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YESIM SAGLAM:

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SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Yesim. If you can go to the first slide, it will be great. Like that, I will take the time to welcome all of you. Just to show a photo of our last face-to-face General Assembly, it's happened that it seems to me that a lot of member participating in the room here in Hamburg, and I would like really to thank all who are here. And of course, thanks also the one who are online. This assembly was changed

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different time of place, timing, and so on, but we have one and a half hour. I will have to excuse myself during half an hour. It was the only time the CEO was able to meet with the chair of the RALOs. Therefore, I will leave the room, but Natalia will be taking care of the meeting during this time, and eventually a little bit more.

Now, let's go to the agenda. No. Before we go to the agenda, I would like to welcome the ombuds office, the two ladies who are here. They will raise their hands, and that's both the ombuds and the adjunct ombuds. You are welcome. We appreciate your assistance to our work. And if I may, before I will go to the agenda, if Jonathan would like to give us, to say what he wants to say. Of course, even if I tell you what to say, you will not follow my advice. Therefore, there is no problem. But please, Jonathan, we are happy to have you here with us. Jonathan, chair of ALAC.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks a lot, Sébastien. I don't know what you're talking about. I always say exactly what you tell me to say. But I just wanted to say hello to all of you and express how much I appreciate all that you do in the European region, and I'm happy to be here in Europe. In Hamburg, it's my first time. I'm very excited. Tomorrow, we're going to be going to miniature land to see the world's largest model train, so very excited about that. But we have a lot of work ahead of us on a lot of different issues that we're trying to get messages out. Through the ALSes, out to end users on topics related to phishing and DNSSEC and things related to the new round, such as the applicant support program and communities. And so there's a lot. We'll be doing a lot to work together,

I guess, is my point. And I'm really excited to be doing so. So thank you for all that you do, and we're going to have an exciting next few years as we come up on the next round. So thanks again.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Jonathan. Let's go to next slide. Before we go to the number three item, let's go to the fourth one, the agenda. Therefore, we will go to the annual report and presentation of some EURALO leader. The new leader, or the one who changed leadership position, I guess we don't need yet to do the other. They will talk during the meeting. One important thing, we will come back on that. It's the election of the board, and we will explain why we d have not done it before. Next slide, please. And the second part of the meeting will BE a short summary of what is done in the three pillars of At-Large, Consolidated Policy Working Group with Olivier, the At-Large Operation Finance and Budget Working Group with Ricardo, and the ALAC Subcommittee On Outreach And Engagement with Natalia. And then I will hopefully be back and talk to you about some of the activity for 2024, where we are with the organizational document. We don't have vote except we will eventually vote for the report activity and some conclusion. Any change, wish to add something, any disagreement on this agenda? If not, I will give the chairmanship to Natalia and give the floor to Gisella to tell us where we are with the quorum and so on and so forth. Sorry once again to be outside the room for half an hour, but I am sure that everything will go very well with me outside. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA: Hello, everyone. So nice to see all of you, and thank you very much for joining us, not in person only, but virtually. My name is Natalia Filina. I am a secretary of EURALO for the previous year and for upcoming period. And I would like now to give the floor to Gisella, to At-Large ICANN staff, to tell us about the process of decertification, and there may be much more better information about certification process within EURALO.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Natalia. So firstly, just with regarding to attendance, I am still working on the attendance to see who we have in the room and who we have online and the proxies we received, so I will update you very shortly. And then secondly, with regards to the decertification, the ALSes that we do have up on the screen have been decertified, and the EURALO website and voting list has now been changed. So we have 31 ALSes, if my count is correct now. We are in agreement. And everything has been updated accordingly. So the decertification went through the voting of the ALAC, and unfortunately, the ALSes that we see on screen have not been active for three years, as we've already had our face-to-face General Assembly last year. And we've had virtual general assemblies during COVID as well, and now we're fortunate enough to hold this hybrid one here in Hamburg. So if you do have any questions, I'm happy to pick up on with you after the session. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much. Olivier, please go ahead.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond: Thank you very much. Do we have a list of the people that are currently present in the room? Okay. Thanks.

