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MEMBER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

(.at)

NIC.at publish first ".at report" for 2013

NIC.at have published their ".at Report" looking at latest statistics on ownership and use of .at domains.

(.ca)

The Canadian Internet Forum

The Canadian Internet Forum (CIF) took place in February with discussions on the issues that impact the safe and fair use of the Internet.

(.ch)

SWITCH awarded Award 'Best of Swiss Web' Association

Europe's oldest Web Award is presenting its Honorary Award 2013 to the SWITCH Foundation

(.cz)

CZ.NIC is Ready for Potential Attacks

CZ.NIC realises it may be among a target of waves of attacks launched against Czech companies. Thanks to robustness of the entire system, it is unlikely that CZ.NIC operation could be interrupted in the event of an attack

(.de)

Regional distribution of .de domains in Germany in 2012

DENIC, presents the results of the regional domain statistics 2012. It includes 14.3 million domains in 402 German towns and districts.

(.dk)

DK Hostmaster announces EPP

DK Hostmaster offer a sandbox environment, making it possible for the registrars to test their client software before utilizing the production environment.

(.eu)

Q4 2012 .eu progress report now available

On average, 80% of .eu domain names were renewed in 2012, according to the latest progress report from the .eu registry EURid.

(.fr)

97% of registrars satisfied with the quality of Afnic services

Afnic has renewed its annual survey on the quality of its services, carried out by the INIT company, in which 137 registrars participated at the end of 2012

(.nl)

SIDN's DNS: reliable, available and innovative

"Our DNS engineers, Unix managers and network managers are working constantly to maintain and improve the availability of .nl infrastructure".

(.no)

.no still the first choice for Norwegian businesses

A recent survey on Norid's request shows the Norwegian top-level domain – .no – has a strong position among Norwegian businesses and among the public in general.

(.nz)

InternetNZ welcomes proposed News Media regulator

InternetNZ welcomes a recommendation from the Law Commission that an independent News Media Standards Authority be established

(.ro)

Improvements to registration and management system

A new .RO domain name registration service has been implemented. This allows real time domain registration through the EPP and REST protocols.

(.ru)

244 malicious domains neutralized in January

In January 2013, 254 applications were received claiming to cancel the delegation of malicious domain names. As a result, 244 domain names were removed from delegation

(.ua)

EPP implementation in largest domain com.ua

EPP protocol implementation in largest domain com.ua is set to begin on April 1

(.uk)

Nominet to join government cyber crime reduction partnership

Nominet has been invited to join a Government initiative aiming to join leading reps from industry, academia, government and law enforcement to tackle cyber crime in the UK.

Recent Publications

49th CENTR General Assembly - Draft Meeting Report

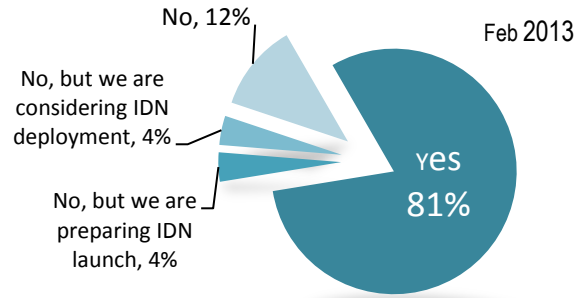
CENTR Report from IETF86 (Orlando)

CENTR Blog (see third page)



"EURid has been working with UNESCO since 2011 to investigate the development of online multilingualism. IDNs are one of the main avenues to ensure adequate support to online multilingualism. We are very happy about the findings of the CENTR survey on IDNs as we can see a trend towards their deployment at European and international level. We would like to thank all those who participated in the survey for their valuable contribution" - Giovanni Seppia (EURid)

