



The CENTR R&D workshop and Legal and Regulatory Workshop were both held in Prague, Czech Republic during May.



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MEMBER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

(.at)

.at-report "economic value of the .at zone"

Key findings from the survey include facts about the added value of .at domains, their effect on the labour market and the link between domain density and the gross regional product in Austria. Read more in the [.at-report](#) .

nic.at and SBR win Bahrain domain name registry bid

(.be)

New Terms and Conditions from 14 June 2011

Changes made to the transfer of a domain name to a new registrar. See new Terms and Conditions [here](#)

(.bg)

New customer service offices in Plovdiv and Ruse

(.cat)

.cat hits 50,000 domains

(.de)

DENIC Launches DNSSEC

DENIC launched DNSSEC on 31 May 2011, following an [extensive test phase](#)

(.fr)

To mark IPv6Day, AFNIC releases a special report and sets up a dedicated team

AFNIC published a report on IPv6 as well as set up a dedicated IPv6 team for the web community to benefit from its expertise in the area. Download the report "[IPv6: passport to the Internet of tomorrow](#)"

AFNIC recruits a Marketing and Innovation Director

(.jp)

"JP Domain Name Registry Report 2010" Available

JPRS posted the English translation of "JP Domain Name Registry Report 2010." This is the annual report for 2010, briefing that year's activities performed by JPRS.

[Click for Report](#)

(.me)

.me have reached 500,000 domains!

(.no)

Change of the domain name policy

The policy is changed to reflect police authority to confiscate domain names according to the Criminal Procedure Act.

First 'Dot Awards' rewards a Catalan website on European Castles

(.nl)

Modified domain name transfer procedure

On 17 May 2011, the [procedure for transferring a domain name](#) from one registrar to another is changing. From that date, domain name transfers will be much faster.

(.nz)

DNSSEC Status Update, May 2011

(.pl)

Domain Name Market in Poland Report

NASK's detailed report for the first quarter of 2011 concerning domain market in Poland is now available at: <http://www.dns.pl/english/bulletin.html>

(.ru)

Moscow to hold the ENOG Regional Meeting

The first ENOG (Eurasian Network Operators Group) Regional Meeting will take place on 6-8 June in Moscow, Russia. The meeting will be co-hosted by [RIPE NCC](#) and the [Coordination Center for TLD RU](#).

(.pt)

Dns.pt in retrospect

Check out the activities of the FCCN within its service dns.pt during 2010. See the [report](#).

(.rs)

Cyrillic domain .cp6 became visible on the Internet

IANA reached the decision to assign the management of the Cyrillic domain .cp6 to the Serbian National Register of Internet Domain Names (RNIDS).

(.si)

World IPv6 Day

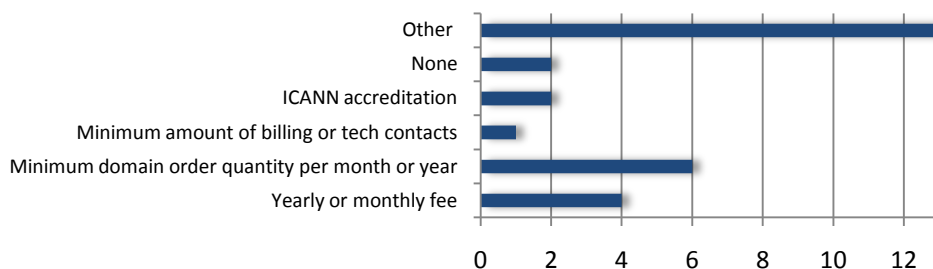
One of the promoters of the participation of Slovenian service providers in World IPv6 Day is the [Go6 institute](#). Also taking part will be ARNES, which has been providing access to its website and some services through the new protocol since 2010.

RECENT REPORTS PUBLISHED

- [Survey Report: Registry/Registry Relations and interfaces](#)
- [Survey Report: Host Object Registrations](#)
- [Survey Report: Corporate Structure of Registries](#)
- [Survey Report: Statistical Survey 2010](#)

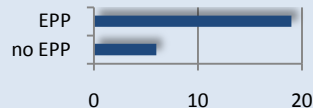
Conditions to becoming a Registrar

The below shows the differing conditions to being accepted as a registrar. The majority of responses stated they require a minimum of technical ability to become a registrar and in many cases a technical test was required for accreditation/acceptance.



