

EURALO Annual report for the period April 2017 to October 2018

1. Regular activities

Since our last F2F General Assembly (GA) in March 2017 in Copenhagen, the records of our regular activities on the basis of our monthly calls can be seen on EURALO's Workspace and in our monthly reports – see:

<https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/EURALO+Monthly+Reports>

Therefore and like in previous years, we would like to concentrate this annual report on some highlights, special achievements and weaknesses / shortcomings during the reporting period.

2. EURALO representations

Current members at ALAC and ICANN are - Sébastien Bachollet, re-selected in 2017 for a term ending at AGM 2019 for a term ending at AGM 2019, Bastiaan Goslings, selected in 2017 (replacing Veronica Cretu who stepped down on 5th January 2017) for the remaining of the term ending at AGM 2018 for the remaining of the term ending at AGM 2018 and Andrei Kolesnikov selected by the Nominating Committee in 2016 for a term ending at AGM 2018.

Our NomCom representative on the Nominating Committee representative for the second year running was Sandra Hoferichter.

The ICANN's Leadership Training (previously ICANN Academy), where EURALO contributed substantially to its creation and which took a hiatus in the past year was re-started and conducted by Sandra Hoferichter.

It is also worth noting that Yrjö Länsipuro has been selected by the ALAC to take the position of ALAC Liaison to the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) and that Andrei Kolesnikov has been appointed by the ALAC to take the position of SSAC Liaison. The RALO's congratulations go to both of them for their appointments to such key positions.

Bastiaan Goslings was renewed for another three-year term by EURALO from AGM 2018 to AGM 2021.

Joanna Kulesza was appointed by the Nominating Committee to sit on the ALAC for the EURALO region for a two year term from AGM 2018 to AGM 2020. EURALO congratulated Bastiaan on his re-selection and welcomes Joanna in her new role.

3. EURALO at EuroDIG

EURALO members were among the founding members of EuroDIG and contributed substantially to the continuing events from Strasbourg 2008 (inception) to Tbilisi, Georgia in 2018. Since multiple EuroDIGs, EURALO finds itself among various institutional partners like the Council of Europe, Swiss

OFCOM, EBU, RIPE NCC, ICANN, ISOC and the EU Commission. The Chair of EURALO (Olivier Crépin-Leblond) is a member of the EuroDIG Board of Directors. EuroDIG is still considered as a key platform for EURALO’s increasing outreach and recognition across Europe. EuroDIG has grown to confirm its place as the European IGF and its 2017 and 2018 editions were absolute successes.

In June 2017, all 5 [Community Regional Outreach Programme \(CROP\) slots were used for EuroDIG](#) in Tallinn, Estonia (Andrei Kolesnikov; Matthias Hudobnik; Gleb Pyzhov; Annette Mühlberg; Rim Hayat).

The next EuroDIG which took place in Tbilisi, Georgia, in June 2018. [3 CROP slots were available](#), the selected candidates were Clément Genty, Andrei Kolesnikov, Oksana Prykhodko travelled to Tbilisi, Georgia to represent EURALO at EuroDig 2018.

Both participations brought new members to join, especially as individual users. EURALO is well known and respected in European Internet Governance circles.

4. Out-reach and In-reach

Our activities around EuroDIG and SEEDIG were among the best opportunities to constantly improve our outreach in the European region. Several EURALO members were closely involved in national IGFs (Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, UK, Ukraine, Switzerland).

EURALO had a strong representation in the Global IGF 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland. EURALO Secretary Wale Bakare was supported by CROP travel to attend and coordinate EURALO work in Geneva, including collaborating with the other RALOs to run an At-Large booth that was very well placed at the conference venue (Palais des Nations in Geneva). Another CROP travel support slot was allocated to Matthias Hudobnik who attended the Re:publica 2018 conference in Berlin, Germany, coordinating EURALO’s outreach with local ALSes that were very supportive - thanks to Annette Mühlberg and Oliver Passek.

During the report period, we were able to broaden our base by one new member ALSes only (Norway Chapter of the Internet Society). We are aware about our limited capacities and resources for any supplementary Outreach initiatives but over the years it looks like a worrying trend that we tend to lose as many ALSes as we can newly acquire:

Current No. of EURALO ALSes 37	
new ALSes in 2017 = 1	Foreseeable decertification in 2019 = 2
new ALSes in 2018 = 1	Decertified ALSes in 2017 = 1

As mentioned in the 2016 report: *“Compared to other RALOs, EURALO’s membership development is between stagnant or decreasing. And as repeated year by year, we are far away from achieving our ambitious goal to have “one ALS / member organisation per European country”! A key observation or assessment of this problem clearly is that Outreach is seen or misunderstood as a solely duty of the leadership – and not as a challenge and task for ALL existing members. Under the given conditions EURALO may not progress and grow in*

future. It does not seem to be presumptuous that existing members try to identify and encourage other potential ALSes in their home countries at least by using their national knowledge and language – something that cannot be achieved remotely by EURALO’s leadership only.”

A segment of last year’s annual report is unfortunately also valid for the past period:

“Another symptom at EURALO for this worrying development is the fact that it is almost impossible to find and motivate members for ALAC and its subject-related Working groups while not always counting on the same few regional representatives. A major shortcoming at EURALO is our chronic underrepresentation at ALAC WGs. These structural weaknesses of EURALO need to be taken into consideration more seriously by the Board and its members as a whole.”

Unfortunately, despite efforts to change this dynamic, the situation only improved slightly in this last reporting period.

That said, our Task Force of ALS Engagement is working to help remedy this problem.

