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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: ...six years old. You wait another four years, they will be ten years old. Not many things in ICANN are ten years old, so that's a real... I'm not kidding. This really is important. And there are very few left. And Wolf has some others, but they are of a different vintage than these ones. He will provide his in four years' time.

So we'll wait another couple of minutes so that we have a few more people coming back from their coffee break.

Okay. Let's, are we ready? May I ask? Is it? Yesim? Are we ready to move forward?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: The recording is on? Is it?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes, it is.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Well, welcome back, everybody, to this second part of today's EURALO General Assembly. We adopted the agenda just before we went on the break. We now have the annual report that we are going to be discussing for the next, is it ten minutes that we have? Yes. So discussion of the adoption of EURALO annual report.

I'm going to hand the floor over to Wolf Ludwig, the EURALO Secretary, who will take us through this report. There is a link to it in the Adobe Connect chat. You also should have a paper copy in your folder. That's probably one of the only things you will find in your folder. This is not the United Nations, where you would have a stack of paper. You'd have to wait several years to cut down a whole forest and then print it all up and just stack it next to you and chuck it in the bin at the end of the day and recycle it for the next ten years. So let's go. Let me just...

Where's the folder? You haven't got a folder? At-Large staff will whisk one over to you faster than the speed of lightning, and I'll hand the floor over to Wolf Ludwig in the meantime while the flash takes place.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks, Olivier. I think if you are not deciding otherwise, we do not have to waste much time with the annual report. The annual report is more or less a recapitulation summarizing our activities during the last year reporting period. It was not exactly a full year because it's from October, when we had our last General Assembly face-to-face in Dublin, and [inaudible] and adopted an annual report in Dublin from the previous year or reporting period. And this is more or less summarizing what has happened in the time between.

As usual, it says something about our representation at the At-Large level at ALAC. It has a short chapter on EURALO at EuroDIG. As you all know, EURALO, in the history of EuroDIG, played quite an important role. I do not have to go into details. Another part of the report is outreach and inreach. In the reporting period from October, we had three new certified ALSes, we could welcome at EURALO.

There are two Austrian ALSes, Wiener Zentrum fuer Rechtsinformatik, represented by Erich, and the Austrian Computer Society. And we had Plug In from Serbia, our first member now from Serbia. Or let's say, almost from the Balkan region, we have one more which is the Slovenian Consumer Association in Ljubljana. But otherwise, as Eastern Europe is still a region where we have to try more and better to find more

members. But therefore, I was especially pleased when we could welcome Plug In from there.

Okay, three is not bad in nine months. I still believe we could be much better and we must be much better because we, again, have two candidates on our list who need, in my opinion, to be dealt with for decertification. One is ISOC Luxembourg, which is a dead duck since the last couple of years. A problem case is ISOC Belgium as well. Not Wallonia. Wallonia is always well-represented by Christopher, etc. I realize with a certain consternation that is a member from ISOC Belgium here in Helsinki. They have an official representative who is non-responsive over the last three, four years. And the other candidate don't care. And this is the kind of attitude which, in my opinion, is a severe problem case.

So besides the four decertified ALSes in 2014, we have the next two on our list to make six again. So we are over two years losing as much members as we can newly attract or gain. And this is a serious problem, in my opinion. But as it is noted in the annual report, we have created a taskforce in Dublin, ALS Engagement, which has not yet started its work. But Helsinki here, the meeting could be the starting point for this taskforce. And I hope that this taskforce will somehow show a similar dynamic as we had in the other one which was created in Dublin, which was a Bylaws Taskforce for reviewing and revising the EURALO Bylaws,

which was highly active and dynamic over the last couple of months, with mostly weekly calls.

And I would especially like to thank Mikhail for his great initiatives and his inputs pushing our work forward, and we are progressing in a way what is impressive in my opinion. And even if it's a very complicated issue we deal with, I am somehow optimistic that in a couple of weeks, I would say towards the end of the year, we will come up with a revised version, a simplified version, a reduced version, of our Bylaws which will much more reflect the actual functioning of EURALO than the current and bulky Bylaws do. Therefore, my thanks and congratulations to this taskforce, which has really proved to be productive. And I hope that the ALS Engagement Taskforce will show similar results.

Another part of the annual report is referring to our individual members. This is a group I am very proud about, as they are highly active and dynamic. They have their own website. And after Roberto handed over to Jean-Jacques, they are really good at participating regularly in our calls, etc., and it's very good to have you on board. Thanks again.

Well, about EURALO officials, there is not much to say. We have been selected in Dublin for two years' term, and the leadership is due for reselection in the next year.

There is a last remark on General Assemblies, 2016 and onwards. As you have realized, after three years in our General Assemblies, we are funded from Lisbon to London to Dublin. This is the first one which is not face-to-face General Assembly where all members can practically participate. It's not clear when we may have our next General Assembly funded by ICANN again. It was part of the fiscal year's proposal by ALAC to ICANN which was adopted, which was approved by ICANN. Perhaps Olivier can say a few words on this. And it's a high, let me say, probability that we may get funding in the near future. I don't know for 2017, but I'm quite optimistic that we may have something again in 2018, and okay.

