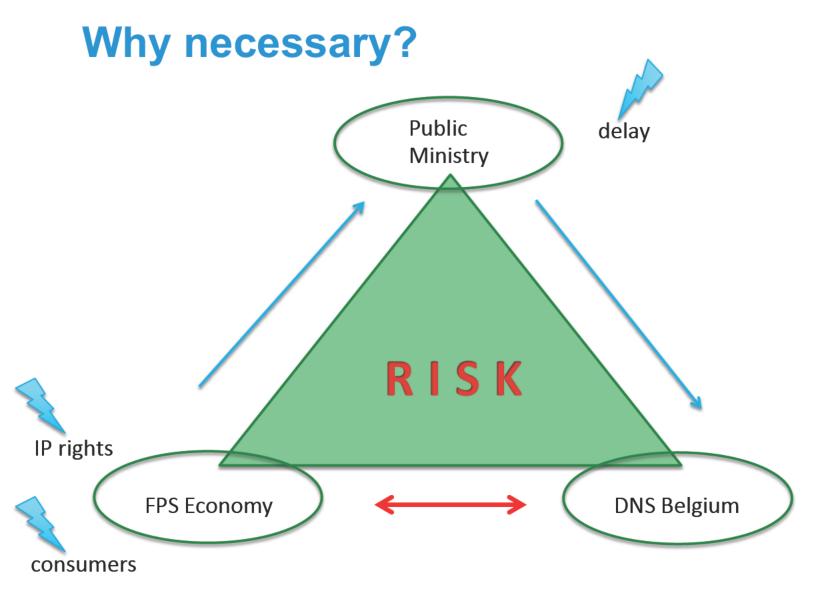


Notice & Action charter DNS Belgium/ Belgian Government: joining forces in combat against e-commerce fraud.

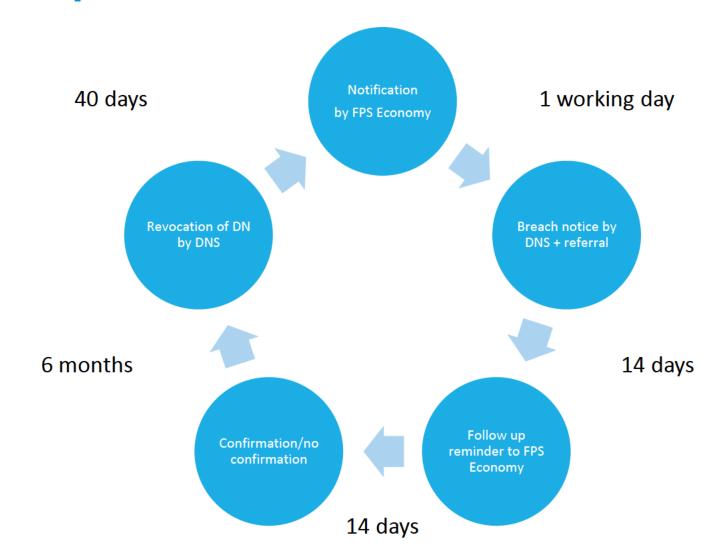
What is the N&A charter/protocol?

- New procedure that allows to act fast against fraudulent usage of .be domain names by overriding NS and referral to warning page of FPS Economy
- Formalised in cooperation charter between FPS Economy (Belgian State) & DNS Belgium
- Addition to already existing procedures:
 - Bad whois procedure
 - Revoke procedure (phishing)
 - Request through subpoena (public ministry)

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N&A procedure



Essential characteristics

- Last resort procedure for serious infringements
 - FPS Economy must first exhaust its own procedures
 - Only for the following type of situations
 - 1) distortion of market equilibrium (fair competition)
 - 2) menace to consumer protection
- Guarantees for DNS Belgium concerning its legal liability.
- Procedure is layered
 - No immediate revocation/deletion of the domain name
 - Redirect to warning/stop page offers protection (for consumers)
 - Responsible of website can rectify at any time before deletion

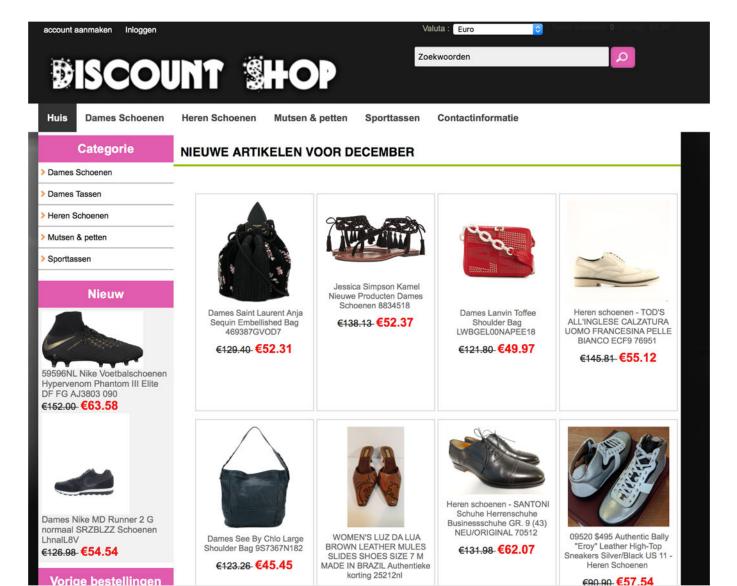
Legal liability

- Discussion on legal liability stalled progress from 2013 to 2017
- Principle: DNS Belgium executes N&A notifications
 -> gets legal backup from FPS Economy in case registrant starts litigation
- In legal terms: FPS Economy will voluntary intervene in any legal proceedings undertaken against the registry
- This covers only for as much as DNS Belgium carries out the instructions properly (e.g. not redirecting the wrong domain name)

Cases so far since 1/12/2018

- None in December
- January: 2 cases
 - 1st case: 12 .be domain names;
 - 2nd case: 103 .be domain names.
- No reaction from registrants so far (and none expected as well!)
- Typical case: deleted domain names are reregistered and directed to fake webshop

N&A Procedure example



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Next steps?

- DNS Belgium would like to have similar arrangements with other relevant stakeholders
- FPS Finance (fiscal fraud), FPS Public Health (fraud with online meds), Child Focus (child abuse), ...
- Basic conditions:
 - Stakeholder needs to have legal competence to determine whether there is law infringement or not
 - Same liability safeguards for DNS Belgium as in current N&A with FPS Economy