NATALIA FILINA: I haven't seen any questions now in our chat and in our room, and I think we can go to the next slide. So we would like to say that we have an ALS within EURALO, that is EURALO Individuals Association, which is a great and nice home for individual members who are not affiliated with any organization. And we would like to meet new leaders. We have here a chair of the association, Ricardo Holquist, and we have, I hope, virtually and partly in person here, both of the individual association here. Maybe I can give the floor to Ricardo to say hello. By the way, we had yesterday a General Assembly of Individual Association.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Hello. Thank you very much. We held yesterday the GAE of the association. This is the new board of the association since March, and just individual users is the umbrella for all these individual users within EURALO that does not have an ALS, or even in an ALS starting from yesterday, with our new bylaws that are not in a leadership position within their ALS that want to join directly through this way into EURALO community. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much, Ricardo. I would like to say again that the number of individual users membership now is 84. Yes, and we have five accepted members from other RALOS, other regions who can be observers, and I would like to note again that their participation as

observers has been welcome, as we often work with different roles or citizens from different regions. And we all the time are very welcome for new individual members and new observers too. I see now any questions and comments, and I think we can go to the next slide.

So, as I understand correctly, we will have soon a link to the annual report, which will be prepared for our meeting. And so all important things are highlighted in this report, and what all set of our activities or news about our membership, leadership, our participation in different events, you may find there. And I think we will have soon a link, and we will share it via chat. Next slide, please.

I would like to say that we have an incoming members here, and I would like to introduce them, and then maybe to take the floor our new members. So, Pari Esfandiari is ALAC member of EURALO, Betty Fausta, will serve a position within NomCom, Ricardo Holmquist. Ricardo not just our chair of EURALO Individuals Association, but same time a chair of Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group. And Mathias Hudobnik, who recently accepted a new position as a liaison in SSAC. So, thank you very much for being with us. And so, we may have here, but haven't nothing, a EURALO chair, Sébastien Bachollet, who was re-elected for the new term till the 2025 IGM. Natalia Filina, it's me. I will be on my position, my third term, till the 2025. So, now we have a current board members, Anne-Marie Joly Bachollet, Lutz Donnerhacke, Ricardo Holmquist. But I would like to highlight that election to be started very soon after our IGM.

We have here a European ALAC members, Joana Kulesza, Pari Esfandiari, and [Tomi Cartaavi,] and we have virtually here, I'm sure, ex-

officials, Betty Fausta, Ricardo Holmquist, Andrei Kolesnikov, Matias Hudobnik, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Yrjö Lansipuro, and Roberto Gaetano. Next slide, please.

As already was announced by Sébastien Bachollet, the EURALO hybrid General Assembly will cover the next topics. So, we will meet a summary of three At-Large pillars for EURALO activities during last year, related At-Large consolidated policy work and results, At-Large operation, financial, and budget working group, and ALAC subcommittee and outreach engagement. We will tell you about a short summary about EURALO's activities during last year, and EURALO organizational documents, which we prepared, EURALO awards. So, we will announce EURALO awards, and we will have some kind of conclusion of our meeting. Next slide, please. This is the time for you, Olivier. Please take the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Natalia. And I'm just going to give you, I think that most of you were in the Consolidated Policy Working Group meeting that we had on Saturday. Was it Saturday? Saturday or Sunday, it becomes a nice time continuum. This is the working group of the ALAC and At-Large community that discusses policy every week. And we have two main functions. One is to follow up with any of the consultations and policy consultations that ICANN is having and is sharing with the community. So, our community uses this group to be able to discuss the issues and then come up with a statement or with a final position on the issues that are being addressed. We also have some members of our community who act as liaisons, acting members, in some of the Generic