So this is the outline of the annual report. Do you have any questions? Do you think there is anything missing? Do you have any comments? Yes, Mikhail.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH:

Thank you. What I would like to say? Three points. First of all, it will be very useful, I suppose, to have an annual report details our members which represents EURALO in different ICANN working groups or ICANN bodies, what they are doing, what the result of the activities during the year, to ask them to write down some brief mini-reports and to add. It will give us full information about activities of EURALO as an organization and

members who are working in different working groups. Maybe next time, maybe not change something this report, not necessary. But to – yes, yes.

The second one, I would like to see in the report. So this report is like a river. This is about what we saw during the year, how we act. But I would like to add some new structure in this report. How our activities fits our goals mentioned in, for example, in the Memorandum of Understanding. May be in Bylaw, but better to say about the Memorandum of Understanding in between ICANN and signing organizations.

So it's very, very simple points. I can read you two minutes. To provide the forum and promote and encourage European Internet users' participation and involvement in ICANN in an open, accountable, and transparent manner to promote, understand, and advocate for individual Internet users and to provide a forum for outreach cooperation, coordination, and exchange of information, to act as interface between individual Internet users and ICANN, etc., etc., to promote multilingual access to and participation in ICANN's work, and to respect other aspects of cultural diversity.

So I would like to see how our activities correspond to these goals mentioned in the Memorandum of Understanding. I

suppose not all of them, all these points, mirrors in our activities. And it will give us some new understanding maybe.

And the third one, we have no plans, but it is to have plans and the report can be structured to the point fulfillment. Not fulfillment, why, so it will be much easier to understand. But it's our job as a board and officers. Yeah. Thank you. For future.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks for your comments. I think we will take this into consideration for the next draft of an annual report.

To your second point, I think point four is trying to reflect what you were asking for. One of our key goals from the start eight years ago was to work in the direction to have members in all European countries.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH:

I know. I've read those scripts. I know. Each year.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. So we have this very ambitious goal and we are trying hard. But as a matter of fact, going for new members was always delegated to the leadership. It's the Chair's job or it's the leadership's job, and other members didn't perceivngly not push very much to support leadership with outreach. And this is

more or less a critical point we reflect year by year. I think we could be much – we should do much better. And we have ambitious goals and we should somehow try to come closer to our goals. So this is a point we will reflect again and again.

And as far as your last point, Mikhail, I agree. There should be planning or a new... We had a strategic plan from years ago, but nobody really cared about. So you can design plans from the top down and most of the members will not even notice that there is such a plan. Therefore, I think it should come up as a bottom-up initiative. It should be produced by the EURALO board to say, “Okay. This is our main goals and this, in the following steps, should be done in the next two to three years.” So every initiative, in this respect, I think, is welcome.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf. Mikhail, one more question. There are quite a few people in the queue now. So, Mikhail?

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: I would like to clarify one point about planning. Planning is a bidirectional activity because organizational structure, organizational forces, activities are going from the top, from the bodies, from the officers. It seems, yes, they are going from the bottom, not necessarily to invent something that it is not

interesting for everyone. So I agree, but it's not only from bottom up. It's a bidirectional process.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Mikhail. So I note that several people have actually joined us since we started this second session. We will be going through the list immediately after we finish the discussion on this annual report. We have a queue with Sebastien Bachollet, Jean-Jacques Subrenat, and Oksana Pryhodko. So let's start with Sebastien.

SEBASTEIN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. I will speak in French. Thank you. Two points I would like to raise. Mikhail said interesting things with tools that we did created a request we could have to the team, to the review team, the At-Large review team. Those documents can be compared with the situation, with today's situation.

Second point, I don't know if it should be in the report or not, but I think it's quite important to note that we did elect an ALAC member, Veronica. She comes from individual users, European individual users, and can be a link between two elements and can be very useful. I wanted to note that it should be clear for everyone. I would like to thank her for her work. Thank you for your attention.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. We are going to give the floor to Jean-Jacques Subrenat.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you very much. Thank you, Olivier. I would like to raise two points. We are in the past activities. It is with the support, the active support of EURALO, that I was able to be a nominated member of the Coordination Council at the NETmundial Initiative. And I would like to tell my colleagues that at the end of June, early July, I will do a report to EURALO about my activity, my NETmundial activity. I was Europe representative and I would like to let you know that this group is going to be over for several reasons I will touch upon.

Regarding the ICG, which was a group created about two years ago to draft a report, a transition proposal for the IANA functions. This is something that our group gave to the US government through the President of the Board on March 10, 2016. And the ICG is still a group. It hasn't been disbanded. And I would like to let you know about what is going on at the ICG. I would like to thank EURALO for the comments I made regarding my experience at the ICG and the results that we did obtain for two years of work at the ICG. And I'm sorry that ALAC didn't do

the same. I'm sorry that the ALAC Chair didn't use my small report.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques. It's important to communicate and to keep communicating. So let us know about your activities. It's very important for EURALO. We need to know what's going on in the ALSes and your activities when you work with other groups, other working groups. This is important for us to know about it. So I'm going to give the floor to Veronica.

OKSANA PRYHODKO: Thank you, Chair. I would like to speak Russian and I hope I will have this possibility next time, just to support our French colleagues.

And I also would like to support Mikhail Medrish about our commission. When, for example, I joined EURALO – by the way, Olivier, thank you very much for reminding me, my core interest for the time, it was about opening of ICANN office in Ukraine. And it's still alive and I hope it will be done in the next future. But for us, ALS is the voice for members of our countries, and it's not enough just to be in the list of ALS of EURALO. You have to have more tools to communicate between Internet users of our

countries, EURALO and then ICANN, ICANN Board, ICANN decision-making structures.

