



MEMBER NEWS overview

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(.be)

Reaction on the Datanews article of 28 February 2011 on DNS.be

DNS.be wishes to stipulate that this article contains some incorrect information.

(.ca)

2011 Board of Directors Election and Annual General Meeting Dates Announcement

CIRA is pleased to announce the dates for the 2011 CIRA Board of Directors Election and Annual General Meeting (AGM).

(.eu)

.eu Terms and Conditions and Registration Policy updated

Updated versions of the .eu Terms and Conditions and Registration Policy documents will come into effect on 7 April 2011.

(.fi)

Customers of Finnish banks as phishing targets

There have been attempts to phish bank identifiers from customers of Finnish banks.

(.lu)

ICANN Signs Accountability Framework with ccTLD Manager for Luxemburg (.LU)

(.mx)

Modification of Domain Policy registration

(.nl)

Progress with establishment of Registrars' Association

Significant progress has recently been made towards setting up a new Registrars' Association (RA).

Check whether you're ready for DNSSEC

SIDN has developed an application that lets you check whether you are ready to validate DNSSEC signatures.

(.no)

Names reserved on the basis of national considerations

As notified in 2006 the phasing-out period for the first batch of names that have been reserved on the basis of national considerations is over.

(.nz)

.nz February Newsletter Available– February 2011 edition

(.pt)

FCCN has launched a new website for .PT Domain Names Registration

FCCN has launched a new website and online platform for registering .PT domains, that aims to optimize the registration process, presenting the possibility of complete online management of .PT domains by their Registrants and Registrars.

(.ru)

Extraordinary meeting of the coordination center for ccTLD .RU

The CC Board held an extraordinary meeting which dealt with proposals on elimination of violations of domain names registration terms and conditions in IDN TLD .PФ and the Accreditation Agreement

Commission for Disputed Matters relating to accreditations

In compliance with the new documents effective as of 11 January 2011 – the Accreditation Agreement, Regulation of Conduct of Inspections and Accreditation Termination Regulation, the Commission for disputed matters related to accreditation was established under the Coordination Center.

RU-CENTER Launches Russian Community TLD Initiative

(.se)

.SE introduces faster and less expensive ADR for disputes over .se domains

Under the accelerated ADR, the dispute is decided by an arbitrator within 10 working days, instead of 30 days, at a cost of SEK 2,000.

(.si)

Attend the ARNES 2011 Conference – What does cloud computing hold in store?

(.uk)

Issue group update - Dealing with domain names used in connection with criminal activity

The issue group on 'Dealing with domain names used in connection with criminal activity' has been set up.

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CENTR SURVEY DASHBOARD

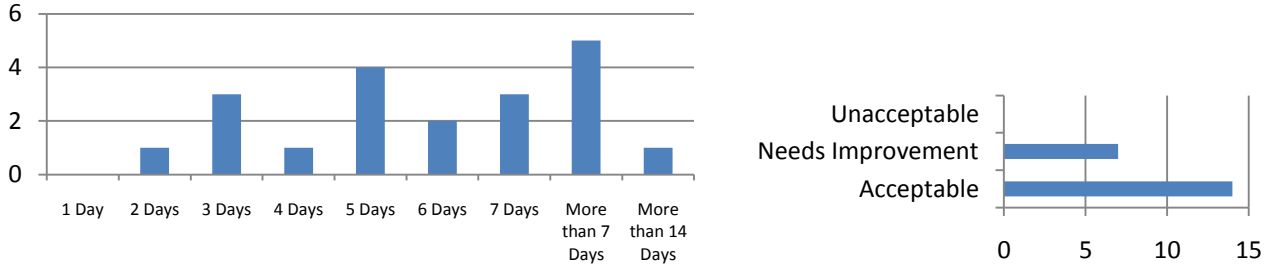
Host object registrations
Corporate Structure of Registries

