

# ***The regional organisations*** ***An introduction to CENTR***

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# *The ccTLDs regional organisations*



# What is the objective of a regional organisation?

- To support and advance the interests of its members
- To act as an advocate to private or public bodies on issues of concern to members
- To foster co-operation on issues of mutual concern to members; *and*
- To formulate policies, strategies, best practices, common positions that have the support of the membership



# ccTLDs regional organisations

- NATLD for the North American region
- LACTLD for the Latin America and Caribbean region
- CENTR for the European region
- AFTLD for the African region
- APTLD for the Asia-Pacific region



# *Introducing CENTR*



# What is CENTR?

- *Council of European National Top Level Domain Registries*
- *Forum for TLD managers*
  - Primarily ccTLDs
    - Also includes gTLDs
  - Mainly European
    - Membership from 5 continents
    - Developed and emerging TLD markets, like .AF, .IR
- *Open to **all** Top Level Domain Registries in the world*



# CENTR's Membership

- 3 Members categories
  - Full Members
  - Associate Members
  - Observers
- Members vote on admission of new members



# CENTR's Membership

- AFGNIC Afghanistan (.af)
- STA Andorra (.ad)
- ISOC.AM Armenia (.am)
- NIC.AC Ascension Is. (.ac), Diego Garcia (.io), St Helena (.sh)
- NIC.AT Austria (.at)
- DNS Belgium Belgium (.be)
- Digital Systems Bulgaria (.bg)
- CIRA Canada (.ca)
- CARNet Croatia (.hr)
- UCY-DNS Cyprus (.cy)
- CZ.NIC Czech Republic (.cz)
- DENIC Germany (.de)
- Dansk Internet Forum (.dk)
- FICORA Finland (.fi)
- AFGNIC France (.fr), Mayotte (.yt), Reunion (.re), St. Pierre & Miquelon (.pm), Wallis & Futuna Is. (.wf)
- GibNet Gibraltar (.gi)
- GR-Hostmaster Greece (.gr)
- Island Networks Guernsey (.gg), Jersey (.je)
- CHIP Hungary (.hu)
- IEDR Ireland (.ie)
- IPM Iran (.ir)
- ISNIC Iceland (.is)
- ISOC-IL Israel (.il)
- IT-NIC Italy (.it)
- JPRS Japan (.jp)
- LITNET NOC Lithuania (.lt)
- RESTENA DNS-LU Luxembourg (.lu)
- NIC Malta Malta (.mt)
- NIC-Mexico Mexico (.mx)
- MoldData Moldova (.md)
- SIDN Netherlands (.nl)
- ISOCNZ New Zealand (.nz)
- NORID Norway (.no), Bouvet Is. (.bv), Svalbard & Jan Mayen Is. (.sj)
- Palestinian Registry Palestine (.ps)
- NASK Poland (.pl)
- FCCN Portugal (.pt)
- RNC Romania (.ro)
- Ros-NIIROS Russia (.ru)
- RED.ES Spain (.es)
- ARNES Slovenia (.si)
- IIS Sweden (.se)
- SWITCH Switzerland (.ch), Lichtenstein (.li)
- SITA (.aero)
- **Vatican – Holy See (.va)**
- Nominet UK United Kingdom (.uk)
- NeuStar United States of America (.us)
- VeriSign (.com, .net)
- Afilias (.info)
- Public Interest Registry (.org)





# CENTR's structure

- Executive Committee
  - 5 members, inclusive of Chairman and Treasurer
  - 2 year appointments
  - It steers the organisation in accordance with CENTR members' wishes
- Secretariat
  - General Manager
  - Communication Officer
  - Technical Officer
  - Administrative Officer



# CENTR's output

- Newsletter, “*Domain Wire*”, 2 issues a year
- Surveys
  - A-level survey, covering the registries management main aspects
  - B-survey, covering legal issues related to registries
  - Other surveys upon request of our members
- Comments and positions on several topics that may have an impact on our members
- Outreach programme, providing registries of developing countries with financial and technical support



# CENTR's in the international arena

- The European Commission participates in CENTR as an observer
- Regular contacts with ICANN-IANA staff and the other ccTLDs regional organisations
- Associate member of the European Internet Foundation
- Participation within the WGIG-WSIS process
- Regular attendance of all the international Internet fora and meetings



# Benefits of diverse participation

- CENTR values participation from many different registries
  - Western and Eastern Europe, Americas, Asia, Oceania
  - Different regulatory regimes, Internet community expectations, use of domain names etc.
  - Different challenges in ensuring stable DNS/Internet
- Provides added value
  - Brings different perspectives to discussion
  - Helps to define guidelines and best practices that benefit everyone
  - Comes to agreed opinions on certain aspects of the international arena



# Questions?

## Thanks for your attention

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