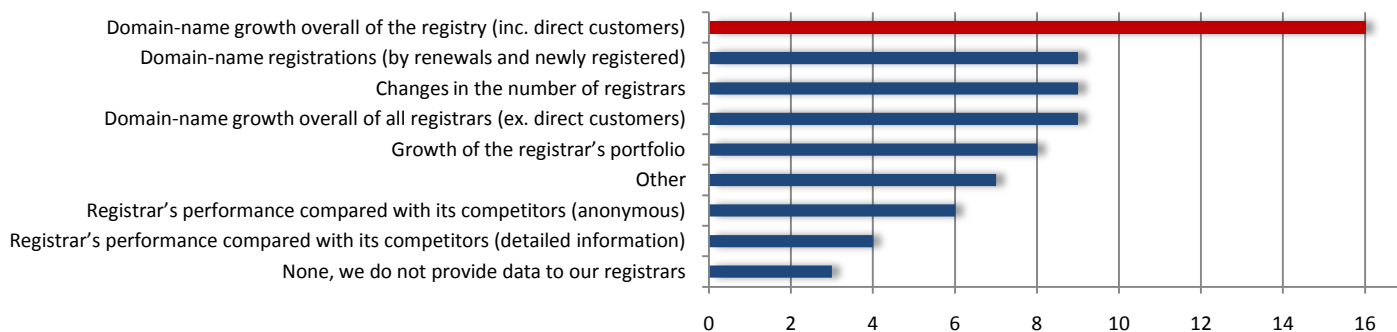
How do the Registrars Register Domains

81% of respondents make use of at least EPP as a method of domain name registration.

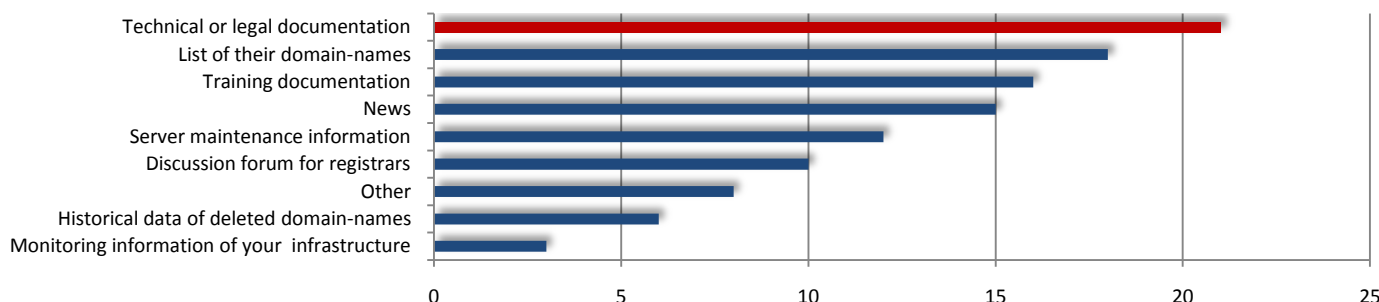


Statistical Data provided to Registrars

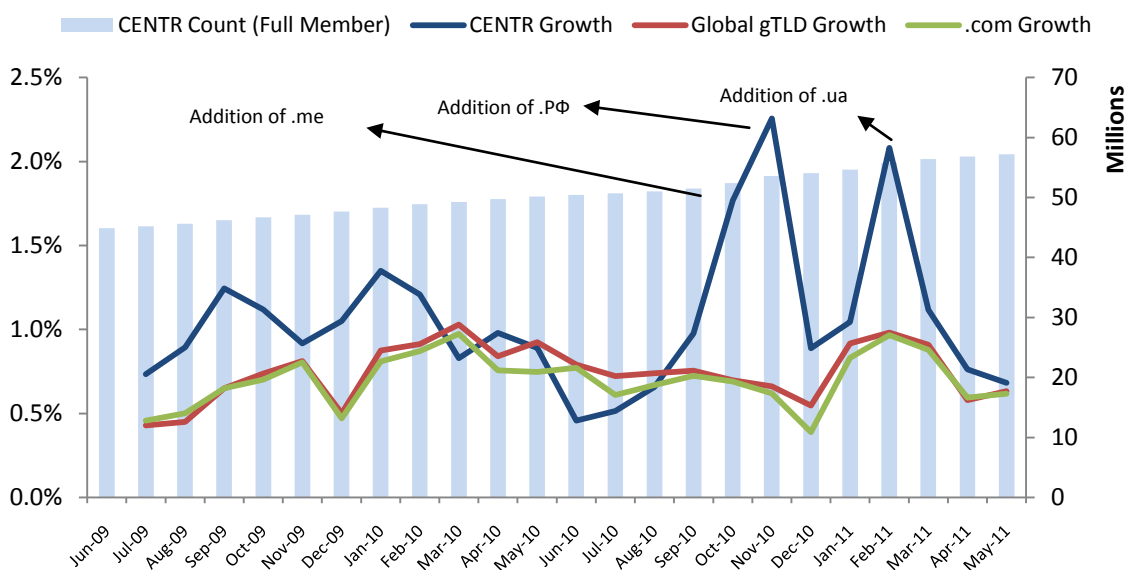
Note: Many Registries selected responses from differing categories (they offer several kinds of statistical data to their Registrars)