How we can do it? Why we have to decertify any ALS? What did they lack in EURALO? What possibilities they could not find? How we can find this possibility? For example, it was my priority to discuss Ukrainian IDN issue. I did not receive this opportunity to raise this issue on the adequate level. Just now, for example, for Ukraine, for the [inaudible] is protection of geographic names. Please help me, advise me. How can I succeed in this direction?

And by the way, I would like to propose a small change to our monthly calls. Maybe we can start from business of each country, of each ALS, some of them. For example, if we are going to prepare [inaudible] and we have some problems with agenda, with raising the most important issues, maybe we can start from this point and then we will hear Olivier overlook of any items of ICANN. So you can advise us in which statement, in which policy development process we can participate in which way. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Oksana. And you touched on a few things which I think has actually been tried in other RALOs, and is probably still being tried in other RALOs. The possibility of At-Large Structures to say what they are doing in their country is

something which I certainly know in LACRALO, they have been doing. And there, it hasn't been, of course, all of the At-Large Structures present saying what they were doing. But some At-Large Structures had a five-minute slot where they can just provide a couple of slides and say what has been going on in their country. And the next month is another couple of At-Large Structures, and the next month it's another one. And that's one way to build a community and to get the At-Large Structures to know with each other what they're doing.

On the topic of IDNs, Internationalized Domain Names for those people that are not following closely, we do have – and “we” as in not EURALO, but the At-Large – has a working group on Internationalized Domain Names. I know it's been a little quiet recently so maybe you need to send a few e-mails to try and wake them up. There's also a new generic Top-Level Domain working group. And since the IDNs are new Top-Level Domains, that working group has also been a little bit quiet. But I think that there is a discussion later on this week with the At-Large on this revival of working groups or how to get them more involved. It's not just for the Chair to do things. It's also for the members of the working group to do things. So as you're here, I hope that you'll be able to contribute and ask for these working groups to continue operating and to be vibrant, as they should be.

Roberto Gaetano, you're next. And you're not allowed to speak in Italian.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Just a quick comment to endorse what Mikhail has proposed. I think that the fact that it is, for me, very important to know what the different ALSes are doing. Now that we have new ALSes coming, I think it's a pity if we don't know what others are doing. That can be also an example for sharing experiences and give ideas to promote different activities. There might be ALSes that say, "Oh yeah, I never thought about doing this; maybe I can do the same in my country."

I would, two things. I would not necessarily feed this into the EURALO annual report, but I would really do a proper report from ALSes that is a document of its own that can be also then published. Because also from the outside, I think it's interesting to know what the ALSes are doing.

And secondly, if we take this approach, I would communicate that to the ALSes right away and not wait to the end of the year, because it's much easier to keep track of the relevant activities and to put them in a file. And then at the end of the year, you have basically your annual report ready, rather than on the 31st of December, scratching your head to figure out what was important and what was not. But I think this is a very important

point and something that can be very valuable for us. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Roberto. I gather this would be on a voluntary basis. So those ALSes that wish to participate can do so. But there might be some that don't, shouldn't feel pressured that they have to do this. Or would they?

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes. Nobody can be obliged. But I think that we have to put some sort of pressure on the ALSes to do these kind of activities. I think that one of the biggest problems that we have is addressed also in the annual report is the fact that we don't have sufficient engagement and participation from all ALSes. And so this sort of record of what every ALS has done can be also the support or not of when we will discuss, for instance, decertification. And so just the idea that that can be associated to decertification would be a sufficient pressure for the ALSes to do something.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Roberto. Wolf Ludwig?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Well, we are coming back to something we discussed in 2007, we discussed in 2008. When we suggested it at our first General Assembly in Paris, the leadership at the time was almost killed. It was considered as an imposition. “Who are you to dare to ask for annual reports from your membership? You can go to our website if you are really interested, etc.” And then you have the problems that some reports are in German, some of them are in any other European language, in Romanian, in Bulgarian, etc. So it would be difficult practically to have it incorporated.

But the decision at the 2008 General Assembly was it’s practically not feasible, and we are more or less not accountable towards – we as members are not accountable to the EURALO leadership. So this idea was completely refused, rejected. It won’t work practically. You would have language difficulties still going on. Then you need to organize translation to make something really useful out of it.

And a third argument was also it will become a highly bureaucratic process if the Secretariat has to run behind 37 members to ask for annual reports, to make compilation, so you will end up in an annual report from EURALO with minimum ten pages. Be assured nobody will really read it. I tend to guess that only the people in this room have had a look to the annual report. For the other members, I’m almost certain nobody takes notice of it.

So please keep in mind we are volunteers, and I couldn't invest one to two weeks of my time for just creating an annual report. This would be too much work. So let's be more pragmatic or practical. And to ask members, as I said at the beginning, to present short reports to EURALO was unanimously refused in 2008, and I think it would be a similar result if we would ask now.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf. Roberto?

