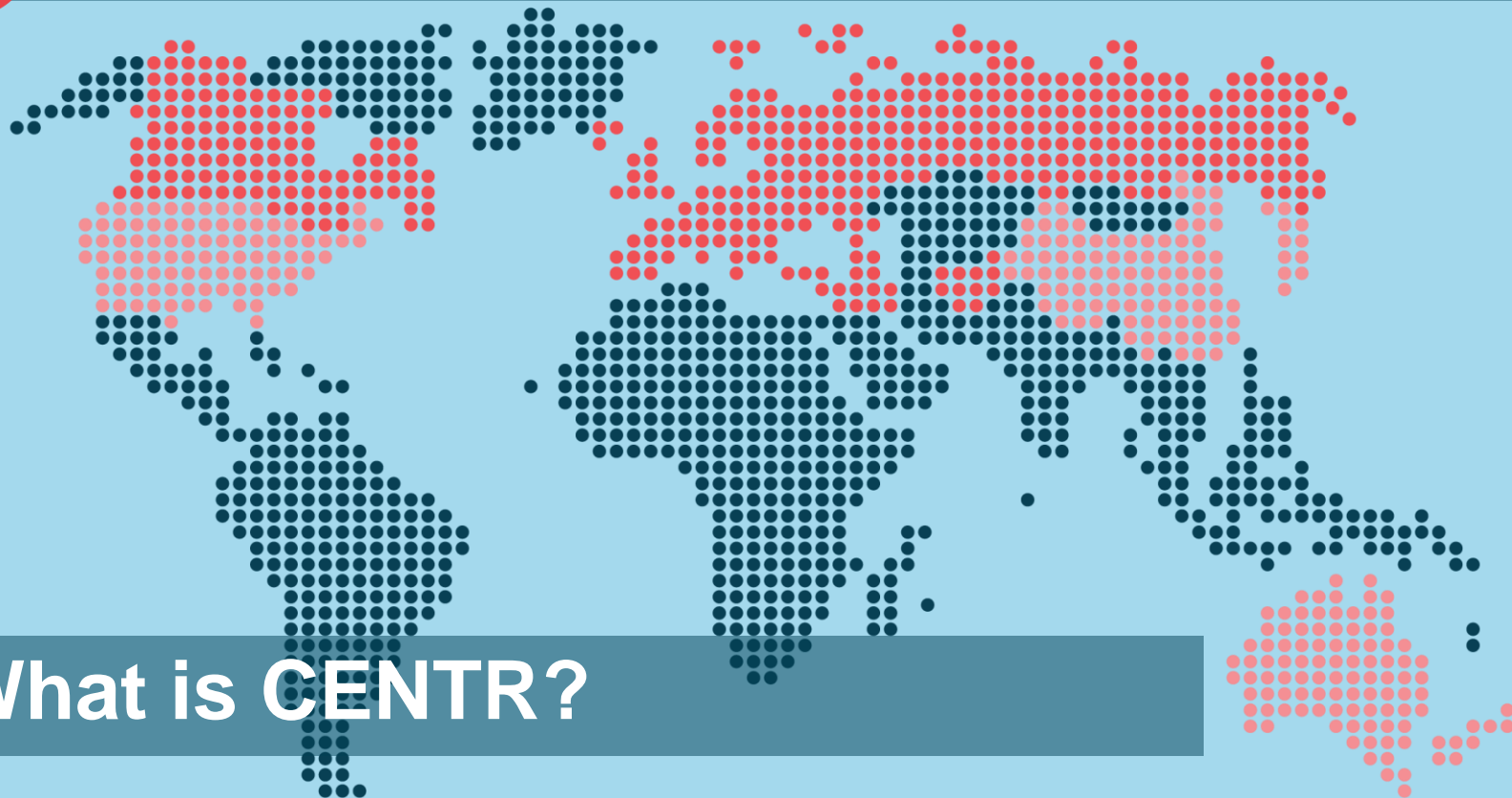




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# What is CENTR?

