



## MEMBER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

(.be)

[Developers team DNS.be complete](#)

Last month Pieter Vandepitte joined the development team as a Sr. Java Developer.

(.ca)

[CIRA announces 2012 .CA Impact Award winners](#)

CIRA announced the winners of the second annual .CA Impact Awards at the mesh conference in Toronto.

(.ch)

[SWITCH honours the web creativity of school classes](#)

At the 6<sup>th</sup> Junior Web Awards, SWITCH is choosing the ten Swiss school classes that are the best web talents.

(.cn)

[CNNIC Implementing Rules of Domain Name Registration](#)

(.cz)

[Czech Republic a Superpower in the Introduction of IPv6](#)

According to a recent survey of the European Commission, the Czech Republic has become the world leader in the introduction of the next-generation Internet protocol.

(.de)

[Database Award 2012 - DENIC: A terabyte migration](#)

It was granted for the second time, the Database Award of the German computer magazine "COMPUTERWOCHE" and its partner Oracle.

(.es)

[The number of .es registered domains passes 1.5 million mark](#)

(.eu)

[EMAS certifies .eu registry](#)

EURid, becomes the first European TLD registry to achieve the EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) registration

(.fi)

[FICORA's annual report published online](#)

In FICORA's annual report, the authority's activities and achievements during 2011 are examined

(.fr)

[Launch of the second edition of AFNIC's "Technology Backdrop" survey](#)

(.jp)

[JPRS will launch a new registration service of Prefecture Type JP Domain Names in November 2012](#)

## CENTR joins the World IPv6 Launch!

*6 June is World IPv6 Launch*

IPv6 is a task for all! By 6 June 2012 an ever growing group of sites, ISPs, vendors, manufactures will permanently enable IPv6 for their products and services.

Go to: [World IPv6 Launch Site](#)

Go to: [CENTR Issue Paper – Ipv6](#)

(.nl)

[DNSSEC protection now possible for .nl domain names](#)

SIDN has implemented DNSSEC in its domain name registration system (DRS).

(.nz)

[DNSSEC across .nz second level domains scheduled for beginning of June](#)

[DNCL proposes extending .nz domain name space](#)

(.pt)

[FCCN announces the registration of 28,984 .pt domains in the first week of liberalization](#)

In the first days of liberalization, FCCN registered a record number of 18,220 new domains

(.rs)

[Workshop on DNSSEC implementation held](#)

RNIDS organised a DNSSEC implementation workshop in Belgrade with Patrik Wallström and Rickard Bellgrim from the Swedish national registry as lecturers. The workshop dealt with installing and maintaining DNS servers

(.ru)

[Domain .PФ is 2 years old!](#)

Two years ago domain .PФ became one of the first IDN-domains in the world on May 12, 2012 registers of root server of global domain addresses received an entry about Cyrillic domain .PФ and on November 11, 2010 domain started an open registration of domain names.

(.se)

[Swedes and the Internet 2011](#)

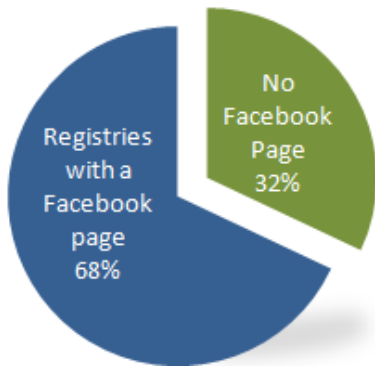
Swedes and the Internet is the annual report published by .SE based on the survey with the same name.