The Task Force, led by Yrjö Länsipuro, has conducted a survey of At-Large Structure Competencies and created a database that opens the door to targeting information better at our ALSes. The database can also be used to focus on calling for contributions on a per-topic basis. Work is ongoing to develop this process further and other RALOs have already expressed the interest to follow a process taking the EURALO work as good practice. Ultimately, such knowledge will be used in the longer term project of an At-Large Policy Management Process System designed to reduce email overload and increase direct engagement of members.

5. Individual membership

EURALO’s Individual User Association ALS, chaired by Jean-Jacques Subrenat, and then Roberto Gaetano and assembling non-affiliated individuals across Europe, became an active part of our regular work. They created their own website and are an important complementary element in our membership structure. Individual user membership has grown at a steady pace since the last reporting period – see: <http://individualusers.org/about/>

This constitutes good news for the future: the At-Large Review recommendations included an emphasis on promoting individual membership in all RALOs and EURALO is now the RALO with the highest growth in individual membership. Individual members have also been more active in At-Large working groups.

6. RIPE NCC Memorandum of Association (MoU)

EURALO and RIPE have been collaborating for years as key partners in the creation of EURODIG thanks to our past Chair Wolf Ludwig. After months of

negotiation, EURALO Chair Olivier Crépin-Leblond and RIPE CEO Axel Pawlik signed a Memorandum of Association for wider collaboration between EURALO and RIPE. The signature ceremony took place during the ICANN meeting in Abu Dhabi. Pictures of the event, as well as the signed document can be found [here](#). As a result, EURALO was invited to participate at the RIPE 76 meeting in Marseille, with EURALO Chair Olivier Crépin-Leblond using RALO discretionary funds to travel locally for the whole length of the meeting and to present EURALO at the RIPE Collaboration Session. The RALO request for discretionary funds as well as Olivier's slide deck are linked from the "[FY18 RALO Requests for Funding to support an Outreach Activity](#)" page.

It was agreed that this collaboration could continue in future RIPE meetings.

7. Bylaws Review

After long discussions when some members asked for a review of our Bylaws some time ago already, we created a Task Force on this challenging issue after the Dublin GA. This TF started its intensive work at the beginning of 2016 with regular weekly calls to review our Bylaws and to adapt the bulky current version of bylaws to EURALO's actual functioning over the past years. It was found that an increasing number of clauses needed to be amended.

At the Helsinki meeting in June 2016, the decision was made to re-start drafting a brand new set of bylaws based on a Swiss form of bylaws, which allows for a much simpler document that aligns better with the mission and form of a Regional At-Large Organisation (RALO). Work is ongoing with new volunteers having joined the group. The group, thanks to the pen-holding skills of Florian Hule, has been working hard on a [new draft of ByLaws](#) that will be presented at the Barcelona ICANN meeting.

8. EURALO Officers and Board

The EURALO leadership was elected for a two-year-term until 2019. The new Board was selected via an Online tool, in 2017:

- Roberto Gaetano - Italy
- Yrjö Länsipuro - Finland
- Erich Schweighofer- Austria
- Annette Mühlberg - Germany
- Jean-Jacques Subrenat – France

The new Secretary Olawale Bakare (Wale), EURALO individual member (United Kingdom) was selected as the next EURALO Secretary in October 2017. He was fully briefed in a call with the previous Secretary and ex-Chair (for 9 years) Wolf Ludwig and current Chair, Olivier Crépin-Leblond. Wale has been very careful in keeping records up to date, including the [monthly reports](#) which are key to keeping members updated about the RALO's activities.

9. EURALO Hot Topics

The EURALO Hot Topics list was updated on the Hot Topics of 2017, and adding the [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#).
<https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/EURALO+Hot+Topics+2017>

GDPR is a very hot topic for Europe, and ICANN is impacted by the GDPR and has [its own pages](#) about the topic. In addition to the At-Large Capacity Building Program Webinar, EURALO had 2 Webinars organized in 2018 for the benefits of the At-Large members. These can be found on

- [2018-01-24 At-Large Capacity Building Webinar: "Data Protection: What do you need to know as End-Users about GDPR"](#)
- [2018-02-19 EURALO Webinar on General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#)
- [2018-05-29 EURALO Webinar on General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#)

Each Webinar was well attended and shared a diversity of stakeholder perspectives from inside and outside the At-Large Community.

10. General Assembly 2018 onwards

EURALO's General Assemblies through 2013 to 2015 were fully funded by ICANN as F2F meetings. The 2016 General Assembly in Helsinki was not funded by ICANN as F2F meeting, the 2017 General Assembly in Copenhagen was not funded as F2F meeting either, and neither the current non F2F meeting General Assembly in Barcelona (as we did for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012).

In September 2018, the ICANN Board has approved the funding for a third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) which unfortunately will not include a RALO General Assembly, at the ICANN Montréal Meeting (October 2019). Participation at the ATLAS III will be restricted to an additional 60 traveller slots that will be allocated according to participation in At-Large activities, which will be tracked.

As things currently stand, EURALO looks likely to be under-represented and we therefore ask our community to be more ambitious with their participation in ICANN At-Large activities.

The next occurrence of an ICANN meeting taking place in the European Region will be ICANN69 in Hamburg, on 17-22 October 2020. As a result, one proposal for 2019 would be to conduct a General Assembly at a mutually agreed location during another meeting in 2019, possibly EuroDIG or the Global IGF which we already know will happen in Berlin. This will remain to be discussed.

Finally the Chair and Secretariat would like to thank the responsiveness of the Board and all of their help in making fast turnaround decisions. This body of 5 members, mentioned in Section 8 of this report, has been solicited more often than on prior years due to a variety of fast turnover decisions that had to be made, as asked for by the ALAC. The EURALO Chair has taken every opportunity possible to consult with the Board when such decisions had to be taken.

Barcelona, October 2018

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