DENIC supports international survey of domain industry
Eco, publishes results of international study of the domain industry, the eco Registrar Atlas 2013, sponsored by DENIC.

EIF confirms strategy for 2013 - 2015
The strategy describes the main action areas including guaranteeing availability, stability and security of DNS service and increasing safety of Internet usage.

The French Council of State rules on the former legal framework for domain names
The French Council of State annulled the former legal framework for domain names for failure to notify Brussels.

Dot IE Net Visionary Awards 2013 Open for Nominations
The awards are open for nominations and 2013 features some interesting changes in categories, criteria and the overall scoring process. IEDR are headline sponsor

Italian Registry introduce ‘drop-time’
Users can now find out the date and time of deletion of any domain name: that’s ‘drop-time’, the new procedure that gives access to domain name lists awaiting deletion.

ICANN Signs Exchange of Letters with Montenegro (.ME)
ICANN has signed an Accountability Framework with the ccTLD manager for .ME (Montenegro)

The .nlyst 11 now out: the state of the hosting industry
In the latest edition, Michiel Steltman of DHPA, Simon Besteman of ISPConnect and Gerben van Leeuwen of Argeweb set out their visions of the hosting industry today.

ICANN Signs Exchange of Letters with Montenegro (.ME)
ICANN has signed an Accountability Framework with the ccTLD manager for .ME (Montenegro)

RNIDS - Annual Report for 2012
The publication includes a review of related work of the Serbian registry.

.SE’s Head of Security inducted Internet Hall of Fame
.SE’s Head of Security Anne-Marie Eklund Löwinder is the first Swede to become inducted to Internet Hall of Fame

Nominet proposes new Registrar Agreement
The revised agreement outlines raised baseline standards, while offering a framework that recognises the diversity of registrar business models.
CENTR conduct regular surveys initiated by the members. The below is highlights from a recent CENTR Survey conducted on Registry Marketing practices. The full data and report contained detailed results of the survey is available to CENTR members.

Almost 70% of Registries surveyed have a rough or formal marketing plan in place with a further 18% in the process of preparing one.

Most Registries surveyed stated they have dedicated staff working on their Marketing with a further 32% stating Marketing efforts are bundled with other tasks of staff.

These charts show that in most cases, recent Marketing Campaigns have been aimed at end users – particularly business and individuals with not big distinction between the two. No Registry has aimed recent marketing towards resellers.

66,521,756 Domains under management

In terms of number of domains added, the largest addition was .uk for the month of May with over 48 thousand domains. Iran (.ir) grew at the highest rate at 3.61% for the month

Stats quoted for month of May 2013
Source: CENTR
Is your Registry in any way involved in the new gTLD program, if so how?
Our national TLD .pl is not involved in the new gTLD program. Within this program there were no applications submitted from Poland.

How do you think the residents of your country will react to new gTLDs?
The overall inventory of the global TLD’s in our market is relatively low. In the new gTLD program we do not expect strong competition for TLD .pl either. The overall observed awareness of the program is rather low.

How much brand loyalty is there to the country code TLD?
Brand loyalty to Polish TLD .pl is really impressive. With 84% we attained the highest result in EU area.

How do you feel ICANN has handled the new gTLD program?
The new gTLD program is getting more complex than planned. ICANN is stepping in the execution phase and needs effective management system and efficient organization to perform successfully in the multi-stakeholder model.

To what extent does your Registry take an interest or active role in the ICANN process?
We are active member of ccNSO and doing our best to contribute with constructive participation by following the ICANN processes and supporting the ccNSO organization.

More details on NASK

EuroDIG 2013 - Internet for Society

"Internet for society - How to serve the public interest?" was the overarching theme of this year's European Dialogue Internet Governance, or short EuroDIG. EuroDIG 2013 was held on 20 and 21 June in Lisbon, Portugal and saw over 600 participants in attendance of this sixth edition of the conference.

Main sessions - The main sessions, which topics and format had been agreed upon during an open preparatory process, aimed at answering broader questions such as ‘How to serve public interest?’, ‘How to keep the Internet safe, free and open?’ and ‘Who should pay for content online?’. The topic of Cyber security in the context of differing jurisdictions European internet users fall under when connecting online was also discussed.

CENTR was one of the protagonists in a workshop on governance challenges in the technical space. Two challenges were identified: IPv6 and DNSSEC. Marco Hogewoningen (RIPE NCC) described the difficult transition from IPv4 to IPv6. Wim Degezelle (CENTR) showed that by the end of 2013 almost all European ccTLDs will be supporting the DNSSEC security extension but warned not to underestimate the complex task for DNS operators and registrars face to deploy this technology. The workshop’s message to governments was clear: lead by example! The public sector should be amongst the first to deploy IPv6 and DNSSEC on their own systems.

Other workshops were organised on topics such as net neutrality, copyright, accessibility and inclusion.

A complete overview of all sessions can be found at www.eurodig.org - Next Meeting - 12-13 JUNE 2014 - Berlin

EVENTS in June

CENTR Jamboree 2013 - The 2nd CENTR Jamboree was held recently in Amsterdam and saw 172 attendees representing more than 40 organisations (mostly ccTLD Registries). The workshops which were spaced over 3 days were the regular Tech, Admin, Security, Marketing, R&D and Legal and Regulatory. Based on the results of the evaluation survey, the Jamboree has been a success and will be repeated again in 2014.

ICANN Brussels Briefing - On 25 June ICANN organised a 'Brussels briefing', the first of what is said to become a regular update on ICANN and DNS issues in the European Capital. CENTR's Peter Van Roste updated on the European ccTLD market and covered growth, market share, security and IDNs. Peter’s presentation can be found on the CENTR Site.