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# The association for exchange, dialogue and innovation of country code domain registries in Europe

## CENTR community

- 54 full members (ccTLDs), 9 associate members and 13 observers
- 50% of country code domain name registrations worldwide
- More than 73 million registrations

## Member services

- Dialogue platform via working groups, general assemblies, mailing lists
- Best practice and knowledge sharing
- Policy, news, statistics and industry analysis
- A voice for ccTLDs in the region and the wider internet community



54  
FULL  
MEMBERS

9

ASSOCIATE  
MEMBERS

13  
OBSERVERS

MANAGING  
76 ccTLDs

.ac .ad .af .al .am .aw .az .ba .be .bg .bv .by .bz .ca .ch .cy  
.cz .de .dk .ee .es .eu .eo .fi .fo .fr .gg .gi .gr .gl .hr  
.hu .ie .il .im .io .ir .is .it .je .li .lt .lu .lv  
.me .mk .md .mt .nl .no .nu .pl .pm .ps .pt .re .ro .rs  
.ru .rw .se .sh .si .sj .sk .tf .tr .ua .uk .us .va .wf .yt

MANAGING  
10 ccTLDs

.au .cc .cn .中国 .中國 .co .jp .nz .tv .us + 29 gTLDs

AfTLD

APTLD

EuroISPA

eco

EU Commission

ICANN

ISC

ISOC

LACTLD

Netnod

NLnet Labs

OARC

RIPE NCC



GLOBAL MEMBER STATISTICS

**>73M**

REGISTERED  
DOMAINS



**>1,300**

EMPLOYEES  
(1-140 PER REGISTRY)

