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# ROUNDUP

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## **Changes to the General Terms and Conditions**

As of 01/Oct/2013 the new nic.at General Terms and Conditions (Terms 2013, version 3.0) will become valid. "More flexibility, less bureaucracy"

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## **New legal dossier available**

In our new legal report, we focus on the responsibility of service-providers on the Internet. This topic concerns registrants, registrars as well as third parties.

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## **SWITCH new Gold Sponsor of Swiss IPv6 Council**

The latest statistics once again reveal strong growth in IPv6 traffic, and Switzerland currently leads the world in terms of IPv6 users. With this in mind, the SWITCH foundation has decided to become a Gold Sponsor of the Swiss IPv6 Council.

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## **CIRA President appointed chair of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization**

Byron Holland, the President and CEO of CIRA, was elected as chair of the Country Code Name Supporting Organization (ccNSO) in Durban, South Africa

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## **.eu Q1 progress report now available**

Ahead of the introduction of the new generic TLDs later this year, EURid remains focused on improving the quality of .eu, according to the registry's [Q1 2013 progress report](#)

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## **Estonian Internet Foundation's re-delegation application approved**

At the ICANN47 in Durban, South Africa the ICANN Board of Directors approved the re-delegation application of the Estonian Internet Foundation.

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## **The Internet Resilience Observatory in France has published its report for 2012**

Created in 2011, the purpose of the Internet Resilience Observatory in France is to define & measure indicators representing the resilience of the French

## **ICANN47 Full Report Available**

CENTR has published its report of the ICANN47 meeting recently held in Durban. The report covers highlights of the meetings as well as detailed reports from the ccNSO, gNSO and GAC sessions.



## **IGF 2013 Workshop - "The social role of a ccTLD Registry"**

The workshop is a joint initiative supported by the 4 regional ccTLD organizations AfTLD, APTLD, LACTLD and CENTR. The theme of this year's workshop is 'The Social Role of a ccTLD, guarantee of everlasting success'. The workshop passed the evaluation process and will be added to the agenda of the IGF 2013 which is planned to be organized in Bali (22-25 October). The workshop details can be found at the [IGF site](#)

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## **Secure transfer method for DNSSEC-secured domain names already out to successful use**

Until recently, [DNSSEC](#) widely rolled out in the .nl domain – had one major unresolved drawback. Transferring a DNSSEC-secured domain name from one DNS operator to another was a major headache. SIDN has now come up with a unique solution: 'key relay'.

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## **.NZ July 2013 Newsletter**

The newsletter contains; proposed changes to the .nz domain space, technical fixes relating to IDNs as well as detailed statistics on the .nz zone

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## **One step closer to simpler and more secure electronic-identification services**

As of July 1, 2013, a new Swedish Act is in effect concerning open-choice systems regarding electronic-identification services. This will enable the public administration sector to offer identity federations, which allows individuals to choose among suppliers of electronic-identification services.

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## **Nominet Internet Awards 2013 winners announced**

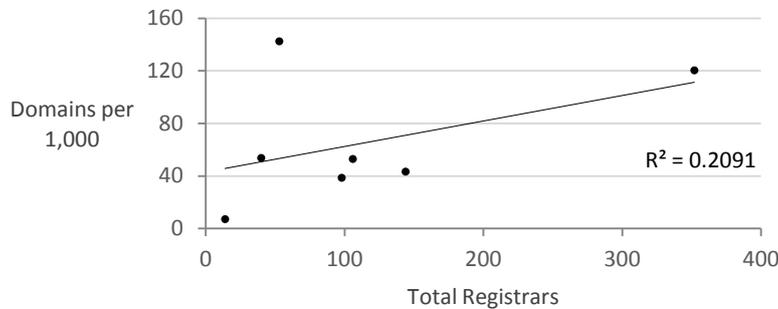
Dedicated to honouring the very best achievements and innovation on the UK internet, the judges picked five winners from a pool of 29 shortlisted nominees.

## **“ICANN Durban takes a bow with an embryonic European strategy”**

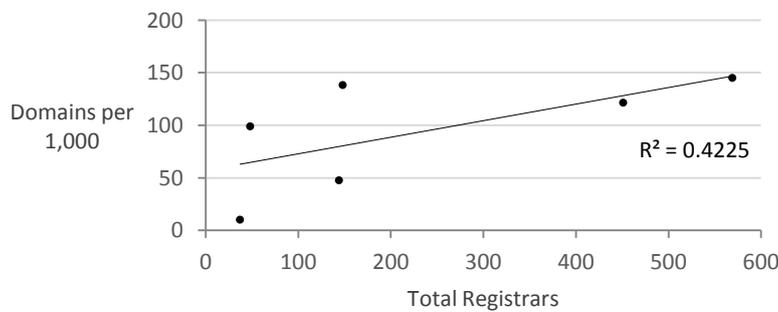
What is Europe? This was the macro-question to answer for a very last-minute announced meeting to start the process to define a European strategy (or, like an ICANN Board member just said, a “European engagement strategy”) at the ICANN meeting in Durban ..... **Read further...**

CENTR conducts regular surveys initiated by the members and the Secretariat. Much of the data is kept for use by the members to help visualise and understand the European ccTLD market. Below is data on the number of Registrars per ccTLD and its relationship with the domain name penetration rate in the member country.