How many Registries offer IDNs

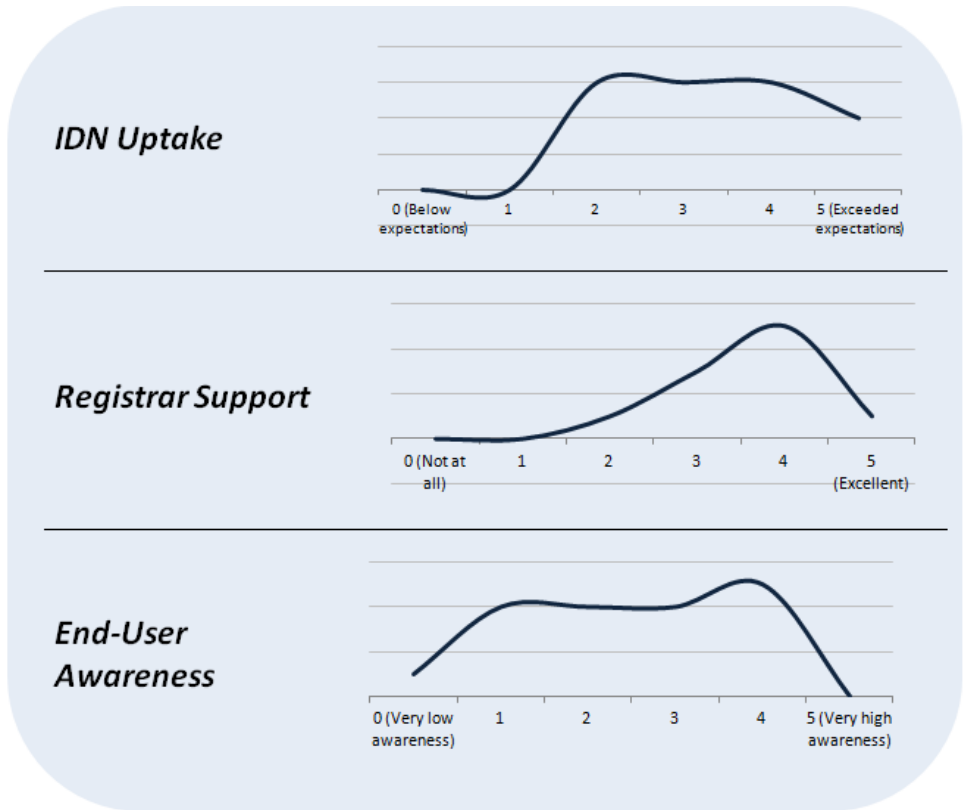


IDN launches per year

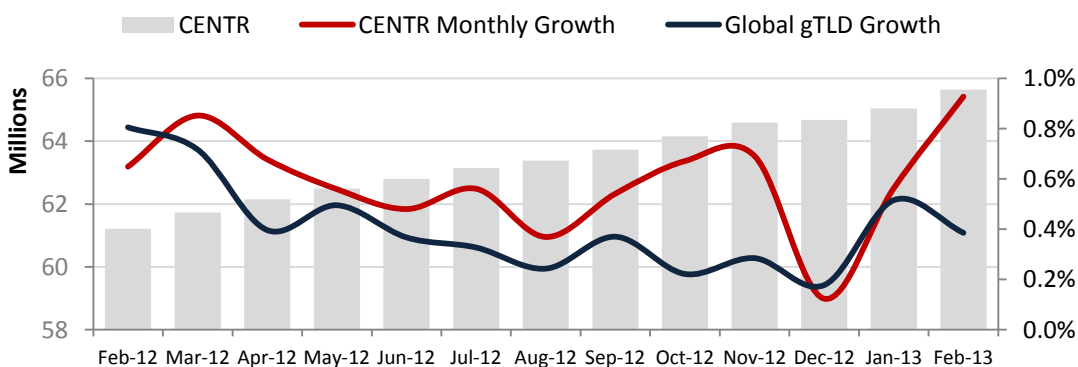


How IDNs are rated

Sample per category: Between 10-15 ccTLDs



CENTR Statistics



Domains under management
65,645,277
 CENTR Full members
 (FEB 2013)

CENTR Blog Launched

CENTR has launched its [Blog page](#). The purpose of the blog is to provide a channel for CENTR members and staff to share their views and opinions on any DNS related topic with the industry's stakeholders. Expect opinion, analysis, stats and reports with a twist. Feel free to comment, disagree or constructively participate in the debate. Below is an extract from the first blog on the topic of reputation studies.

“Reputation is an idle and most false imposition oft got without merit, and lost without deserving”

Since a few weeks, ICANN's CEO Fadi Chehadé has been travelling the world even more intensely than he did before. Participation in APNIC, APTLD, IG meetings in Paris, CEO roundtables across the world... At every single one of those occasions he underlines that he is serious about his commitment to implement much needed changes at ICANN. And he walks the talk. >>> [Click to continue reading this blog](#)

49th CENTR General Assembly (Lisbon)

Peter Vergote (DNS Belgium) was re-elected as CENTR Chairman during the 49th CENTR General Assembly in Lisbon, Portugal. The meeting was hosted by the Portuguese Registry (.pt, FCCN) and well attended by some 70 participants (35 Registry Operators). The General Assembly also re-appointed Anne-Marie Eklund-Löwinder (.SE) to the Board

Some of the key topics during the meeting were;

- WTPF overviews and panel discussion
- Security incidents/issues from Registry operators
- Impacts of new gTLDs on ccTLD models
- HR issues in Registries
- Results of a study on domain name demand (CENTR/ZookNIC)



Joint CENTR and LACTLD Marketing workshop

CENTR and its sister organization for the Latin American and Caribbean region ([LACTLD](#)) organized a [joint Marketing workshop](#) in Barcelona. The workshop was a unique chance to compare the ccTLD markets and challenges between both continents. 50 participants from 28 registries joined the meeting which was hosted by Fundació .cat .

28th CENTR Administrative workshop

The CENTR Administrative workshop, hosted by .pt in Lisbon, focused on Whois and data accuracy. ccTLDs have already a good reputation for their efforts to keep the information in the Whois database accurate and up-to-date. 40 participants from 29 registries exchanged their experiences and learned about each other's projects to clean up the database.

Next Meetings

7-11 April - ICANN 46
Beijing, China

2-5 June – CENTR Jamboree 2013
Amsterdam, Netherlands