Survey: IANA Performance Report

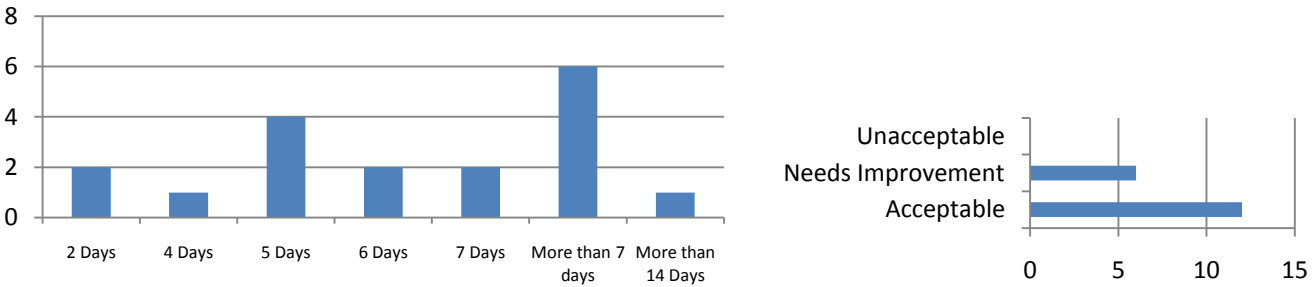
In response to the Notice of Inquiry from the NTIA regarding the expiration of the IANA contract, CENTR formed an IANA working group to draft a response/comment on the IANA function. Below is a summary of some of the responses. [Summary and Full Report available online](#). Registries whom responded were; .am, .lu, .se, .bg, .at, .me, .nl, .ie, .no, .be, .fr, .si, .ru, .dk, .lv, .pt, .is, .uk, .ca, .es, .ua

Extract from the Notice of Inquiry: "...The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) currently performs the IANA functions, on behalf of the United States Government, through a contract with NTIA. Given the September 30, 2011 expiration of this contract, NTIA is seeking public comment to enhance the performance of the IANA functions in the development and award of a new IANA functions contract."

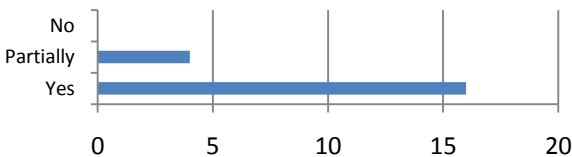
How long did it take to complete your latest Nameserver / DNSSEC related change?



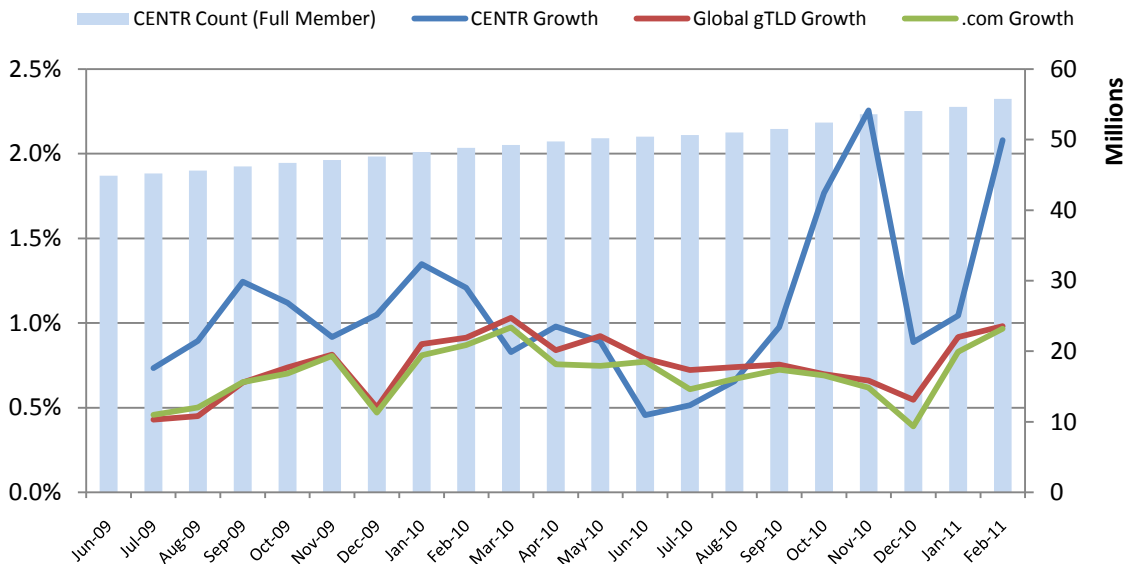
How long did it take to complete your latest 'other' change (name, contact details)?



