

# The costs of DNSSEC deployment survey results

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# Deploying a new technology requires investment

- ★ Hardware
- ★ Software
- **\*** Human Resources
- ★ Bandwidth

# For DNSSEC these costs are not well defined

Uncertainty can hinder its deployment



- \* "Improving Resilience in European e-Communication Networks", 2008-2010
  - ★ DNS is a critical service for IP Based Networks
  - ★ Not designed to be secure
    - "Intentional omissions include security", Dr. Paul **Mockapetris**
  - \* Its improved stability and security will improve networks resilience
  - \* DNSSEC greatly enhances networks resilience. Policies and guidelines are needed



- ★ Objectives
  - ★ Study the costs (CAPEX/OPEX) of DNSSEC deployment
  - Assess the required changes on resources of the different roles and operations
- Scope
  - ★ Registries, Registrars, Zone Operators and Recursive Resolver Operators.
- Means
  - ★ Stocktaking, questionnaires and interviews
- ★ Side effects
  - ★ Analyse adoption
  - ★ Analyse business benefits
- ★ Hurdles
  - Not detailed answers



## Stakeholder size in Terms of Zones

### **Roles Surveyed**





- Selection Criteria
  - ★ Considered, implemented or abandoned a DNSSEC implementation
- Voluntary participation



- ★ Clear distinction between "big savers" and "big spenders"
  - ★ "big savers" invest on average 27.000€
  - ★ "big spenders" invest on average 608.000€
- Pure play registrars
  - ★ Investment cost below 5.000€





#### Infrastructure costs

- Significant investments
  - ★ 17% to 48% of total investment cost

## **Strategic Positioning**

- Frontline of deployment
- ★ Emphasis in governance
  - Key management
  - ★ Operational processes

- ★ Use existing infrastructure
  - ★ <10.000€

- Use existing open source software
- Limit themselves to customisations
  - ★ 90% of cost



Almost none of the correspondents have bought a commercial-of-the-shelf product

- ★ 83% use opensource
- ★ Software costs come from:
  - ★ in-house development
  - ★ customization of open source solutions
- ★ Early adaptors (before 2008) were obliged to invest significantly in in-house development
- Development cost for future DNSSEC deployments can significantly be reduced
  - ★ "Leaders pay the bill, followers can limit their investments."

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- Only a limited number of stakeholders adopt hardware security modules (HSM's)
  - ★ Poor support of HSM within open source software is one of the reasons
  - ★ Size of the organisation does not influence the choice to implement HSM or not

#### ★ Costs vary between 500€ and 25.000€





Deployment of specific features

 NSEC3, Dynamic Updates, DLV

 Training
 Legal support

 Legal value of a signed DNS record





- Increasing bandwidth is the only operational cost item
  - ★ Increase in zone size
  - \* Obliged to use new methods for the transfer of zones

# ID	Role	Daily DNSSEC Queries	Daily Regular Queries	% of queries with DNSSEC	% in bandwidth increase
# 13	RY; ZO	1.250.000.000	2.500.000.000	33%	15 %
# 16	ZO	3.024.000.000	6.048.000.000	33%	50 %
# 15	RY	311.040.000	518.400.000	37%	50 %
# 14	RY	345.600.000	864.000.000	29%	100 %

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## Costs for newer deployments will decrease

- ★ As adoption grows and technology and procedures related to DNSSEC become more standardized
- ★ Out-of-the-box solutions will reduce the capital expense costs
- Additional costs in a one and three year period will be minimal

Costs of new features or adaption to new procedures (e.g. Signed Root)



# Adaption of DNSSEC

### **Signed Zones**

**Resolver Queries** 



### % DNSSEC capable queries per deployment adoption timeframe







- Zone operators that deployed DNSSEC have an average of 30% of zones signed
- ★ Host less than 600 zones
- Succeed to attract, convince or oblige domain owners to enable DNSSEC



% of DNSSEC signed zones



### ★ Registry

- ★ Become a reliable Trust Anchor
- Lead by example and stimulate parties further down in the chain to adopt DNSSEC
- ★ Earn recognition in the DNS community
- ★ Zone operator
  - ★ Provide assurance to clients that domain name services are reliable and trustworthy
  - ★ Look forward to increasing adoption rate when revenue is an important driver. Deploying DNSSEC can be profitable

### ★ Registrar

Differentiator and competitive advantage versus others

### Recursive Resolver Operator

- ★ Assure end-users on DNS reliability and trustworthiness
- ★ Offering differentiator and competitive advantage



## The report

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## Technologies for resilience

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