(.uk)

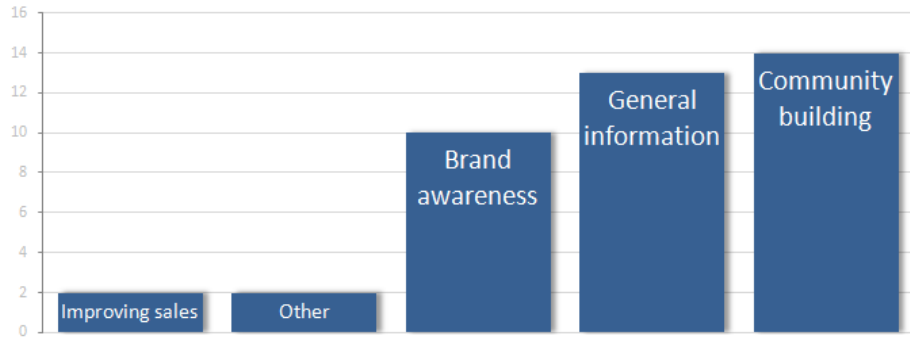
[Nominet targets 'offline' businesses in .uk brand push](#)

Nominet, announces the launch of a brand campaign to support its business delivering internet domain names ending in .uk.

Registries using Facebook



Reasons for the Facebook Page



Target Audience of the Facebook Page

The below is a word cloud of responses received to the question on what the target audience of the Registry's Facebook page is.

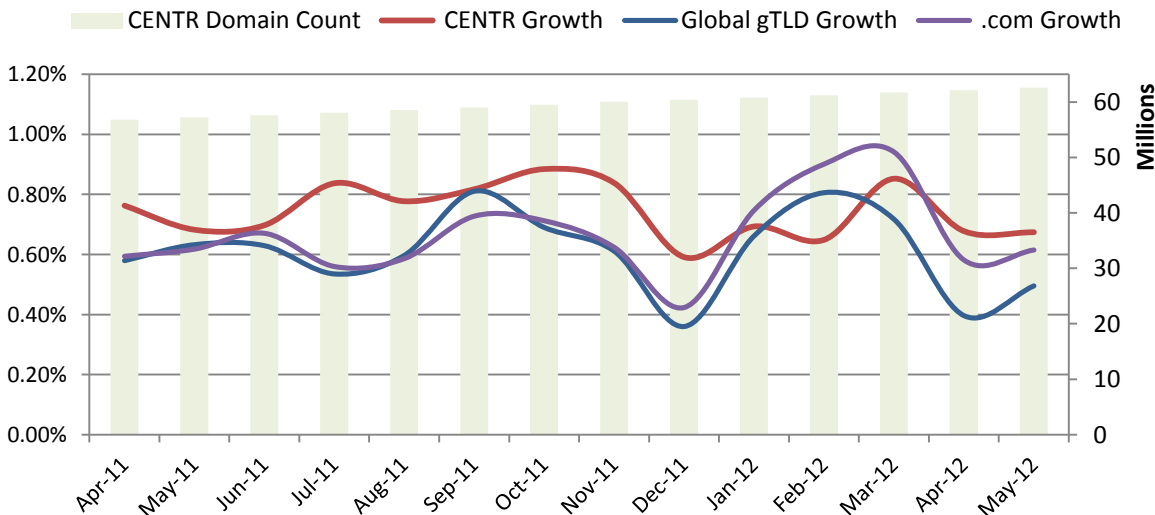


Examples of Registry Facebook Pages

Click a country to go to its ccTLD Facebook page

- [.at](#) [Austria](#)
- [.sk](#) [Slovakia](#)
- [.il](#) [Israel](#)
- [.cat](#) [Catalonia](#)
- [.rs](#) [Serbia](#)
- [.lv](#) [Latvia](#)
- [.me](#) [Montenegro](#)
- [.cz](#) [Czech Republic](#)
- [.si](#) [Slovenia](#)
- [.fr](#) [France](#)
- [.rf \(IDN\)](#) [Russian Federation](#)
- [.no](#) [Norway](#)
- [.ua](#) [Ukraine](#)
- [.uk](#) [United Kingdom](#)

CENTR Statistics – monthly growth



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

DOMAIN NAME COUNTER:

62,569,748

MAY 2012

CENTR Full Members

This count represents a growth of 0.67% from the previous month.

