



The CENTR Monthly

ROUNDUP

MEMBER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

(.ca)

Canada Reaches Two Million .CA Internet Addresses

CIRA announced it has reached the two million mark for registered .CA Internet domain names.

(.ch)

SWITCH celebrates its 25th anniversary

The SWITCH Foundation is looking back on the first 25 years of its existence.

(.cz)

The .CZ Domain Is Now a Millionaire

On the 19th of November, domain name number 1,000,000 appeared in the register of the Czech national domain .CZ

(.de)

Successful Database Migration

The announced migration of the database for .de domains to another database management system was successfully completed during scheduled maintenance on 18 and 19 November 2012. The registry system and all further services are up and running again.

(.eu)

Multilingual Internet reviewed by EURid and UNESCO

The growth of multilingualism on the Internet and the factors that contribute to it are tracked and analysed in a new report issued today by the .eu registry EURid and UNESCO. The "EURid-UNESCO World report on Internationalised Domain Names deployment 2012" follows last year's study "IDNs - State of Play".

(.fi)

fi-domain names exceeds 300,000 in Finland

Finnish domain name applicants favour reliability and Finnish origin in their choice of domain name, because the demand of fi-domain names has remained high.

(.fr)

60% of .fr domain names are IPv6 compliant, an increase of 19 points in one year

Today, 6 out of 10 .fr domain names have an IPv6-compatible DNS server. The figure has risen 19 points since October 2011, when only 41% of .fr domain names had an IPv6 address for their DNS servers

(.is)

25th anniversary of .is delegation

The 18th of November 2012 marks the 25 year anniversary of IANA's delegation of the .is ccTLD to Internet á Íslandi hf. (ISNIC), or rather it's predecessor, called SURIS.

(.me)

.ME launches Help.ME An Online Resource for Disaster Relief Donations

Inspired by the desire to assist communities that were hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy, the team behind the .ME Registry has created Help.ME as a resource to expedite the process of finding reliable ways to donate to relief organizations.

(.nz)

The 500,000th .NZ domain name has now been identified

The website www.drct.kiwi.nz has now been confirmed as New Zealand's 500,000th active domain name within the .NZ domain space.

(.pl)

Polish domain registrations (.pl) up a quarter of a million in Q3

The number of new names entered to the .pl domain name registry between the beginning of July and end of September 2012 amounted to almost a quarter of a million - according to the NASK's report on the .pl domain name market for the third quarter of 2012. Full version of the report is available [here](#)

Poland's position on changes in the ITR

(.pt)

Protocol with Guinea Bissau

FCCN celebrates collaboration protocol with the National Regulatory Authority of Information Technologies and Communication of Guinea Bissau for technical support in the operation of the country's top level domain, the ccTLD .GW

(.ru)

282 domains violating the rules were blocked in October

This October, CERT-GIB's experts (CERT-GIB is Group-IB's rapid response center) have seen 296 domains violating rules and regulations for domain names. Together with registrars, Group-IB was able to participate in blocking 282 domains, and removing unlawful content in 14 more.

(.ua)

Seven Hundred Thousand Domain Names in .UA

The .UA domain hit the mark of 700,000 registrations. The number of names in the .UA domain rose by 14% year-on-year and by 12% year to date.

Recommended reading: [Your guide to WCIT documentation](#)

Recent CENTR Publications

[IGF7 Workshop – “Around the ccTLDs world-the Journey continues”](#)

[Domainwire Stat Report 2012/2](#)

[Survey Summary - DNSSEC and Government](#) 

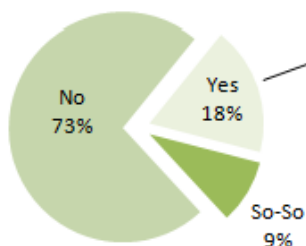


[2nd CENTR Security Workshop - Minutes](#) 

Below is a short summary of selected responses from the above mentioned survey. CENTR Members have access to full results

Does the national government actively promote DNSSEC

8 out of the 11 respondents (73%) to this question stated their government does not actively promote DNSSEC



Position of Government in respect to domains managed by itself or other Government organisations, 1 respondent stated "There are guidelines for government organisation's to implement DNSSEC on their domains" (Guideline establish in June 2012) while another stated there is "no regulation or guidelines"
On a further question asking the Governments position on sites accessed by Government, 2 respondents stated there is no specific regulation/guideline while 1 respondent stated there is "guidelines for that specify that the organizations whose domain names are accessed by government must sign their domain names"

Do you cooperate with or get support from other organizations (not government related) to promote the implementation of DNSSEC



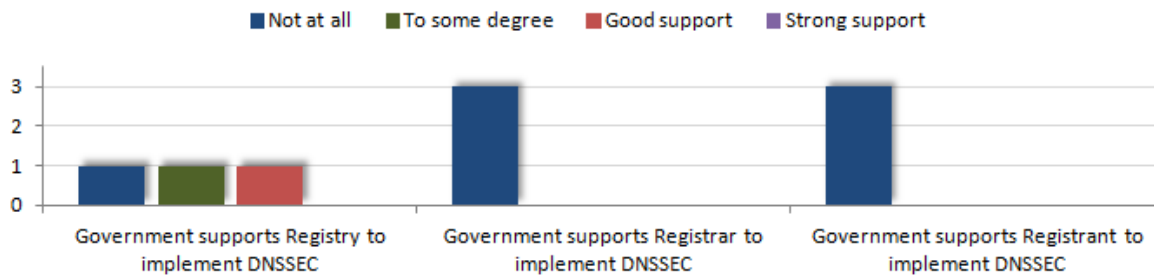
Responses

We plan to go public with DNSSEC when we have at least one full trust-chain implemented (from root to a registrant). So we do this project involving all critical parties - biggest ISPs, registrars and registrants. This requires a lot of time and effort, but we do not see a point in just doing it for zone and hoping that someone will pick it up.