ROBERTO GAETANO: I understand. However, that was 2008 and we are now in 2016. I understand that if this creates additional work for the Secretariat, that this is a problem. But then I will change the proposal and say can we invite, on a voluntary basis, the ALSes to write an annual report, and possibly in one of the languages for which we normally have translations of documents? And keep that as a voluntary basis. And then we will see. Maybe in a couple of years, this leading by example, that will bring something. But for me, it's absolutely interesting to know what the other ALSes are doing. And I assume that for other ALSes, they might have the same sort of interest. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Roberto. Next is Sebastien Bachollet.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. On this topic, I suggest that we link this discussion with the question of the ALS, how they are relating to membership, if they are active, not active, or if they are dead. And maybe it will be one of the elements and then just one of them, but who can help us to decide that they're active or not active within EURALO. If we decide at the At-Large level to go to the direction to two type of membership – it's not yet done, it's just the beginning of discussion – but if we are going in that direction, it would be linked together.

But, of course, we have to start by taking out of our list of members ones who are not participating at all anymore and not responding to anything, or even decertify those ALSes who are no longer themselves in existence. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. And I realize we're already digging into the work of one of the working groups or taskforces that we are starting, which is the EURALO ALS Engagement Taskforce. That is interesting.

I know, Roberto, you mentioned perhaps it would be a separate report so it wouldn't be part of the EURALO annual report. I would suggest we continue with the same format of annual

report, but that includes the details that Mikhail Medrish has – because now we also have a Michael Yakushev at the table so we need to have Mikhail and Michael – that Mikhail has suggested. And we will take note, since this is all transcribed and recorded. I haven't seen any objections around the table to having these points. In fact, I've seen some voices of support around the table.

When it comes to the other report of the At-Large Structures, it's something which sounds like a good idea. I see some of the pushback that might be there, certainly from the EURALO Secretary, and I would imagine also from At-Large staff if they have to start compiling things and so on. But certainly in our work in the ALS engagement, that might be one of the recommendations that that taskforce comes up with. And I can't see any problem in having each ALS provide a paragraph of maybe 100 words or something about what they've been up to. And if they don't, then they don't, but it can be just on a voluntary basis. And I guess that once a significant number of At-Large Structures does it, it might be that the ones that are reticent to do this might think, "Well, you know, we might as well do it because we're not looking that good compared to everyone else who is engaged." But that will be, I think, part of the work of the Engagement Taskforce that will have to look at the pros, the cons, the pushbacks and so on.

Noting that there are no hands up, I wanted to recognize there were a few more people that have joined us in the room and certainly, that also affects our quorum. Yrjö Länsipuro, who is, as you know, our NomCom delegate, has had to leave the room. But we also have some people that have joined us remotely. I noticed that Annette Muhlberg has joined us remotely. So welcome, Annette. And could we please take note of this in our listing? And Valentina Pavel as well has joined us from APTI, I believe, so from Romania. Welcome. We seem to be covering Europe today. It's really great. And we also have Lutz Donnerhacke, who has joined us from Germany. So that's three more people.

I'm not sure if we had that many people in a non-face-to-face General Assembly for quite a long time. So I'm really looking forward to the future on this, and I thank you all for attending. And I know remotely it's even harder, because you're not taking the day off. You probably are working and telling your boss you're doing some work whilst listening to this. So good luck to you. And hit the panic button from time to time if the boss steps in.

Anyway, so these are the few people. There's also a few people that have joined us around the table. I'm going to look to my right to the person who is trying to ignore me completely. And,

yes, it is Desiree who is not even listening. Desiree, please introduce yourself quickly.

DESIREE MILOSHEVIC: Thank you, Olivier. [Inaudible] in back. Yeah, Desiree Miloshevic, Internet user.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. And next to Erich Schweighofer, also, we've had, next to you, we've had a new arrival, or two new arrivals.

[VINCENT SCHWEITZER]: Yes, my name is [Vincent Schweitzer] from the Austrian Computer Society.

[ANDREA ARUSO]: My name is [Andrea Aruso]. I am a Next Gen from Romania.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Welcome. We always welcome Next Gen so that's really good. And, of course, we welcome you, [Vincent], as well because you're now – so basically, you are picking up the proxy that Erich had. You are taking it back to you. Excellent.

Joining us also at the table we have Michael Yakushev, Vice President for Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia. We also

have Jean-Jacques Sahel. Jean-Jacques Subrenat was called Jean-Jacques Sahel earlier, so now you are Jean-Jacques Subrenat. You have swapped places. And we'll speak to you in a moment.

But first we have to quickly look at the briefing on the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce. We've actually touched on this already, as Mikhail had mentioned. Mikhail, you've done a lot of the work on there and I know I've chaired the meetings and so on. But we've done a lot. You've been the main proponents of many of the things in there. Could you summarize in, like three minutes or even less, as to where we are now?

MIKHAIL MEDRISH:

Thank you. We are on the way. We are on the way forward. But from my point of view, the speed rate is very slow. Wolf told us that maybe at the end of the year we will have the results. I suppose with this speed rate, we will have no results. It is necessary to speed up and I suppose it is necessary to think about some different way of doing this job. Maybe to discuss only skeleton, not bone by bone, because it's no sense from my point at this stage of the job. and it is necessary to write down the whole document, the skeleton with main points without details and to discuss this.

And it is necessary to take in mind that we are not only to write down new version of the Bylaw. We are to write down Rules of Procedure. We have no such document. We are to have, but we have no and absence of procedures in written form. It gives us many disappointments, I can tell you. So we are going forward, but it is necessary to speed up. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Mikhail. And one of the big discussions that we had was the one of quorum. I had prepared a table which – are staff able to show us the table please? I'm going to start throwing things. I'm going to start throwing little EURALO pins around to wake people up. I think I can reach Sebastien. He's very far away. He's not sleeping. He's paying attention.