Additional information provided to Registrars



CENTR Statistics



DOMAIN COUNTER:
57,211,255
End of MAY 2011
Ex. Assoc members

This is the domain count for end of MAY 2011. This count represents a growth of 0.68% from the previous month. The largest contribution to this growth in absolute value was .nl

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

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM ECLID

Nacho Amadoz (.cat)

ECLID is the European Cultural and Linguistic Internet Domains working group. Some of you already know what we are doing, who we are, and what we aim to achieve with this initiative. Recently, however, have been receiving an increasing number of queries, and given that the New gTLD program will (hopefully!!) be approved during the Singapore ICANN meeting, we thought it appropriate to write a short piece about us, given that this landmark was the reason behind ECLID's creation.

The queries have mainly come from representatives of organizations that are considering the possibility to apply for a community TLD (not necessarily a cultural TLD), and that want information about how to organize the process to gather the endorsement from their civil society agents, how to approach ICANN, or, that simply want to understand what ECLID does, and how can they get any benefit from us. Its no wonder we are being contacted by more potential applicants than ever before: insiders want to know what is the situation of their potential allies (or competitors, or customers, or nuisances, or harbingers of trademark doomsday, depending on whom you ask), now the ICANN Board's final decision looks closer. But as some other contacts have come from the ccTLD community, we thought it was a good idea to give you some background through the CENTR Monthly Roundup newsletter.

ECLID is an informal working group that was created by several organizations based in Europe that have expressed interest in bidding for a linguistic and cultural TLD. These are: dotCYMRU, dotSCOT, pointBZH, puntuEus and puntoGAL. puntCAT has a special role as advising member, for obvious reasons: it is the only one that has an agreement with ICANN. The group is based on the idea that cultural and linguistic TLDs are a particular kind of gTLD that share certain traits and that need to be exposed in order to be adequately valued by the ICANN community. These are, by and large, that our sponsoring organizations are composed of several relevant civil society agents, our non for profit legal foundations, that our basis is on language and culture (not on geography) and that a strong focus on policy design and enforcement will avoid any of the problems some associate with the expansion of the gTLD space. As a group, we also deem as critical to stress the fact that we are not "soon-to-fail .com wannabes" that aim at reaching the million domains as soon as possible. As puntCAT has shown, there are many different parameters to evaluate a TLD than the number of registrations: engagement with the community, civil society enhancement and visibility, to mention some a few are amongst ECLID's members' objectives. Given modest budgets and manpower, considering the capacity of other purely commercial bids, and our common grounds, it seemed wise to set up a group to face together the challenges ahead. Our meetings began in 2009 spurring from an idea from Matthieu Crédou (at that time associated with the .bzh initiative) after ICANN Paris.

Most of the initiatives had been around for some time, and some of us knew each other well, but Paris was the first time all of us gathered together, and where discussions were initiated about common issues, and how could we co-operate to set common strategies to facilitate a faster and easier way forward for these organizations to sign the agreement that would enable them to create their TLDs.

That was the single issue that gave rise to the organization. We have based our strategies to reach this goal mainly within two differing aspects; improving our presence in ICANN, and, lobbying at European level. These two aspects have occasionally converged, eg. the session organized at the European Parliament with the ICANN community involving a panel on linguistic TLDs to which was very useful in reinforcing our contacts with key MEPs. Here we were fortunate to have the participation of CENTR Chairman Mathieu Weill on the panel (thanks again, Mathieu!). Although the single issue approach has not changed, years of delay have allowed us to expand it to other areas of cooperation.

Now, how is ECLID going to evolve as an organization? It's hard to say, right now. We'll have to wait until the gTLD process ends in order to let its members cope with the real Registry life. Only then will we be able to understand how ECLID can suit the needs of its members at that point in time as well as if it requires a higher degree of formality and organization. From the puntCAT perspective, it is obvious that we will advocate for its members to enter CENTR, given the case, because we believe it would be a mutually beneficial relationship. CENTR has been an inestimable help to puntCAT, and we believe it would also be to other european linguistic TLDs. It has; given us access to the cctld community know-how, given us the foresight to anticipate potential problems you may have gone through previously (thanks to the CENTR members willingness to share experiences) and of course we have built a good network of relationships in a trustful and friendly environment, in which future linguistic TLDs may also find accommodation.

More on Eclid at: www.eclid.eu/

WHAT HAPPENED IN MAY

35th Legal and Regulatory workshop

Prague, Czech Republic

3rd Joint R&D workshop

Prague, Czech Republic

24th CENTR Technical workshop

Amsterdam, Netherlands

UPCOMING EVENTS

45th CENTR General Assembly

8-9 June 2011- Trondheim, Norway

41st ICANN Meeting

19-24 June 2011 - Singapore, Asia

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