

.eu – den nya topppdomänen

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COMMISSION DECISION
of 21 May 2003
on the designation of the .eu Top Level Domain Registry

(notified under document number C(2003) 1624)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/375/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 April 2002 on the implementation of the .eu Top Level Domain ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(1)(a), (b) and (c) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) According to Article 3(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation), the Commission is required to designate the Registry which shall be entrusted with the organisation, administration and management of the .eu Top Level Domain after publishing a call for expressions of interest in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (2) The Commission published a Call for expressions of interest (2002/C 208/08) in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* on 3 September 2002, inviting applications from organisations wishing to be selected as the Registry to be entrusted with the organisation, management and administration of the .eu Top Level Domain.
- (3) The call was closed on 25 October 2002.
- (4) An evaluation of the applications based on the eligibility criteria and selection criteria provided for in the call for expressions of interest was conducted with the assistance of independent experts evaluators.
- (5) The evaluators examined the applications and established a priority list ranking the applications according to their overall quality in view of the selection criteria; the application ranking first on the priority list is European Registry for Internet Domains (EURID), second is European Domain Registry Asbl (EUDR) and third is EUREG; the Commission has examined the results arrived at by the evaluators and on this basis endorses the priority list.
- (6) As provided for in Article 3(1)(c) of the Regulation, the Commission shall enter into a contract with the designated Registry, which shall specify the conditions according to which the Commission supervises the organisation, administration and management of the .eu Top Level Domain by the Registry.

(7) A draft service concession contract to be concluded between the Commission and the .eu Top Level Domain Registry was adopted by Commission Decision C(2002) 3161 of 28 August 2002 and published within the call for expressions of interest. Should the condition set forth for the designation of the Registry not be fulfilled or should the contractual negotiations with the organisation designated as the Registry be terminated before the signature of a contract as a result either of the withdrawal of the organisation or where in the opinion of the Commission the conclusion of an appropriate contract is not possible, the Commission reserves the right to open negotiations with another applicant which has submitted an eligible application and has fulfilled the selection criteria.

(8) In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Regulation, the Commission sought the opinion of the Communications Committee established by Article 22.1. of Directive 2002/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (Framework Directive) ⁽²⁾; the opinion of the Committee on the designation of the Registry to be entrusted with the organisation, management and administration of the .eu Top Level Domain was delivered on 10 April 2003,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

European Registry for Internet Domains (EURID) is designated, as the .eu Top Level Domain Registry entrusted with the organisation, management and administration of the .eu Top Level Domain.

Article 2

The designation is subject to the condition that the members of the European Registry for Internet Domains (EURID) consortium, within three months of the date of entry into force of this decision, submit to the Commission the proof concerning the final establishment of the not-for-profit organisation in accordance with the application of the members of EURID consortium.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 113, 30.4.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 108, 24.4.2002, p. 33.

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.eu time line

- **Regulation on the implementation of the .eu Top Level Domain – 30 April 02**
 - Framework for the implementation of the .eu ccTLD
 - Designation of the registry
 - General policy framework
- **European Commission :**
 - Establish criteria for designation of registry
 - Call for ***expression of interest***
 - Published : 3 Sept. 02
 - Deadline for submission of application : 25 Oct. 02
 - Evaluate offers and appoint registry
 - Contract with appointed registry (5 years)



Extract from timeline

Expected timing: end of december 2003	Signature of contract between ICANN and delegation of the .eu TLD
Expected timing: February 2004	Translation of public policy rules and COCOM regulatory procedure on public policy rules. Information on the registration policy
Expected timing: March 2004	Commission decision on public policy rules
Expected timing: April 2004	Sunrise period and start of operational phase by EURID



The framework

- **Registry = non-profit organisation**
 - Registry to establish registration policy
 - Large representation in EU
- **Registry/registrar model**
 - No direct registrations
 - Contract with registrars
- **Public policy not yet decided**
 - To be created by all parties
 - To be approved by member states
 - Only for residents in E.U.
- **Exception lists**
 - Geographical and/or geopolitical names



EURid

■ European Registry for Internet Domains

« ... to have a registry focused organisation based on the relevant experience from these organisations to run such a registry in a real not-for-profit spirit ... »

- Founder members :
 - DNS Belgium (registry of .be),
 - Istituto di Informatica e Telematica (registry of .it)
 - NIC SE (registry of .se)
- Associated members :
 - CZ NIC (registry of .cz)
 - Arnes (registry of .sl)



EURid

- Members :
 - Open to groups that represent the various stakeholders of the Internet Community
 - End users : ISOC ECC
 - Employers : UNICE
 - Unions
 - ISP's : (EuroIsipa)
 - Registrars
 - Academic world



EURid : rationale

- Huge experience in running a registry
- Real not-for-profit organisations
- Similar views on policy matters



Complementary Strengths

■ **.se** :

- User focus
- Procedural
- Involved in dev. new standards

North

■ **.be** :

- Liberalisation
- Advanced automated system
- Full registry/registrar

Central

■ **.it** :

- Security / techn. competence
- International
- Volumes

South



Proposal (policy)

- **Objective : Low cost**
- **Liberal rules with registration policies kept to a minimum**
 - **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**
 - Exception list : explicit
 - No manual / conceptual checks
 - Other limitations through T&C → false information = breach of contract → name is revoked

→ FULLY AUTOMATED SYSTEM

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution**
- **Policy board : key stakeholder groups -> representation in the board**



Proposal (registrar system)

- **Appointment of registrars**

- Minimum of requirements to allow free competition
- Pre-registrations
- Dedicated account managers

- **Pre-payment**

- No membership fee
- Minimum turn-over required

- **Voluntary Code of Conduct**

- « soft » quality label
- Peer evaluation of complaints



Proposal (start-up)

- **Sunrise**

- 3 month period during which to apply for priority rights
- Via registrars
- Block name for later evaluation

- **Road shows**

- build awareness
- explain policy and systems

- **Start-up mechanism : « Big Bang »**



Proposal (procedure)

- **Registrant accepts T&C**
- **Automatically renewed unless explicitly removed from the database by registrar**
- **Deleted name → quarantine (40 days)**
- **First come, first served**
- **Mechanisms for**
 - Changing to another registrar
 - Transfer to other licensee



Proposal (organisation)

- **Head office : Brussels**
- **Main development : Brussels**
 - Competence centres in other countries
- **Account management :**
 - North : Sweden
 - Centre : Belgium
 - South : Italy



The different steps

- ✓ ■ Evaluation (independent experts)
- ✓ ■ Consultation of the member states by the EC
- ✓ ■ Designation by the commission
- ✓ ■ Information of the selected registry
- Negotiation of contract
- Consultation of member states / determine public policy
- Communication of designation by EC to ICANN and request for delegation
- Contract between registry and ICANN
- Start of the registry



Your European Identity

