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# ROUNDUP

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## NEWS Highlights from the month

(.be)

### .be in step with Europe

“Although net growth was stable, we rounded out 2012 by breaking through the milestone of 300,000 new paid registrations for the first time in a year.

(.cz)

### Czech National Domain Among the Fastest Growing in the EU

In 2012 the Czech national domain .CZ had nearly 21,000 new registrations per month and surpassed the one million domain mark overall (ccTLD). Continuing interest in new registrations keeps .CZ among the fastest-growing national domains in the EU.

### .eu celebrates 7th anniversary

With registrations topping 3.74 million just ahead of its seventh birthday, .eu has established its place as a respected domain for ambitious businesses, according to recent research commissioned by the .eu registry EURid.

(.fr)

### Almost 40% of .fr domain names are held by private individuals

Check out the full details on the specifics of the domain name market in terms of the segmentation between individual and corporate holders.

(.me)

### The ME Registry Promotes DNSSEC Awareness

The .ME Registry, operator of the .ME domain name extension, has been spreading Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) awareness, advocating for increased online safety, since it became DNSSEC enabled in late 2010.

## Congratulations to nic.LV!

.LV, the domain for the Baltic state Latvia turned 20! On this occasion the nic.lv registry organized an ‘International conference on the Internet and the DNS’ in Riga. The well attended meeting covered technical, security, policy and governance issues. CENTR presented during the session on Internet Governance and encouraged the audience not to ignore the ongoing political discussions (WCIT, WTPF etc) but instead mobilize in support the multi-stakeholder model.

More on the conference: [www.nic.lv/20gadi](http://www.nic.lv/20gadi)

(.nl)

### The.nlyst 10 now out: survey of end users of .nl domain names

The tenth edition of The.nlyst is out this week. The latest edition focuses on a periodic SIDN-sponsored survey of trends in the way that the internet and domain names are used.

(.no)

### Changes to the domain name policy

Norid is doing a minor spring cleanup in the domain name policy. Among other things, we will add a new domain into the geographical name tree, while a couple of others will be removed because the municipalities they belonged to have merged into new units. These domains will be released and may be registered on the usual first-come, first-served basis

(.ru)

### New reporting capabilities at Russian Domains

A statistics portal for Russian TLDs, presents new reporting capabilities. The data presented in the report provides an insight into how Russia's domain zones are used, and how stable Russian TLDs are.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Russian Internet Governance Forum

The Coordination Center for ccTLD .RU/.РФ organized and Internet Governance Forum for Russia. The high level Plenary was opened by the Russian Minister of Telecom and Mass media Nikolay Nikiforov and Steve Crocker, one of the Founding fathers of the Internet and current ICANN Chair, delivered a key note on the Multi-Stakeholder model of Internet governance. The afternoon was divided into different round table discussions. CENTR participated in the Round Table discussion on the ‘Domain Industry Economy’.  
More on the 4<sup>th</sup> RIGF at [www.rigf.ru](http://www.rigf.ru)

(.se)

### Head of Security one of Sweden’s most powerful IT women

As in the preceding year, Anne-Marie ranked a respectable 15<sup>th</sup> in the magazine Computer Sweden’s list of Sweden’s 100 most powerful IT women.

(.uk)

### Nominet selected as ICANN Emergency Back-End Operator

Nominet has been selected by ICANN as one of three Emergency Back-End Registry Operators (EBERO) for new generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) set to launch over the next 12 months.



## Recent Publications

CENTR Blog – “In ICANN we Trust?”