So there was a question on the quorum as to whether we should have one-third. If we can zoom this a little bit, please? So one-third for the General Assembly and then the number of people required for a vote, and then the online meeting quorum and the online meeting vote.

We're oscillating between one-third and one-half. Some are saying we should have two-thirds of members present during face-to-face meetings that are funded, with one-half for the non-funded and one-third for the online meeting. Some are saying

we should have one-half all across the board. And some are saying we should have one-half for funded meetings and then one-third for anything that is non-funded, at least for the quorum.

And there are two quorum that you could have. You could have the quorum for the meeting to start and to be quorate, and you could have a quorum for the voting if there is any voting required. But I remind you that we can have some meetings with just consensus just like we had here, no objections, because we're enough people according to the current quorum. And the current quorum is one-third, by the way, of all ALSes. Then the things can move forward.

These things are not totally determined yet because, as you said, Mikhail, we've got our Rules of Procedures that we'll be going into further detail. But we need to have a better idea of what we want on the quorum.

One reason for bringing it down to one-third, at least to start a meeting, is that it's sometimes hard to get as many as a half of our membership. We have 36 members, is it? Or 37 members right now. So according to this, we would have struggled to meet quorum today. But now that we are running on one-third, we are well into – we have a good quorum for our meeting and I'm not quite sure whether that would affect us so much or not.

And sometimes it's just down to one person or two people. So do we want to them have to wait around the table for sometimes hours, sometimes have to cancel the meeting, whilst nearly everyone is there but we're just missing one person?

That was the thing, and I thought we might wish to have, like, two minutes on this. I know that we're running a little bit late, so were there any thoughts on that? Several people have responded and said what they wanted and what they thought was the best. And unfortunately, I haven't seen consensus on that. So Mikhail and then Sebastien afterwards. I think we probably have space for just two.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH:

I would like to say I've tried to look through the decisions that were made during some years briefly. And I got the result for me. One-third is only one way to have good solution for all kind of meetings. And absolutely clear for me also that simple majority and two-third for the question that are of higher urgent points, also a good solution. So that's my opinion. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Mikhail. I'll let Sebastien speak and then I'll come back to you, or I'll come back to what you've mentioned here. Sebastien Bachollet.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, my question is when we have funded people, usually it's more than half of the membership who are coming to a meeting. If they are not present to the meeting, it will be troublesome. And I think we need to raise the bar for the meeting, physical meeting, where ICANN is funding the travel because there is no reason not to have more than, yeah, no reason not to have more than half of the members. We will have more than. If not, we have failed because if the people are not coming, then why we are face-to-face meeting? And really, I think we need to raise the bar for the face-to-face meeting. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Sebastien. Wolf Ludwig.

WOLF LUDWIG: Well, it's just confirming what Sebastien is saying. And I put it already on the list repeatedly. Whenever we had a face-to-face funded meeting, we had far more than two-thirds of participation. And I think it would be a sign of [poverty] having a funded meeting and only half of the members would show up. So this would be, to me, a nightmare. This would be proof of disillusion of EURALO. So we could more or less, sooner or later, close it down. If people are funded for a meeting and you cannot

mobilize two-thirds of your members, would in my opinion be such a poor sign and a wrong encouragement in the wrong direction. Therefore, for funded meeting, I would keep as a minimum of participation for the two-thirds and for anything non-funded, we can do it between one-third and 50%.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf. Fifty percent plus one, obviously. Oksana Pryhodko, and I'll close the queue after Oksana since we need to move on.

OKSANA PRYHODKO: Thank you. Actually, I also support the first option for one-third quorum for each type of General Assembly just because it's extremely simple decision and our Bylaws have to be as much simple as possible. Yes, of course, you have to have more participants during funded face-to-face meeting, but it does not mean that we have to complicate our Bylaws. For example, for the EURALO member who was funded and did not participate in the meeting, we have to provide very serious consequences, for example, for not to be funded for our next meeting. But it can't influence on the General Assembly procedures.

What is the reason to have one-third quorum for, for example, extraordinary meeting? We have to provide each member of

EURALO the possibility to raise any extremely serious [considerations]. It can be done only through extraordinary General Assembly. And if we will not, we will not provide always equal possibilities with one-third quorum only. Just for minimal level for each General Assemblies. I think it would damage democratic procedure in EURALO. So we have to provide minimal level and then to ensure guarantees that during funded meeting, we will have more participants. But not by quorum, but for responsibilities for members. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Oksana. And now for everyone else, you've now had three different levels. I think that some have said two-thirds, some one-third, and some half. But that shows you sort of the idea of where we are. I don't think we've got a consensus yet on this, but I thought it would be interesting to sort of share this with everyone.

My view on this is that we can probably work with a simple system where with face-to-face, we could have two-thirds face-to-face, 50% for votes, because in any case, if there are people not there, it would follow-up with an online vote, 50% plus one. I can't imagine a vote with a third of people voting. It's just, it's pretty, yeah, invalid. And for other meetings that would take

place, we could have one-third. For example, a meeting like the one we're having today, we could continue with one-third.