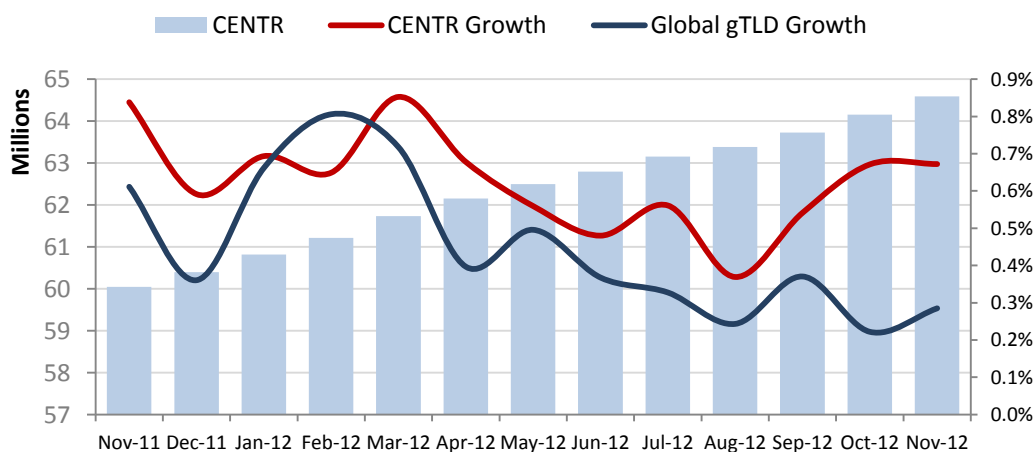
We have a pilot in place, in which we have cooperation from some registrars and users (banks) Suppliers of software for hosters.

- we try to obtain as much registrar support as we can - we get involved in ICANN-related sessions about DNSSEC

National government support to private sector encouraging broad use of DNSSEC



CENTR Statistics



DOMAIN COUNTER:

64,597,806

NOVEMBER 2012

CENTR Full Members

This count represents a net growth of 0.69% from the previous month. The largest contribution to this growth in absolute value as well as in percentage was the Swiss ccTLD .CH. adding over 77,000 domains (4.45%)

CENTR, in cooperation with the other regional organizations, organized a workshop at the Internet Governance Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan (6-9 November 2012). This year's workshop was titled 'Around the ccTLDs world: The journey continues' and focused on the diversity of ccTLD policy models and showed how different approaches serve different local needs.

What follows is a summary of the discussion –

The forthcoming launch of the new TLDs has quite monopolised the discussion of the workshop. While the ISOC representative believes that the new gTLDs will be an opportunity to increase best practice sharing with ccTLDs, Anne Rachel Inne of Afrinic thinks that the ccTLDs will continue to have a key role not only in provisioning certain online national or regional services – that public organisation and/or governments will never link to a gTLDs, but also in ensuring the development of local communities by ad-hoc projects about DNS literacy. At the same time, Carolina of LACTLD underscored that the new gTLDs will have to stick to the ICANN rules while ccTLDs will keep being more able to meet the local wishes and producing their own policies.

ccTLDs accountability mechanisms and capacity building were two other elements the panellists talked about. The .cn representative in the room shared their experience in the capacity building area while Anne Rachel of Afrinic referred to the .sn actions towards master students as a good example of the ccTLD role in capacity building initiatives. The European Commission's view about accountability was quite clear "as soon as you are a big part of the Internet ecosystem or even if you are not big you are essential for a national ecosystem, therefore you are critical".

Concerning the TLDs future scenarios, there was a general agreement that ccTLDs will continue to be valuable to local communities and competitive as far as they are able to cope with new internal and external challenges. Nobody foresaw a decline in the ccTLD environment. Peter of CENTR mentioned the paper on WCIT drafted by CIRA and stated that it would be desirable if ccTLDs liaise with their governments to draw their attention on matters that are relevant not only to the ccTLDs but to the entire DNS ecosystem.

In the framework of the forthcoming TLD globalisation, ccTLDs can continue to be competitive through the right infrastructure, right pricing, right policies, and by providing a place for the right content once again. One of the reasons why people go by other domains is simply because it is easier, it is less expensive and they have some content out there that is dear to them.

The meeting did not only go around the world, but also told a stories of diversity, of both the opportunities and the challenges that ccTLDs, particularly those in developing countries, are facing at the moment and will be facing as the environment changes.

As the whole of the domain name endings become so diverse one possibility is that consumers will become much more aware of domain names than they have been. And it might well be an opportunity for the ccTLDs because people will be looking at the end of domain names in an end way that they haven't done before."

*Article courtesy of:
Giovanni Seppia (External Relations Manager - EURid)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 15, 2013: [40th CENTR Legal and Regulatory Workshop](#) - Zurich (Switzerland)

Mar 06-08, 2013: [10th CENTR Marketing workshop- Joint CENTR / LACTLD meeting](#) - Barcelona (Spain)



Belliardstraat 20, 6th floor
Brussels, Belgium
Telephone +32 2 627 5550
Fax +32 2 627 5559
Email secretariat@centr.org
www.centr.org

If you would like to contribute an article to this newsletter,
please contact patrick@centr.org