

Dear ccNSO members, friends,

I would be honoured to serve again as ccNSO Council member. Firstly, I would like to thank my nominators: Irina (.ru) and Daiva (.lt) for their confidence in me.

Over the past fifteen years, I have been involved within the ccNSO at various levels. At its dawn as CENTR General Manager to facilitate the dialogue between the ccTLD community and ICANN in order to introduce some changes in the ICANN bylaws relating to the ccNSO working methodology. Then, as ICANN European Regional Manager I worked with many country code managers and ICANN to refine the so-called “accountability framework agreement” that in 2006 ICANN requested ccTLDs to sign (including the famous – or infamous – discussion if only those who sign an agreement with ICANN are meant to be ccNSO members and eventually, be allowed to attend a ccNSO meeting). Lately, with my .eu hat I have been a member of various IDN Fast Track working groups and of the ccNSO Strategy and Operating Plan group that I have been also chairing and that has become a ccNSO Committee in late 2017.

I believe I have the right skills and experience to continue to serve the ccNSO Council. I am sure I can bring the additional value that comes from my knowledge of the industry and from my work at the only worldwide cc registry that has quite a complex regulatory framework at its top.

To recap my history in the domain environment:

- I was head of the .it External Relations department from late Q4 1999 till Q2 2004;
- CENTR General Manager from end Q2 2004 till end of Q4 2005;
- ICANN European Regional Manager from Q1 2006 till end Q2 2007;
- EURid, the .eu registry manager, External Relations manager from Q2 2007 till present.

I have been attending most of the ccNSO meetings since the ccNSO inception in a proactive way by joining several ccNSO working groups and as ccNSO appointed representative in the CCWG for the IANA Stewardship Transition. For multiple reasons, I also have a broad knowledge of project management, registrar relations (EURid has been recently awarded the CENTR “Registry of the Year” award for the second time in a row, and IDN(s), a very important part of our industry that at EURid we have been investigating in cooperation with UNESCO, Verisign and the ccTLD regional organisations (see idnworldreport.eu).

Over the years I served as ccNSO Councillor, I participated proactively in the Council calls, face-to-face meetings and workshops, as well as I contributed to the drafting and refinement of Council papers and letters. I enjoyed this engagement and the constructive exchange of views that takes place at any Council meeting.

My background is International Law with working experiences at the European Commission in various roles and as an expert in EU policies and programmes within a Tuscany based public body.

I like to listen to people and learn from them.

I am great supporter of environmental best practices (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XY8QIn4HL6k> [youtube.com]) as I am convinced that we can be greener even in the cyberspace!

Feel free to drop me a mail should you like to ask me any question!

Kind Regards,

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