Anyway, not wishing to continue on this. We have also this At-Large Structure Engagement Taskforce. Sandra, I closed the queue on this topic, so did you wish? So just one minute, please because we've got 15 minutes until the end of this and we haven't had any chance to speak to our regional vice presidents yet. So Sandra Hoferichter.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER:

Just a small comment. I mean, with the current discussion about Brexit, we actually see how divided a community can be if it's 50/50. You will have a divided community with this. So I know it's quite a hurdle to get two-thirds, but getting two-thirds also means for this community that they are taking it a little bit more seriously. And I think that's what we are actually heading for when asking for reports and revising our Bylaws, and so on and so forth. So I think if we want to take our work seriously and if you are committed to it, then two-thirds should be possible.

For the EuroDIG, we just decided in the same manner because we think everything else is not representative. And with the current Brexit discussion, you see how a community might feel if it's 50/50. 50 are against it, 50 are on the other side, and it's a total disaster.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Sandra. So now the ALS Engagement Taskforce. And I guess that thing might actually resolve the problem of quorums because we might end up with 99% participation in every call in every meeting which would be absolutely great. Maybe one day, but until then, we need to launch this taskforce as soon as possible. And I was looking forward to – I know we have several people that are in the taskforce. I was looking forward to somebody actually stepping forward and saying, “I’d be interested in leading this.”

We have a document already in there. It’s a Google Doc that Oksana Pryhodko has provided, which provides details of every country in Europe: who the ccNSO operator is, who the GAC member is, so who the ccNSO Country Code operator is, who the Government Advisory Committee person is, and who the – it’s strange we have Anguilla and Aruba and Ascension Island. Yes, of course, they are part of Europe as part of the current regions. But it also has details of the At-Large Structure, the local At-Large Structure.

That’s one of the documents that is going to be provided. There will be a lot more. We need to devise a work plan. At the moment, you will see that we have all of five members in that group, and that’s not enough. So I wanted to raise your

attention that, because this is important. Hard to engage ALSes, how to link this with the metrics work that the ALAC is working on, and there's an At-Large working group working on this. And how this will also be influenced by the At-Large Review.

Tom Mackenzie, who unfortunately, I think, has had to step out to... Is he behind me? Okay. So Tom is from the team that is reviewing the At-Large community's work. And they are focusing primarily on the Regional At-Large Organizations and on the effectiveness of the Regional At-Large Organizations. And I guess there will be – if you could say just two words, will there be a segment of this that will deal with At-Large Structure engagement as well?

TOM MACKENZIE:

Yeah, absolutely. Definitely. I mean, we're going to be looking into all the sort of the dynamics of the RALO organizations and the ALS engagement. And I think you have carried out – we'd be interested to hear and have all the information that you collect on a kind of regular basis on engagement and how you define engagement. And then we are going to try and look at how the different regions do this and draw our own conclusions.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, so thanks very much, Tom, for this quick intervention.

So as you can see, this is not only happening in EURALO. It's happening pretty much everywhere else.

Now moving on in our agenda, since I don't see anybody having put their hand up and says, "Yes, I want to chair this work," but I hope that someone will pull me aside in the corridor in a few minutes after this meeting and say, "Oh, I'd be really interested in leading on this." It's fine. We can...

Was Yrjö? And, Oksana, did you wish to help on this?

OKSANA PRYHODKO: The position, Yrjö.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Sorry? And Tom, your mic is still on. If you could, turn it off please. Thank you. Oksana?

OKSANA PRYHODKO: I also would like to propose Yrjö for this group.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Fantastic. So Yrjö is going to be really happy when he comes back. He was suggested in Dublin. Okay. Erich? Erich Schweighofer?

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: I would also like to join this group, yes. I'm doing some outreach work and engagement work, in particular for the computing societies. I'm also a member of some groups in [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. That's fantastic.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: The European Computing Societies.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much. And I don't know who takes the notes, actually, for this meeting. Ariel. Okay, if you could please note this and then make it happen magically. We have...

Ah, that's a good thing. Thank you, Silvia. So there will be a conference call. Let's set up a conference call, not next week, but I think in the next three weeks. I know it's going to be the summer. Let's just have a first call in the summer, and then I guess the work can take place starting from September onwards really, because I know that in Europe, we do value our summer holidays. So maybe like second or third week of July maybe, just like a conference call or at least start some things on the mailing list. And get the mailing list discussions to see if there is any taste for a conference call in late July.

[Bastian]?

[BASTIAN GOSLING]: Yes, thank you. Ten seconds. For your information, I just subscribed to it. I want to be part of this.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, [Bastian Gosling]. So that's good.

Okay, we have two topics which relate to this actually. It sort of goes into this. The Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program is one. And the other one is the EURALO outreach strategy. And these two are closely linked together. Michael Yakushev from the Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia part of the vice presidency, and Jean-Jacques Sahel from the Western Europe are both joining us. And apologies for the delay in coming over to you, but at least you've been able to get a taste of what your Regional At-Large Structures talk about and are interested in. I'll hand the floor directly over to you. Welcome.

And first thing I also need to do is to give you, well, you've already got one of these vintage pins, but Jean-Jacques does not have one of these vintage pins. They are very valuable. They were from 2010. Would you believe it? So they're already six years old. Another four years, you can sell them on eBay as really expensive items. Over to you, Michael Yakushev.

MICHAEL YAKOSHEV: Good morning. My name is Michael Yakushev, to differentiate me from Mikhail Medrish, though in Russian, we just pronounce the same manner.

