

Safeguarding the .nl domain

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SIDN (registry .nl)

- private sector company, not for profit
- 'delegee' of the .nl domain since 1996
- accountable to local internet community (LIC)
- continuity of .nl is responsibility of SIDN

but....failure means costs for economy and potential damage to society:

dialogue between State & Registry

Position paper (2004) :

- Joint working group formulated issue list

Letter of Intent (2005):

- Start of joint project
 - › develop proposals for additional measures to protect the continuity of the .nl domain against very exceptional events

Goal: agreement formalised in 2008

- Overall conclusions
 - Currently sufficient safeguards
 - Selforganisation / selfregulation can be sustained
- Improve stability (SIDN)
 - Measures to improve business continuity
 - Regular analysis of vulnerability
 - Formalise process to develop registration policy
 - Maintain relationship with Netherlands and Dutch registrants, subject to Dutch law

- Last resort
 - State will not ask for redelegation, unless in case of trigger moment (jointly defined and agreed upon)
 - Disagreement about trigger moment: court
 - State will formulate steps to be taken in a redelegation process
 - > consultation SIDN and LIC
 - > present to ICANN

- Dialogue and early warning
 - State informs SIDN about regulatory plans concerning the management of .nl
 - SIDN informs State about risks that might lead to trigger moments