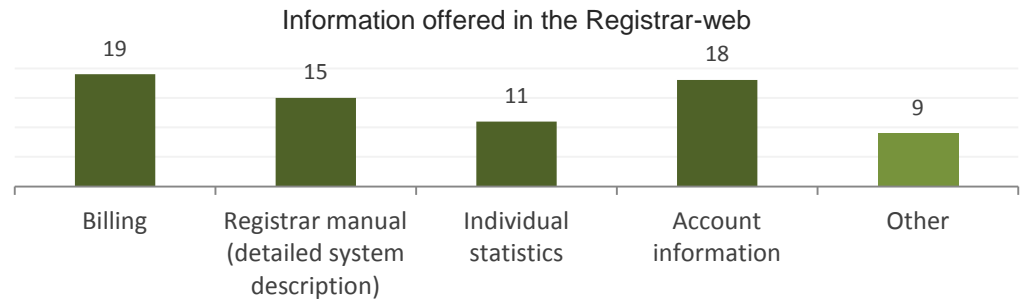
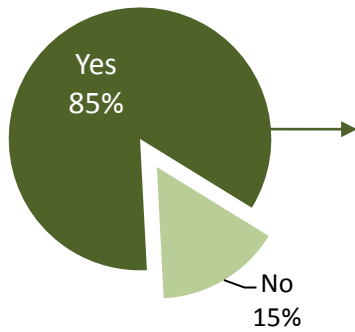
CENTR Blog: “Inter-regional similarities between ccTLDs in an era of commercialisation”

A-Level 2012 Joint Regional Org Report

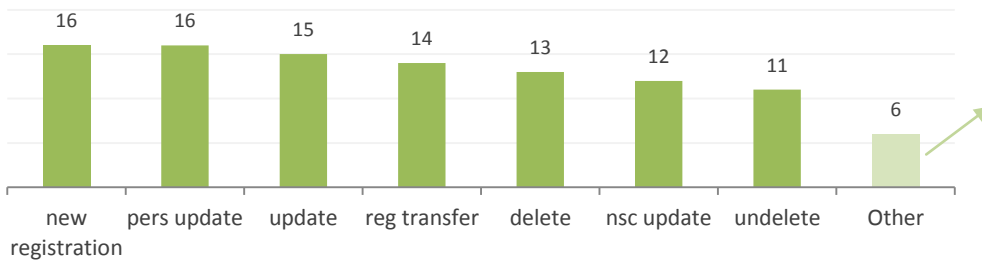
ICANN46 Meeting Report

The below show selected responses from a recent CENTR survey on the topic of Registrar web tools when transacting domains. The full results are available to CENTR members.

### Does the Registry offer a web-based management system for registrars



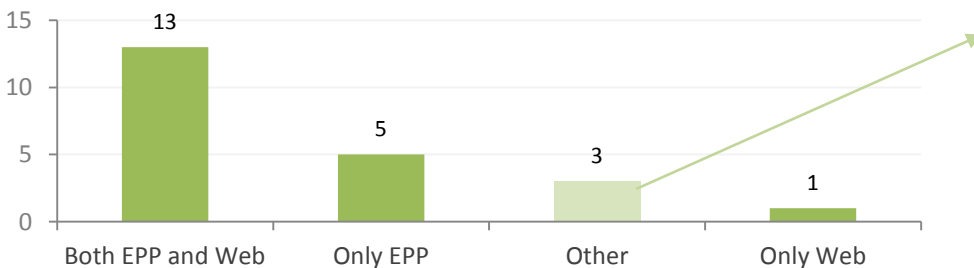
### Domain-related transactions offered



#### 'Other' transactions offered;

Reactivate (from quarantine), domain info or status checks, new name server, authcode reset, password changes and clone functions