**50%**

OF REGISTERED  
ccTLDs  
WORLDWIDE



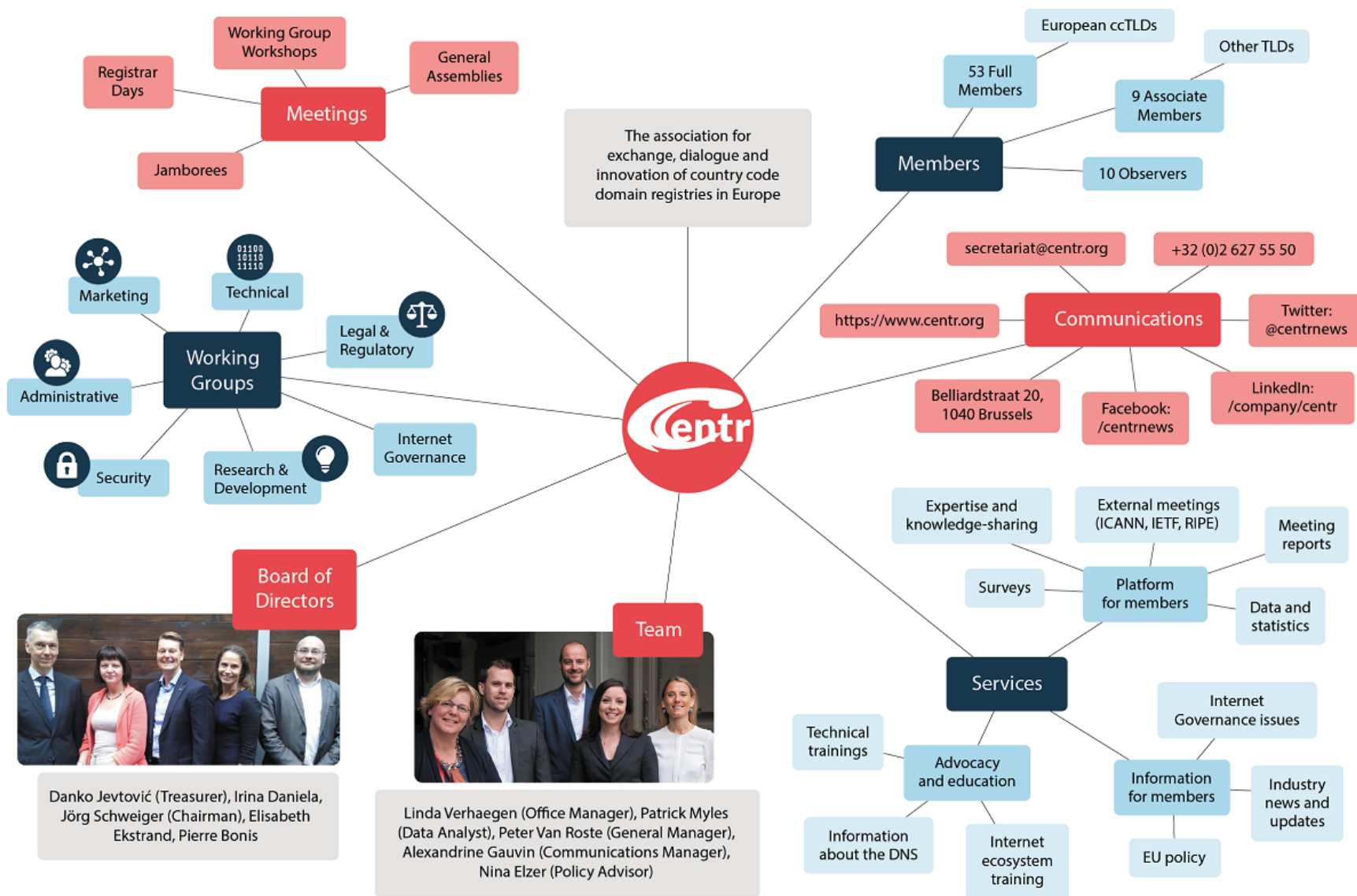
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