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EURALO and CENTR Sign MoU at IGF 2018

Paris, 13 November 2018 - The European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) and the Council of European National Top-Level Domain Registries (CENTR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) alongside the 2018 Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Paris.



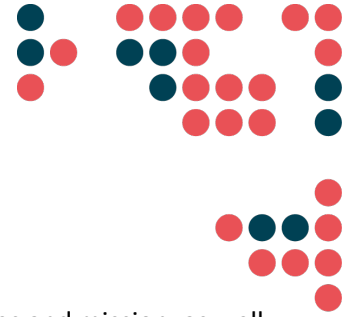
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The agreement formalises the existing relationship between EURALO and CENTR, which is the European association of country-code top level domain (ccTLD) registries. In the agreement, both parties pledged to collaborate for the promotion of Internet coordination activities in the European region.

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More specifically, they will continue to encourage awareness of each other's activities and mission, as well as jointly organising capacity-building events and other meetings, trainings, projects of workshops related to Internet policy and governance. They will also continue to promote Internet development in the European region and an open, bottom-up, multistakeholder Internet governance model.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond, chair of EURALO said: "I am very pleased to sign this Memorandum with CENTR on behalf of EURALO. The aim of EURALO, as defined by our community, is to have at least one At-Large Structure in every country of our region. Collaborating with CENTR will reinforce the multistakeholder model that has already generated great opportunities, starting with National and Regional IGFs. Thanks to CENTR for considering this collaboration and to AFNIC for proposing that we sign this document at the IGF in Paris."

"The IGF provides us with an excellent opportunity to strengthen and formalise the collaboration between EURALO and CENTR," Jörg Schweiger, CENTR Chair said. "CENTR Members have a long tradition of closely working together with their local Internet Communities. EURALO is well represented in those communities, and we look forward to our increased collaboration and information exchange on a regional level and for our work in the international environment."

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About CENTR

CENTR is the association of European country code top-level domain (ccTLD) registries, such as .de for Germany or .si for Slovenia. CENTR currently counts 55 full and 9 associate members – together, they are responsible for over 80% of all registered country code domain names worldwide. The objectives of CENTR are to promote and participate in the development of high standards and best practices among ccTLD registries.

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