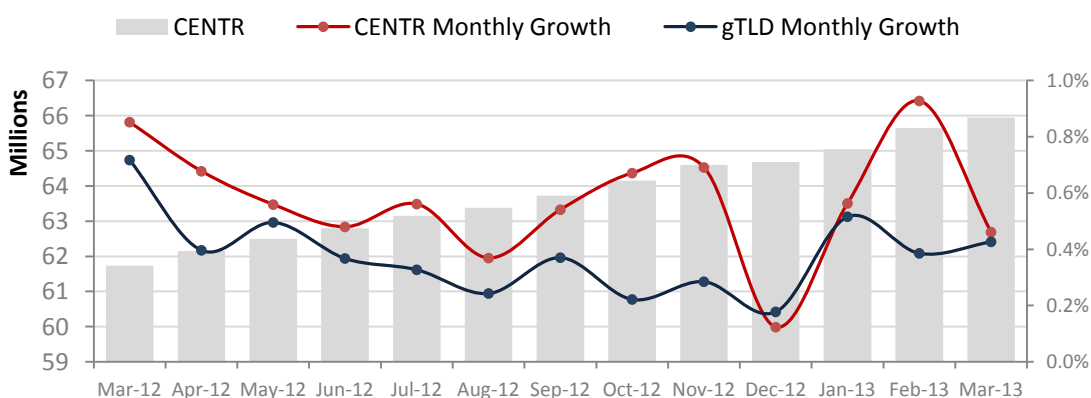
### Interface used for domain-transactions



#### 'Other' interfaces;

- SOA
- Registry original transaction interface
- Web API's to Registrars so they can produce their own interface

### CENTR Statistics



Source: CENTR stat database, gTLDs: Hosterstats.com

## Domains under management

# 65,948,034

Full members ( Mar 2013)

The highest growth was achieved by .ir (Iran) with a monthly growth of 2.89% and the highest in absolute numbers was .ru with net growth of more than 64,000 domains

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## Is your Registry in any way involved in the new gTLD program, if so how?

We are the Pre-Delegation Test Operator for ICANN. Otherwise we are not involved in applying nor delivering services for new TLD's.

## How do you think the residents of your country will react to new gTLDs?

### How much brand loyalty is there to the country code TLD?

The awareness of the coming new GTLD's is still low and the brand loyalty to .se is very high. I do not foresee a big change in attitude in the coming 3 years.

## How do you feel ICANN has handled the new gTLD program?

When ICANN started the new GTLD process it was not manned nor experienced to handle this extremely complex project. Therefore it is difficult to get the project running smoothly at the end.

But the finish is near and they are "sprinting like a Tour de France cyclist".

## To what extent does your Registry take an interest or active role in the ICANN process?

We are an active follower of the process and are eager to start testing the applicants once they have signed the registry agreement with ICANN.

## ICANN46 – highlights from the recent ICANN meeting held in Beijing

*The largest ever ICANN meeting (2600 delegates) was also one of the busiest and most revealing since the launch of the new gTLD process in Singapore. But more than ever, the divergences in opinion, scope and speed between the different stakeholder groups point out the importance of a well managed and carefully respected stakeholder model. Some highlights from the meeting are listed to the right.*

### GAC

- After a long and intense week of not-public deliberations the GAC agreed on its advice only just in time before the end of the ICANN week
- The GAC advice will probably considerably delay the new gTLD process
- Successful 2<sup>nd</sup> CENTR drink for European GAC members and their ccTLD operators

### gNSO

- The GNSO met in its working sessions and public meetings with many other sessions relating to the gTLD space surrounding. Without surprise, new gTLDs still tend to dominant discussions however in contrast to previous meetings has started to become a vaguely less controversial subject with somewhat less opposition and frustration. Perhaps this is due to the program's more advanced stage or perhaps simply due to general 'topic fatigue'. There are of course still many elements that cause significant concern to varying stakeholders.
- Other topics over the week included the RAA/RA, IRTP, IGO/INGO names, Thick Whois and locking domains subject to UDRP among others.

### ccNSO

- Finance Working group makes significant progress, but still significant challenges ahead, in particular on the development of a fair distribution model
- Regional Organisations present first ever global ccTLD report which shows many commonalities across the different regions
- IDN PDP working groups finalise work and close down

 For the full CENTR Report from ICANN46 click here

## Upcoming Meetings

2-5 June – CENTR Jamboree 2013  
Amsterdam, Netherlands