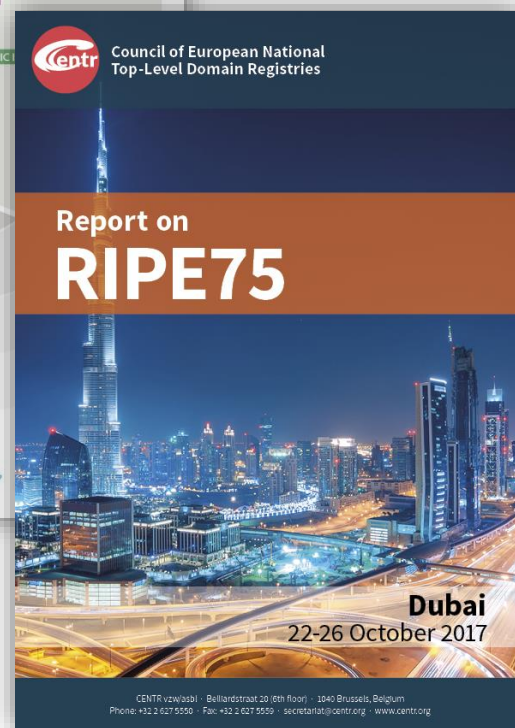
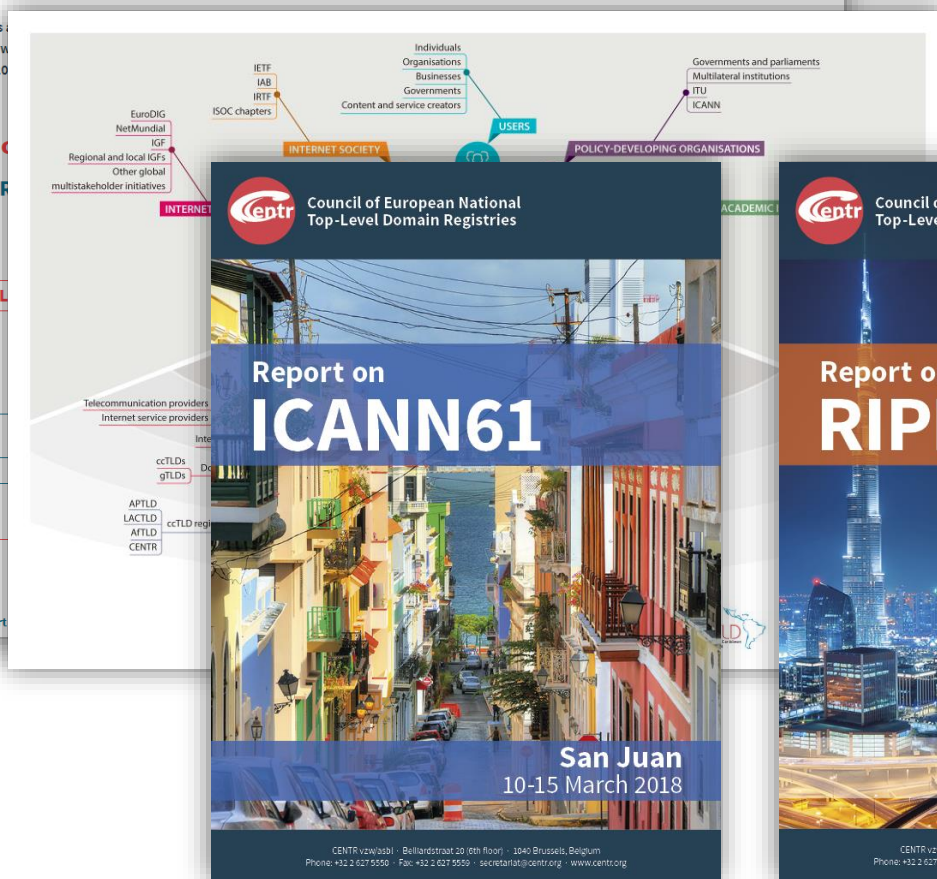
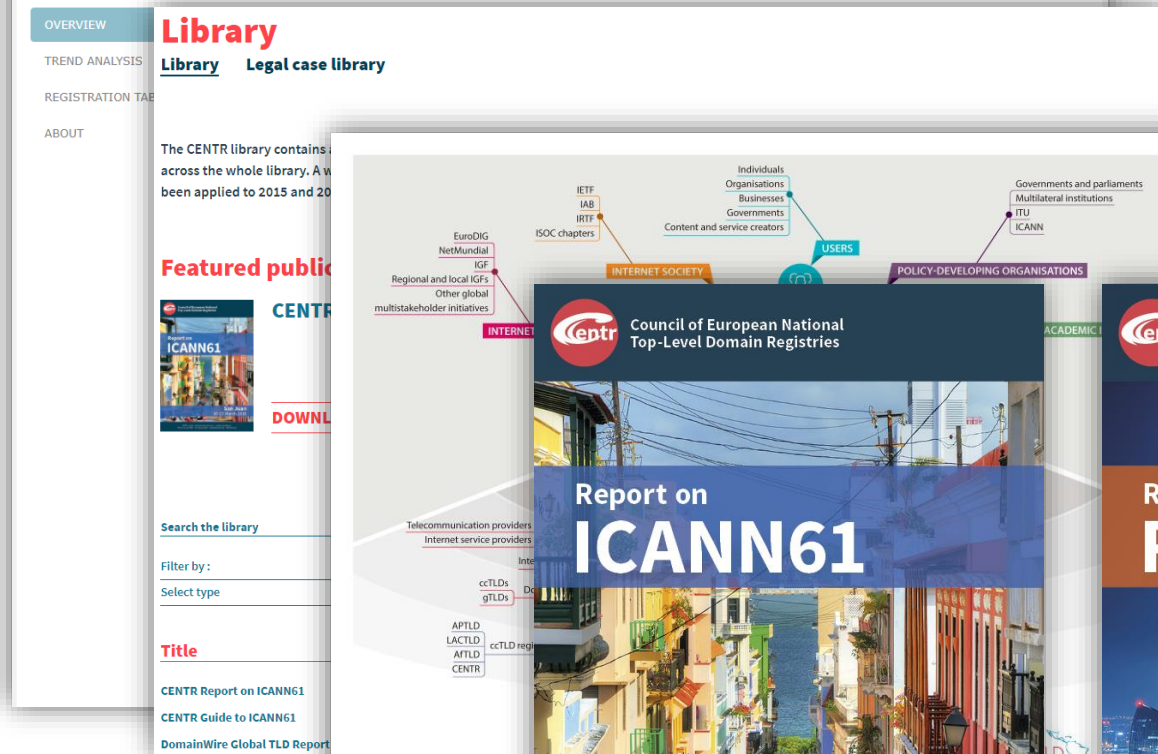
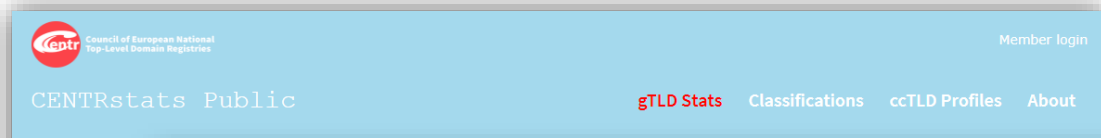
OF REGISTRIES ARE  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
ORGANISATIONS