Name Supporting Organization's working groups, the GNSO working groups, otherwise known as PDP, Policy Development Process. There are quite a number of them. It used to be that in the past, the GNSO had PDPs where they would allow everyone in there. But now there's a bit more structure. And so, the people that we have that serve as volunteers on those groups relay what's happening in those groups every week and also sometimes conduct discussions within the group when there are decisions that need to be taken. As you know, every week, they will have calls for that relevant policy development process. And those calls might sometimes have on-the-spot decisions to be made. So, they come back to the group and they ask and get a feeling, if you want, of what our community thinks about the topics that are addressed in those groups. If one looks at the list, you'll see that the main working groups that we're working on at the moment is the Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process. There's one, a PDP on internationalized domain names. So, the TPR, Transport Policy Review, is transferring of domain names from one registrar to another registrar. And as an end user, if you do hold domain names, it's quite important because often people do want to move on or maybe they find a better deal elsewhere, et cetera, where they might be selling their domain name and this might require a transfer from one registrar to another. The one on the internationalized domain names is for any domain name that doesn't use the standard non-accented Latin character set. I'm now saying this because we have had recently an issue with accented Latin characters, which are classified as internationalized domain names, actually. So, we have, at the moment, there is a review taking place on this, on the whole process, and so we have some appointees on this group and they report back to us. One is

about the registration directory, registration data accuracy scoping team. This is to do with what used to be called WHOIS. WHOIS was the, I think you probably all heard this, but WHOIS used to be the database of the domain name registrants. So, you put just the name of the domain name and you could get the name of the registrants behind them. Due to general data protection regulation issues, this is no longer providing these data and in the meantime, because those sort of data are held by the registrars themselves, they're not held by ICANN, there needs to be accuracy in those. Now, how in the world is ICANN going to check that the database are accurate if they don't have access to the actual databases? That's one of the topics that the RDA scoping team is working on.

The RDRS, which is the Registration Data Request Service, is something that's moving quite well at the moment. It's a group that is designing a process by which the actual registration data, full registration data, will be made available for specific people and organizations that require it, namely law enforcement, some government agencies in some cases, for specific cases, and they're defining this and they're defining the process by which this information will be provided in a semi-manual way. There was at some point an idea that it could all be automated and the costs were so humongous that a second project was started and proposed.

Now, there's also a group on closed generics. A generic top-level domain is one that is effectively in that sort of way, it's a generic word that we're using. So let's say we use a house, let's say. That's a generic name and there have been some applications in the past where that generic name was going to be allocated to an applicant that would run it as a closed registry, so just for themselves, not letting others register

domain names under that. And there's a question as to whether those should be allowed or not, because it's seen by some as privatization of the DNS, of the DNS root, effectively, privatization of segments of it. Then there's one about the applicant support, and there's an applicant support GNSO guidance process that's related to the next round of new generic top-level domains where some applicants, specifically from communities, and perhaps communities that are not represented well within the ICANN world at the moment or do not have a significant number of top-level domains, those applicants are helped financially in order to file their applications and perhaps helped in further ways, whether in a technical way or with other types of funding, other sources of funding. And then there's one about the new GTLD next round that we affectionately called so far subsequent procedures and called SubPro. Now at this meeting, there's been a decision made that it's no longer called SubPro, it's now called the next round, because it's been decided by the powers that be that there will be a next round, so might as well call it by what it is.

So we've got feedback on each one of these, and then on top of that, we've got the policy development process where we then submit statements to any of the consultations that are out there. Sometimes the issues are very complicated. In fact, often in ICANN, issues are very complicated, so we make sure that we have sometimes set aside to explain the issues in further details, especially for those people that are new to the policy development process at ICANN. And yes, there are always new people joining, so we need to be as explicit and as helpful as possible to bring that input from internet end users worldwide. And of course, in our region, we have had plenty of people that were

involved in working on those developments of comments and advice, advice to the board, advice to the policy development processes when they have consultations going on. It is the bread and butter, as one would call it. It's the work of the ALAC to provide advice, and we can provide that advice at any time we want, whether in a policy development process or a consultation process or outside that consultation process. But we need to do this in a way which represents the consensus of our community, of our five regions. And as I was about to say, in our region, we've had plenty of people involved in the development of advice, but unfortunately, my personal view is it's always the same. It's the old timers have been doing a lot of the lifting, and this is why I'm speaking to you all to hope that we will get more volunteers. We all started with one topic that was interesting to us, and then we kept on learning and learning and learning, and that's how we ended up knowing about so many different processes than I can. But everyone has to start somewhere, so I really hope that my presentation here will entice maybe a few people who are interested in going a little deeper to start getting involved with at least reading the public consultations, reading the responses that are provided, and of course, at some point, contributing to these. And maybe one day, not so far away, to actually say, right, I want to be part of the drafting team that will draft those comments, and then you'll learn a lot more. I'm, of course, available at any time to explain to you in further detail how it all works. We have extensive processes to try and make sure that we reflect the views of the community. I might sometimes have specific views about something, but the community has very different views, and it's the name of the game. We are here to represent the views of our community. We're not representing our community because there are

