning of the discussion, therefore it's why I wanted to ask you to think about that and if one of you is interested I will be happy to help them to be on the

right speed and to take my place after that as soon as possible. If somebody is interested, it will be great. Hope it's clear what I can tell you now. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Sebastien. Are there any questions or comments?

And with no questions or comments, thank you very much everyone, have a very good evening, and this call is now adjourned. Good bye.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, everyone. As Olivier said, this call is now adjourned. Please be sure to disconnect your audio, and we look forward to hearing from you soon again. Thank you, bye-bye.

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