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## Membership services

- Surveys among the membership
- Workshops (six working groups)
- Mailing lists
- Industry reporting (ICANN, RIPE, IETF)
- Statistics (annually, monthly, quarterly, CENTRstats)
- Jamboree, general assemblies
- Weekly newsletters
- EU policy updates
- Registrar Portal



## Content debate

- Diverse registry community = diverse approaches
- Key elements:
  - Act on terms and conditions, notably WHOIS accuracy
  - Awareness and educational campaigns & material
  - Collaboration with law enforcement
  - Transparency





# 'AVALANCHE' NETWORK DISMANTLED IN INTERNATIONAL CYBER OPERATION

01 December 2016

*Press Release*



On 30 November 2016, after more than four years of investigation, the Public Prosecutor's Office Verden and the Lüneburg Police (Germany) in close cooperation with the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the Department of Justice and the [FBI](#), [Europol](#), [Eurojust](#) and global partners, dismantled an international criminal infrastructure platform known as 'Avalanche'.

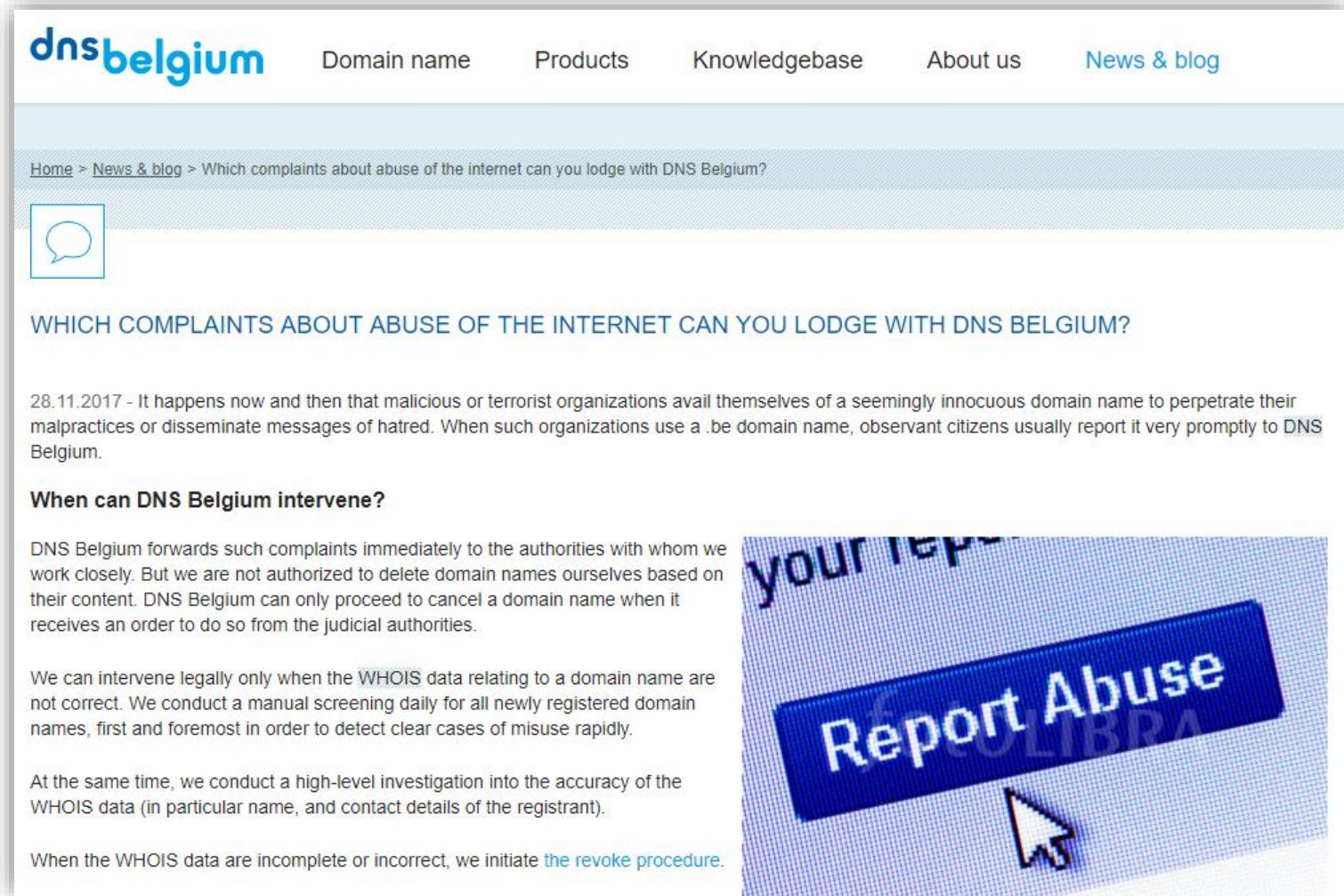
<https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/%E2%80%98avalanche%E2%80%99-network-dismantled-in-international-cyber-operation>

# Domain conflicts in the legal system

This guide is aimed at judges, prosecutors, police investigators, lawyers and others who may require specialized knowledge about the technical and practical aspects of conflict resolution and legal processes involving domain names.

## This guide covers the following topics:


1. [Organization of the internet address system](#)
2. [Who is responsible for what](#)
3. [When a conflict arises](#)
4. [Relevant measures in our systems](#)



The screenshot shows the DNS Belgium website. The header includes the 'dnsbelgium' logo and navigation links: 'Domain name', 'Products', 'Knowledgebase', 'About us', and 'News & blog'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > News & blog > Which complaints about abuse of the internet can you lodge with DNS Belgium?'. Below the breadcrumb is a speech bubble icon. The article title is 'WHICH COMPLAINTS ABOUT ABUSE OF THE INTERNET CAN YOU LODGE WITH DNS BELGIUM?'. The text of the article, dated 28.11.2017, discusses how malicious organizations use .be domain names and how citizens can report them to DNS Belgium. It includes a section 'When can DNS Belgium intervene?' and an image of a 'Report Abuse' button with a mouse cursor pointing at it.

**dnsbelgium** Domain name Products Knowledgebase About us News & blog

Home > News & blog > Which complaints about abuse of the internet can you lodge with DNS Belgium?