billions of internet users out there, but we try and at least get from the people that we know and the At-Large structures that are around the world, we try to funnel the general feeling and the general direction which uphold the public interest and try and keep ICANN at bay from doing silly things. Unfortunately, we're here to make sure nothing bad happens. So there you go. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA:

Thank you very much, Olivier. And yes, I would like to highlight that we invite all you RALO members to participate each week in a very interesting and vivid, yes, Consolidated Policy Working Group calls, a lot of information, and so the speakers and leaders of this.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you. Actually, yeah, how do you get involved? Well, first thing is to get onto the call. I completely forgot that. And we're very lucky in that for the European region, it's pretty cool. We've got a call at 13:00 UTC and a call at 19:00 UTC, and we alternate each week. So if you can't take some time off work and it's the middle of your workday, the 19:00 UTC thing is okay. If you can't take time off from your family in the evening, you can do the call during the day. So yeah, that's helpful. And of course, you can join in by Zoom. And the agendas and all that are published on the EURALO wiki, and it's easy, EURALO.org, and you'll find the links to this. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA:

Thank you very much for helping me with this information. Yes, so I love so much this call, by the way, it's just two hours. It doesn't matter if it

might be your, I don't know, third or fifth Zoom during this day. And yes, it's a very easy way to participate in discussion, to have updates, and to understand the opportunities of contribute for us, EURALO members, representative of ALSes. And as Olivier said, that the members of this working group are always very open, information is very easy to find now. And I'd love to highlight it because a lot of criticize to our wiki and to our websites, and it's not true now. So when you open the agenda of the meeting, so you can find all the information and maybe read after. Thank you very much again, Olivier. So I would like to go to the next slide.

So this is a part for updates from EURALO and At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group and ALAC Subcommittee on Finance and Budget. I'd like to say very shortly that this subcommittee coordinates of the annual additional budget requests from the ALAC and RALOs to go into the early ICANN budget. And one ALAC member and one community member from each EURALO to vote on any financial matters relating mainly to additional budget requests. It's very important for us and happily we, within At-Large, received several approved budget requests. I'd like to say that the current members from EURALO are Ricardo Holmquist, vice chair of this working group, and members Mathias Hudobnik. Mathias is here with us, Sébastien Bachollet. He will be here with us. And that's all. That's all, unfortunately. But you are very welcome. Ricardo, I would like to give you the floor now. Thank you.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST:

Thank you, Natalia. Things happen here maybe 10 years later with our policies. We are still working in policies that began eight, 10 years ago. But things sometimes happen so fast that you didn't change the speech when you're making something. The ABRs were eliminated last Friday. So we no longer have the Financial and Budget Subcommittee. So there's no need now for having an ALAC member as a member of the Financial Budget Subcommittee that arranged the ABRs or the additional budget requests. Now, in the next meeting of the OFB working group, the Operation and Finance and Budget Working Group, we're going to hear from ICANN staff so we know now what the future it will be of these additional budget requests. Some of the budget requests in the past came from Europe. Some very nice projects came from there, from this initiative. So we hope that in the future we still can use these funds in any way, being there through additional budget requests or being there through the comments directly for the budget, the total budget of ICANN. So it seems that the money will still be there, but the way that it's being requested will be different. But there is an invitation for the ICANN staff in the next OFB working group to talk about that. So sometimes things happen very fast.