Are you satisfied with IANA's performance (root zone management)?



CENTR Statistics



DOMAIN COUNTER:
55,770,552
End of Feb 2011
 Ex. Assoc members

This is the domain count for end of February 2011. This count represents a growth of just over 2% from end of January 2011.

Source: CENTR domain counter (as well as manual checks on Member websites) and hosterstats.com for gTLDs



Brussels, 29 March 2011 – General Manager of EURid, the .eu top-level domain (TLD) registry, Marc Van Wesemael expresses candid opinions on Internet security, IPv6 and the upcoming TLD market liberalisation, ahead of .eu's fifth birthday on 7 April 2011.

Online security focus

"Internet security still needs to improve," Mr Van Wesemael notes. "EURid has always been active in this area and it is the responsibility of TLD registries, such as ourselves, to strive to make the Internet safer for everyone."

As one of the first registries to fully implement Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) for a TLD, .eu, EURid continues to champion online security. New services and education programs in 2011 will simplify using DNSSEC, which is seen by many as unduly complex:

Streamlining deployment: An innovative, all-in-one DNSSEC signing and implementation service for the .eu accredited registrar community aims to encourage the adoption of the protocol. Currently in test phase, rollout is expected in Q3.

Improving knowledge: A complementary series of training seminars across Europe will boost registrars' confidence when working with the DNSSEC protocol and their portfolio of signed .eu domain names.

More initiatives to make the Internet a safer place include EURid's behind-the-scenes actions to deter phishing. "We are the custodian of .eu and therefore have effective procedures in place to combat suspicious domain name registrations," says Marc Van Wesemael.

The switch to IPv6

As World IPv6 Day on 8 June 2011 approaches, Mr Van Wesemael predicts that IPv6 momentum will gather pace. .eu domain name holders have always been able to use IPv6 addresses for their dedicated name servers, as .eu registration systems have been IPv6-capable since the TLD's launch in 2006.

More recently, the .eu registry has begun preparations to add IPv6 connectivity to its registration services. Mr Van Wesemael however notes that not all service providers have full IPv6 solutions commercially available. Offering IPv6 remains an important focus for EURid.

New TLD market entrants

The upcoming introduction of a potentially unlimited number of new extensions will change domain name market dynamics. For example, Mr Van Wesemael foresees a shift in power from registries to registrars and a decline in defensive registrations which may even lead to reduced growth for the TLD market as a whole.

"Trademark owners are likely to focus their marketing time and money on five to ten core domain names, which could mean less popular domains miss out. As .eu is one of the ten largest domains in the world, I am confident that the market opening up will not affect us."

On the other hand, he considers the publicity surrounding new entrants will draw positive attention to the existing, more established extensions, such as .eu.

He observes, "We certainly have challenging times ahead, but the .eu team is looking forward to the future. We have every reason to believe that the next five years will be as fulfilling as the last five".

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13-18 March

80th IETF (Prague, Czech Republic)

27 March – 01 April

COMING UP

5th CENTR Marketing Workshop

28 Apr 2011 - 29 Apr 2011

Helsinki, Finland

24th CENTR Technical workshop

2 MAY 2011

Amsterdam, Netherlands

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