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