## WHICH COMPLAINTS ABOUT ABUSE OF THE INTERNET CAN YOU LODGE WITH DNS BELGIUM?

28.11.2017 - It happens now and then that malicious or terrorist organizations avail themselves of a seemingly innocuous domain name to perpetrate their malpractices or disseminate messages of hatred. When such organizations use a .be domain name, observant citizens usually report it very promptly to DNS Belgium.


### When can DNS Belgium intervene?

DNS Belgium forwards such complaints immediately to the authorities with whom we work closely. But we are not authorized to delete domain names ourselves based on their content. DNS Belgium can only proceed to cancel a domain name when it receives an order to do so from the judicial authorities.

We can intervene legally only when the WHOIS data relating to a domain name are not correct. We conduct a manual screening daily for all newly registered domain names, first and foremost in order to detect clear cases of misuse rapidly.

At the same time, we conduct a high-level investigation into the accuracy of the WHOIS data (in particular name, and contact details of the registrant).

When the WHOIS data are incomplete or incorrect, we initiate [the revoke procedure](#).



<https://www.dnsbelgium.be/en/news/which-complaints-about-abuse-internet-can-you-lodge-dns-belgium#>



The screenshot shows the .eu website's news section. The header includes the .eu logo and navigation links: Home, News, Register a domain name, My .eu, Become a registrar, WHOIS, About us, and Contact Us. A language dropdown menu is set to English (en). The main headline reads "Over 25 000 domain names suspended with ties to identity fraud". Below the headline is a horizontal line with a small circle in the center. There are two links: "Tweet" and "« Back to the news page". The text of the news item states: "On 29 January 2018, EURid suspended 25 756 domain names that had ties to identity fraud. With actions as such, our focus is on the safety of online consumers. Via close collaborative efforts with law enforcement, both on a national and European level, as well as with our registrar channel, we continue to work towards building the most trustworthy online domain registry, taking a stand against abusive registrations and illegal activity online. "With our thorough internal verification procedure, we continuously monitor .eu domain names for potential abuse, leading to thousands of suspensions on an annual basis" said Geo Van Langenhove, EURid Legal Manager. In 2017, we suspended 20 126 domain names, of which 2 872 relate to our ongoing collaboration with law enforcement."

<https://eurid.eu/en/news/25-000-dn-suspended-identity-fraud/>



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FOR TLD RU/P

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Registered domain names .RU

5.262.370 .P

Data on 05.04.2018 00:00 MSK

Search



TODAY: 05.04.2018 15:40:25 MSK

WHOIS

Domain check

.RU



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DOMAINS

ACCREDITED REGISTRARS

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

NEWS

## 535 DOMAIN-VIOLATORS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED

15.03.2018

Registrars received 562 requests for domain name termination from competent organizations in February 2018. The information comes from the latest monthly competent organizations' report published on the Coordination Center for TLD .RU/.P website.

[https://cctld.ru/en/news/news\\_detail.php?ID=12187](https://cctld.ru/en/news/news_detail.php?ID=12187)



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## Internet fraud: 5,000 online shops deleted

Brand-name shoes for CHF 49 instead of CHF 149 – a tempting offer. Internet bargain hunters may fall victim to fraudsters. The security experts at SWITCH warn that the number of fraudulent offers online has increased drastically in 2017. Together with the Swiss authorities, SWITCH is taking measures to fight this threat and has reported its first successes in combating e-commerce crime.

Published on 28.08.2017

<https://www.switch.ch/news/fake-webshops/>

## CENTR activities related to content liability

- Task Force to produce a CENTR issue paper on the question of the role of ccTLDs in the fight against illegal content
- Participation in Internet & Jurisdiction conferences and contribution to “Policy Options” input documents
- Community workshops and meetings on the topic
- Engaging with stakeholders (EUROPOL, EC, Rightsholders, ASOP, ...)
- Education (IGF, EuroDig, EP, EC, ...)



## News from European ccTLDs

Register to our newsletter on [www.centr.org](http://www.centr.org)

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