DomainWire Stat Report is CENTR’s biannual statistical publication covering basic internet statistics particularly related to domain names with a focus on the European domain name Registries.

A ccTLD or country code domain name is the two-letter domain name extension such as .de (Germany), .es (Spain) or .cz (Czech Republic).

CENTR is the European ccTLD organisation. CENTR is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting the interest of country code TLD managers. The objectives of CENTR are to promote and participate in the development of high standards and best practices among ccTLD Registries. CENTR has 51 Full members and 9 Associate members who all together represent around 80% of the total number of ccTLD domain name registrations worldwide. For more information on CENTR please visit www.centr.org

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The total number of domain name registrations is roughly 245 million of which 42% are ccTLD registrations (around 102 million registrations) and 58% gTLD names. .com is the largest gTLD with around 75% (around 103 million registrations) of all gTLD registrations. Of all registered domain names, IDN ccTLDs (above included under ccTLD registrations) make up around 0.40%, the largest one being .пф - the IDN ccTLD for the Russian Federation with around 840,000 registrations.

This chart shows the 20 largest ccTLDs globally in terms of number of registrations. There are around 245 ccTLD extensions with the 20 largest managing over 70 million domain names – this represents around 70% of all global ccTLD registrations and 28% of all domain registrations (gTLD, ccTLD and IDN ccTLD) globally.

From the top 20 list, the highest growth (year on year) has been achieved by .cn (China) at around 26.6% (see above). The Chinese ccTLD experienced a rapid increase in registrations partly due to changes in registration requirements. The high recent growth in .CN has pushed it in the list to become the 5th largest ccTLD.

.CO (Colombia) follows China as the 2nd fastest growing ccTLD with an increase of 25.1% year-on-year. The median growth of the top 20 ccTLDs year-on-year was 11.5%
European Outlook

ccTLD Market Share

The map shows the market share of the local ccTLD as a percentage of the total number registrations (ccTLD + gTLD) from registrants residing in the same country. The Countries with the highest market share of the local ccTLD are Slovakia (87%), Serbia (90%) and Montenegro (99%).

Market Penetration: per capita (top 5)

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<th>Country</th>
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European Average 21 per 100 (Capita)

Growth in European ccTLDs

Over the past 12 months, the following ccTLDs achieved the highest growth in terms of percentage in Europe. The TLD for Portugal (.pt) has grown significantly largely due to its liberalisation of registration terms in 2012.

Highest Growth ccTLDs in Europe

- .pt 27%
- .me 17%
- .tr 17%
- .cz 16%
- .ru 16%
**European Internet Usage**

The pie chart (left) shows proportions of internet usage globally. The Asian region represents 45% of all internet users.

Over the past 10 years, the regions of Africa, the Middle East and Latin America have had the highest growth in users connecting to the internet. Africa rose from around 4.5 million users in 2000 to over 167 million users in 2012. Over the past year African internet users have increased around 19%.

Sources: [www.internetworldstats.com](http://www.internetworldstats.com) – Data: Facebook - Sep 2012, Internet Users - June 2012

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**World Internet Usage**

The chart (right) shows internet usage and populations categorised by their region. Asian has the largest population as well as the largest number of internet users however is much lower in terms of the number of internet users per capita (27.5% - increased from 26.2% in 2011). Latin America has grown from 39% in 2011 to 43% users per capita and the Middle East has grown from 35% to 40%.

North America continues to have the most internet users per capita (78.6%) however has not increase much since 2011.

Sources: [www.internetworldstats.com](http://www.internetworldstats.com) – Data: Facebook - Sep 2012, Internet Users - June 2012
Sources

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When the term ‘European ccTLDs definition is used within this report, it is generally referring to the following countries: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guernsey, Holy See (Vatican City State), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Italy, Jersey, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Republic of, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Svalbard and Jan Mayen, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

These countries are estimated to represent at least 95% of domain registrations from ccTLDs based on standard definitions of Europe.