So I will be very, very brief as there is something that we need to discuss in detail but it can be done outside this meeting and outside this session. And as you can see, for Europe, we have two regional vice presidents. It means that our regions do not coincide. But given the principle of ICANN – one world, one Internet – it doesn't mean anything. We work together and we do not divide Europe just in different parts. So we're still united and we do assist each other.

I'd also like to introduce one member of my team based in Moscow, Alexandra Kulikova. She is ICANN Engagement Manager for the region of Western Europe and Central Asia.

So as for our strategy, it is still being developed and we are interested in your assistance and your active participation in discussions on what our strategy in our region should be. And it can be divided into parts substantially. We would like to retain and solidify what we already have. And we will also, of course, look for new opportunities for our engagement activities.

And in terms of interaction with EURALO and the ALSes, it means that the first priority is to make happy the existing AL Structures within the regions. We have not many, mostly in Russia and Ukraine. And our biggest task is to support them and to just share best experience, to give any kind of our support and assistance on behalf of ICANN, so on and so forth.

Of course, we are interested also in looking and expanding the network of ALSes in the region. But for us, it will be the second priority, as we need to use the potential and all the resources that we have now with the existing ALSes. Unfortunately, we also have some division geographically because of some obvious geopolitical changes in the region. We are unable to apply the same strategy for all countries of the region, especially because of the so-called Russian Factor. Russia is, of course, the biggest and the most important part of the region. But we need to apply modified strategies for so-called sub-regions, and we have at least four of them. Russia itself; the eastern part of Western Europe, including Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova. The third region is South Caucasus [inaudible] location of republics of Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan. And finally, five republics of the Central Asian region: Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan.

And we develop sub-regional strategies or sub-strategies for each of these regions, implementing them on the basis on

certain events, locations, and platforms that can be just useful for sub-regional engagement, not being done directly from Moscow.

Oksana Pryhodko raised an important issue which will also be part of our strategy. The points of presence, engagement centers, information centers, or what should ICANN should establish institutionally in the region. And this is part of our globalization strategy of ICANN. It needs very just detailed analysis. And, of course, we should be very flexible just to develop, to multiply our physical presence in the region, again with the primary purpose to support the existing ALSes, our partners, partnership organizations, etc.

Finally, what is important for us in the region is exactly what has already been mentioned, is the development of the linguistic services in local languages, namely Russian. The region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia is still predominantly Russian speaking. At least, well, 90% of the population, they do speak Russian, and mostly all events on Internet governance, on ICANN problematics is in Russian, not in English and not in the local languages. So we need good support both in printed materials, website, translation and interpretation during the events in the Russian language, taking into consideration the possibility to expand it to the other languages, like Ukrainian or maybe some languages of Southern Caucasus.

So we expect your positive input to everything that we do and to share your best experience to be applicable in our region. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Michael. Next is Jean-Jacques Sahel.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. I apologize in advance for my voice. I woke up, well, a couple of days ago already, with this. This morning, I woke up thinking if I were David Cameron today wanting to go to the EU Heads of State Summit, I would probably use exactly the same excuse. Sorry.

I won't be too long because Michael has described already what he does in the region that he is looking after, and we do very similar things. In fact, we do a lot of events which have got as ultimate goal to really broaden the diversity of participation in ICANN's policymaking work. And, of course, that includes the [inaudible] communities, At-Large communities. And if I look around the room, I see that we've done events at least once, and often two or three times, in each of the countries around the table over the past year. And quite often, with some of you around the table, which is great.

And, you know, I could go on, on this kind of strategy, but basically, going forward, we will continue to do these workshops, which go from small seminars to helping to organize national IGFs and daylong conferences, etc., all over the region. We've been big supporters of, for instance, the Southeastern Europe Dialogue on Internet governance, EuroDIG, of course, we've been longstanding supporters and it's great. And I think we should remember this is an initiative which is rooted in the At-Large, and it's a very successful initiative. I think we should be proud of that. You should be proud of that.

Now when I look ahead, we will continue to do that. And I think, and one of the focus areas affecting, Michael has already mentioned, which is – and it goes to diversity – one of the barriers, one of the constraints to having generally strong, diverse participation in ICANN, I think, remains, arguably, linguistic issues. And so in all our outreach activities going forwards, I think we're going to want to try as much as possible to have these outreach activities in local languages, to provide supporting material in the local languages. ICANN does produce a lot of material that's translated in six, seven, or eight languages. But we'd like to do more. I'd like to think about producing stuff in Italian, Polish, etc., etc. So we're going to start doing that a bit more, I hope. I had a meeting with our language

services a couple of days ago to talk about that. And I hope that it will help us a lot.

Now quickly, one of the other things I think about is that, and it's very much in relation to EURALO's outreach strategy, but also your At-Large engagement efforts, which is that my team has been working hand-in-hand with many of you around the table. But it's been ad hoc. I'd love it if we could have a sort of ongoing cooperation between the ICANN teams and the ALSes on the ground as a structured way, a very natural way.

Basically, every time we do an event on the ground, I'd love it if we could do it with local ALSes. As I said, we've done it informally, but we should do it, not formally – I don't like that word – but we should do it – sorry for the interpreters, I will slow down. So I would love it if we could work hand-in-hand, more and more. Usually, when we go to a country, we do contact the local ALS straightaway. But we should be [inaudible] as well.

I think as ALSes, please do get in touch with us. If you've got ideas, we can help with a lot of things. We've got a lot of capacity, a lot of knowhow in organizing events. And we'd love to partner with you. So I hope we can do that much more going forwards.