The highest percentage growth member in May was .pt (Portugal) with around 9.4% net growth - largely due to their recent domain liberalisation

# A Brief Summary of the WHOIS Review Team Final Report

## The job of the Whois Review Team (in a nutshell):

The WHOIS Review Team's scope, guided by the Affirmation of Commitments was to review the extent to which ICANN's WHOIS policy and its implementation are effective, meet the legitimate needs of law enforcement and promote consumer trust. The following is a brief summary of the key recommendations from their Final Report (May 2012).

### Recommendation 1: Strategic priority

- There are no income streams associated with providing WHOIS, as a result, it is not a priority for many of ICANN's contracted parties, however, high priority for many users who are outside the ICANN inner circle (eg law enforcement)
- ICANN board should create a committee to implement the Review teams recommendations, fulfil data accuracy requirements over time, follow up on reports (eg [NORC report on data accuracy](#)), reporting on progress of policy development etc.

### Recommendation 2: Single WHOIS Policy

- ICANN's WHOIS policy is poorly defined and decentralized. The Board should oversee creation of a single WHOIS policy document.

### Recommendation 3 – Outreach

- ICANN should ensure that WHOIS policy issues are accompanied by cross-community outreach (eg law enforcement community, Data Protection Commissioners, and the privacy community).
- The report also states there are issues in consumer trust which need to be resolved through for example awareness raising of the service and making it more user-friendly.

### Recommendation 4: Compliance

- ICANN should act to ensure that its compliance function is managed in accordance with best practice principles; transparency regarding the resourcing and structure of its compliance function, clear and appropriate lines of reporting and accountability.

### Recommendations 5-9: Data Accuracy

- Ensure requirements for accurate WHOIS data are widely communicated
- Produce an accuracy report focused on reductions in WHOIS registrations that fall into the accuracy groups Substantial Failure and Full Failure.
- Ensure clear, unambiguous and enforceable chain of contractual agreements with registries, registrars, and registrants to require the provision and maintenance of accurate WHOIS data. As part of these agreements, ICANN should ensure that clear, enforceable and graduated sanctions apply for those that do not comply

### Recommendation 10: Data Access -- Privacy and Proxy Services

- With respect to issues on proxy registrations, the Team recommends to initiate processes to regulate and oversee privacy/proxy service providers (in consultation with interested stakeholders)

- The Review Team considers that one possible approach to achieving this would be to establish an accreditation system for all proxy/privacy service providers. As part of this process, ICANN should consider the merits of establishing a distinction between privacy and proxy services (*see note below*). The goal should be to provide enforceable requirements for operation of these services consistent with national laws (eg privacy, data protection, law enforcement etc..) - *see page 14 and 15 of final report for more detail*
- **A Suggestion from the team:** use a mix of incentives and graduated sanctions to encourage proxy/privacy service providers to become accredited (*see page 15 for more detail on this*)

*A note on the "Distinction between privacy and proxy services": Generally in a privacy registration the Registrant's name is on the public record however only contactable via a third party (the privacy service provider) whereas a proxy registration the Registrant name on record is the Proxy service provider (who in turn assumes rights/responsibilities (and liability) for the domain name and its use)*

### Recommendation 11: Data Access – Common Interface

- The team recommends overhauling the Internic service to make it more user friendly.

### Recommendations 12-14: Internationalized Domain Names

- ICANN should task a working group to determine appropriate IDN (Internationalised Domain Name) registration data requirements and evaluate available solutions (including solutions being implemented by ccTLDs). At a minimum, the data requirements should apply to all new gTLDs, and the group should consider ways to encourage consistency across the gTLD and (on a voluntary basis) ccTLD space

### Recommendation 15: Detailed and Comprehensive Plan

- ICANN should provide a detailed and comprehensive plan within 3 months outlining how to move forward with these recommendations

### Recommendation 16: Annual Status Reports

- Annual written status reports on its progress towards implementing the recommendations

### Further Reading:

[WHOIS Review Team Final report](#)  
[CENTR Issue Paper: What is WHOIS](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[CENTR Workshop Jamboree](#)  
Frankfurt, Germany - June 4-7

[EuroDIG](#)  
Stockholm, 14-15 June

[ICANN 44](#)  
Prague, Czech Republic - June 24-29



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