Afnic (re-)appointed as .fr registry
October 2012
Key facts about Afnic

✓ Not for profit, open membership, multistakeholder, including Government representatives

✓ 2.4 million domains under management

✓ 61 staff, based south-west of Paris

✓ Also manager of .re, .tf, .yt, .pm and .wf

✓ Back-end registry applicant for 17 new gTLDs
Timeframe

Oct. 2010: legal framework cancelled

March 2011: new legal framework

December 2011: opening to Europe implements new framework

March-May 2012: RFP on .fr management

July 2012: Afnic re-appointed
RFP criteria and specifics

✓ 11 tenders, one for each French ccTLD
✓ .fr decision due by June 30th
✓ Open to any European organisation
  ✓ Candidate registry can’t own registrar
✓ Emphasis on security
✓ Any profit MUST be re-invested within the scope of the TLD-specific contract
Competition and communication
Main competition arguments

FRNIC
- We will double the number of domain names
- Lower prices (but not too much)
- Complex new governance model
- Support in the start-up & entrepreneur digital community

Afnic
- Multistakeholder governance and PDP
- Center of excellence (R&D) : extra benefits for community beyond registry
- Customer and community support (national & international)
- Proven track record
 Outcome

✔ Afnic appointed for 5 years (with 5 year renewal option)
Also...

- Open Data Whois
- 1-2 characters
- New DRP with WIPO
- Multi-year registrations
- Registry Lock
Next steps

- Implementing commitments
  - Appointment process is a key driver for organisation change
  - The Trust reinforces our mission: promote and develop the Internet in France
- Prepare for next RFP:
  - Expect increased competition
Thank you!