One of the ideas, for instance, if you think about the role of ALSes as the link between the local communities and the global

ICANN discussions, there are some countries in the world – for instance, Japan has done it for almost 15 years now, I think, for the local ALS. They organize pre-ICANN meeting briefing sessions, prep sessions with the local communities, where they go through the policy agenda of what’s going to be discussed at the next ICANN meeting. They have a discussion of the local community. They gather local views. And when those that go to the global ICANN meeting then bring forward those local views, once the ICANN meeting is finished, there is a debrief session with the local communities, very much led by the local ALS. And I think that’s a really interesting format. It does require work, but I think I would put it as an idea that maybe we could try and pilot this in some of the countries in Europe, where we could work with some of the stronger, more active ALSes, those who are ready to do so, to organize those sessions to really be able to stronger engage with local communities. And even if people are not able to go to an ICANN meeting, then we can involve them at the local level.

That’s just one example and I hope we can work across the board in the coming months to bring in those local communities together to work between the ALSes locally and the ICANN GAC team much more systematically, to really strengthen that link between local and global. I think it’s a great opportunity and if added to that, we can help on the linguistic aspects, I think we

can achieve a lot. So I'll leave it at that and I look forward to working with all of you in country in coming months. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques Sahel, for this. I was going to actually think that this can really have a follow-up since we are launching our taskforce in At-Large Structure Engagement and Outreach. Would any of you, or any of the people that you work with in your department, be able to attend the calls of this outreach?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Gabriella Schittek is often almost regularly attending our monthly calls.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Gabriella Schittek is regularly attending. But we're speaking about the calls of the working group, of our taskforce. I think that would be really great. Mikhail Medrish was speaking about having those plans and planning activities and so on, and this really seems to be [inaudible] coming together.

We are beyond the official closing time of our AGM. It's four minutes past. I was going to ask if we could have another five

minutes perhaps, whether there were any questions to any of our regional vice presidents.

The Communal Regional Outreach Pilot Program, I was just going to say a couple of words on this. EURALO has used it in a slightly different way than the other Regional At-Large Organizations have. We have been funding people to go to the European Dialogue on Internet Governance. And the plan was to actually be able to see whether this worked or not. Unfortunately, we haven't got all the reports yet back. I know that a couple of people are joining us today that went to the EuroDIG thanks to the CROPP funding. So it seems to be working in some way and we've received also some reports, so thank you. But we will do is to, I think we can follow up on this later on as we receive more of the reports. And we need to make a decision for next year's CROPP as to whether we want to continue doing this or whether we want to do this in a different way.

Mikhail Medrish and then Oksana Pryhodko, and then we'll have Jean-Jacques Subrenat for his 30 seconds of announcement. Mikhail, you have the floor.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Thank you. Excuse me. As for me, this process was the biggest disappointment during all my time in EURALO, because the list

of persons appeared absolutely non-transparent, in a non-transparent way. And everything was absolutely unclear for me, because I didn't understand the procedure, how it happened. So it happened. I suppose the next time it will be much more transparent and absolutely clear and understandable. So it's a very brief opinion.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thanks, Mikhail. Oksana Pryhodko.

OXSANA PRYHODKO: Thank you. I would like to repeat once more that the purpose of CROPP is outreach. And I asked repeatedly when we will have a program for inreach, because it's extremely important to have representatives of ICANN EURALO in our national events, to strengthen horizontal ties between national IG events. And we need some financial tools for it. Olivier, thank you very much. You mentioned before three ways of solving this problem. And I would be happy to use all three tools of this. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Oksana. And indeed, our ALS Engagement and Outreach Working Group is going to work on that. And I hope that our vice presidents will be able to relay the actual

need for inreach as well. The engagement part is super-important.

Finally, Jean-Jacques Subrenat for an announcement on the EURALO Individuals Association.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier. I'd like to thank Jean-Jacques Sahel and his team once again. I know that Roberto Gaetano was in touch with you to facilitate our work. And this is to announce or to remind you of the EURALO Individuals Association, which is holding its General Assembly just next door in seven minutes at Aurora Hall, which is the first room on your way out from this one. I hope there will be good attendance, and we will move forward with this very new association which was created just a bit more than a year ago. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques, and thank you for picking up this flag. And thanks, of course, to Roberto for having created that ability for individuals to also join in with the work of EURALO. It's something which came out of our At-Large summits in the past and of the At-Large review. And EURALO was one of, well, was the second region that picked up – the United States –

the NARALO region had already implemented something like this. EURALO was the second to do it. So very good.

And with this, any other business? Ariel?

ARIEL LIANG:

We're going to do a very quick photoshoot of the group right by that corner, and if you could just stay for a couple of minutes. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

That's great. Thank you. And I see no other hands around the table, so I'd like to thank – well, that's what I was going to do. I see no other hands around the table, but I can't see the hands behind me and I can certainly not hear the voices from the interpretation booth, who have managed to do such great work. And also for the technical people, to have made sure that everything works super-well, so thanks to you all. And this meeting is now adjourned. Thanks very much for those people who are joining us remotely. We've had very good attendance today, and I'm very grateful of this. I was a little worried last night, but I'm feeling good today. Thank you. You made my day.

And now that the recording is finished, we'll put everybody together for the call. There's two – for the call – for the photo.

Two things: there's a cocktail tonight. EURALO and Civil Society...

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