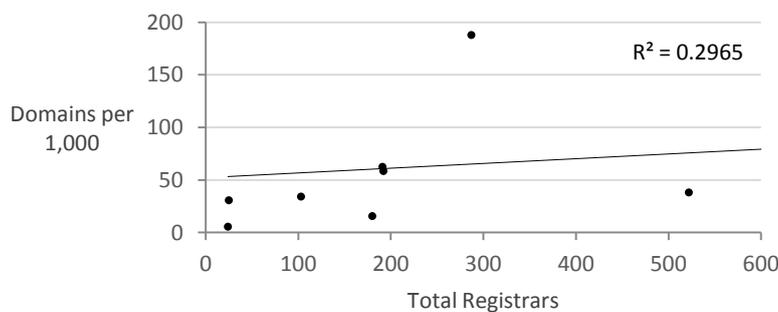
## Population < 5 million



## Population 5 million < 12 million



## Population 12 million +



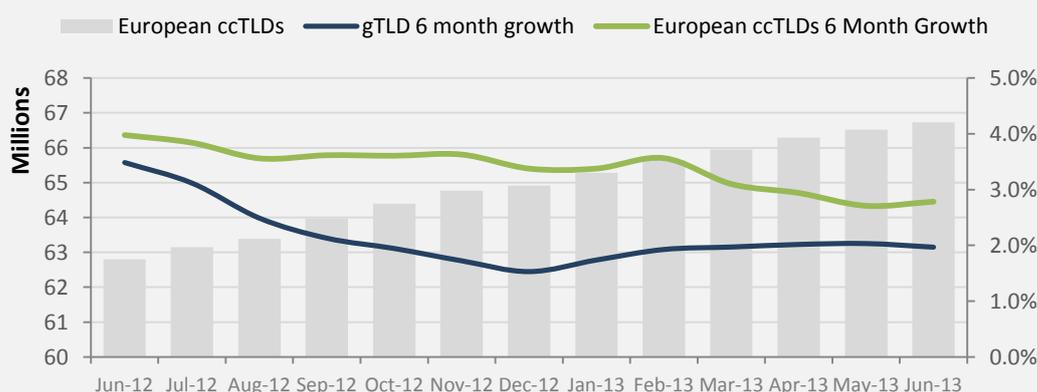
These 3 charts show domains per 1,000 residents against the total number of Registrars on a sample of 25 TLDs - categorised per population size of the TLD country). Each point represents a ccTLD.

In each category, there is a small positive correlation between the two variables. This may suggest a potential link between an increasing number of Registrars and increasing domains per 1,000 residents.

The highest correlation is found in the category of ccTLDs that service a country with population between 5 to 12 million.

Source: CENTR (Jan 2013)  
ccTLDs: 25

## Registrations Status Update - CENTR



# 66,727,576

Domains under management

In terms of number of domains added, the largest addition was .ru for the month of June with over 55 thousand domains. .ir (Iran) grew at the highest rate at 2.84% for the month

Stats quoted for month June 2013  
Source: CENTR



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

Yes we are. DNS Belgium has applied for the extensions .vlaanderen and .brussels. These are 2 strings associated with geographical regions in Belgium. We expect the IE results for our applications next couple of weeks.

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

It is still somewhat unclear what the general interest and knowledge is for the new gTLD program. However, given the strict geographical focus of the TLD's we applied for, we expect quite some interest from local businesses and people living within the covered regions. We don't think that this will have a major effect on the loyalty towards the .be TLD. We currently have a renewal ratio of 85% and it has been stable at a high level for many years.

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

There have been a few hiccups (e.g. the infamous TAS glitch, the digital archery saga, ... ) in the past but all in all ICANN is handling this very complex process in the right way. Since autumn 2012 they have managed to stick more or less to the committed timeline. Let's hope it stays this way.

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

We were already active as a member of the ccNSO but our gTLD projects have increased our role within ICANN. As future registry for gTLD's we are now also trying to follow up on things that are discussed within the gNSO constituency.

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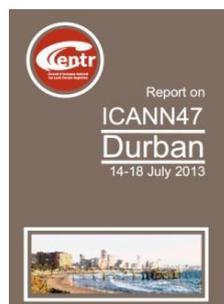
Organisation: **DNS Belgium**

[DNS Belgium Website](#)

## ICANN 47 - Durban, South Africa

ICANN's 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting was recently held in Durban, South Africa and was reported to have had 1,800 delegates in attendance (roughly the average of previous meetings). New gTLDs were in a 'home stretch' phase with the first of several contracts being signed at the opening ceremony and talk within various sessions that the first TLDs could be delegated as early as 5 September 2013. ICANN President Fadi Chehadé spoke on accomplishments for the organisations such as the recently introduced ICANN Labs initiative, Registry and Registrar agreements and an Istanbul Hub operationally ready. Initiatives are also popping up such as the first ever meeting between ICANN and the Regional Organisations, an ICANN engagement strategy for Europe and the newly formed 'Domain Name Association' which is looking for members. Selected Highlights from the various stakeholder groups are listed to the left.

For the **full report** from ICANN47 click the report to the right >>



#### ccNSO

- Finance Working group is reaches final stages of work with ccNSO members informally signalling the direction taken (Voluntary contributions based on a recommended feeband model) has support.
- Byron Holland, CEO of CIRA (.ca) is new ccNSO chair. Lesley Cowley received much deserved credit for her leadership over the last years.

#### GSNO

- GNSO defends vigorously the Policy Development Process (PDP) and discusses policy and implementation distinctions with a Working Group charter just adopted by Council.
- First new gTLD strings could be delegated as early as 5 September 2013 and first Registrar and Registrar contracts signed at opening ceremony.

#### GAC

- GAC consensus advice against .amazon
- GAC leave Durban with homework: a solution for .vin/.wine needs to be found within 30 days after the meeting.
- New GAC members : Madagascar, Namibia, São Tomé and Príncipe, Swaziland and Zambia.