OFB, Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group, was created to take out from the CPWG or Consolidated Policy Working Group all the matters related to budget, related to operations, to reviewing the comments for the different reviews. So they are more in the technical side. We are more in the finance and review side. And since then we are dealing with the comments for the budgets, the operational plans, now we have the ICANN operational plan and budget that will be released on December, and we have up to February for comments. It used to be

IANA PTI operational plan and budget released around September. Now it will be jointly released with the ICANN one, so all the budgets are now at the same time between December and more or less mid-February. And we understand that also with these comments will be the requisition for additional budgets for different plans. The other, the group, the Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group, have a subgroup of priorities. This working group, this subgroup, have been working tirelessly, one of them Sébastien himself, first in the ATRT3, the review, about two years ago. And as a result of this review, there was a recommendation to the board to do a holistic review of all ICANN, and instead of having a review of each segment, each constituency of ICANN, have a holistic review of what we are doing. And because of that, it was approved to have a pilot of this holistic review that will be come shortly. And now we have as a public comment the terms of reference of this pilot for the holistic review. We have a penholder that's Bill Juris from North America, I understand he's from the US, that will be penholding these comments. But we had Sébastien as EURALO that worked in these terms of reference. So the subgroup decided they wanted someone from outside of the five original RALO members in the terms of reference writing to be the penholder, and in this case it will be Bill Jouris. So the idea is this pilot holistic review to be done as soon as possible, so we can go to the final holistic review anytime soon, because in the meantime we are still having reviews and reviews and reviews that sometimes make much sense, and sometimes they are so often that you didn't even have the change in bylaws or you accommodate to the old review and you're having the new review that's happening, for example, in IANA, that they are just changing the bylaws to the previous

review recommended them to have, and they are just approving that, and now they are starting the next review.

And also this subgroup is handling the continuous improvement program. We don't have, other than the terms of reference, we don't have any public comment that's open, but the operational plan and budget for ICANN, IANA, PTI will start very soon in December.

One thing that is there is the strategic planning. Every five years ICANN conducts a strategic planning for the next five years. Each year they review it, but every five years there is a new strategic planning. The strategic planning for fiscal year '26 up to fiscal year '30 already started. The first input came in October 5. On October 24th during this ICANN meeting, a second session was handled, but in November 26th it will be another session of strategic planning. If you can attend it, it takes about an hour, and you can give your input. What do you expect to be the strategic planning? What do you think about the MSM, the multi-stakeholder model? What are the threats? What are the opportunities for multi-stakeholder, for political issues, for sociological issues, for technological issues? What are the threats? What are the opportunities? How do you see the future of ICANN with all of this? It would be very nice if we could have a better word from EURALO. That's it. Thank you very much.

NATALIA FILINA:

Thank you very much for your report, Ricardo. It's always, I think, for our newcomers, not so easy to understand so quickly. I see your hand, Betty, please go ahead with your question or comment.

BETTY FAUSTA:

Thank you, Natalia. I have two questions for Ricardo. It was very interesting. I'm not a woman of numbers, but I like the way the report is going on. For the financial budget of EURALO part, do you know exactly sometimes how many is previous in a provisional budget, and which percentage of the budget is not really used for the activity? I would like to know if you use 100% of our budget or maybe 55% or something like this. Not exact number, but approximately.

Second is about the terms of reference. For me, [inaudible] activities that mean there is a tender. The time taken for the tender is one, two, three years, or how it's going on. I don't know exactly what way it's going on here, but just if we can have some explanation or overview. Thank you.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST:

For the second one, the expert is Sébastien. The terms of reference, what we'll settle is how it is conformed, this review, and how deep they can go in this pilot. This is the definition they want to have, is how big is the pilot of all the holistic review they want to have. So it would be just a piece of an ICANN. They are allowed to go any go further. That's what the terms of reference will go. And for the first one, there is no one year RALO budget as itself. This is ICANN as a whole. If you see the numbers in the past, the only years that the budget was not used in full, but about 90% only, was in the years of COVID, because the first year, the three meetings were forecasted, and only one happened. For the second year, you didn't know what to plan, but they already planned for two of the three, so this money was not wasted. In the third year, more or less

the same. And so it was three years in a row, it was about 90%. It usually is around 98%, 99% that the budget is used. The amount that were not used in the years of the COVID served to create a fund for projects called SFICR. Don't ask me to tell you what SFIRC means. It's a budget, it's a fund that allows to have projects that are longer than one year, so you can use it for longer projects. This is around \$20 million that were allocated for that. But that's more or less how it's used.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much. Another question for Wolfgang.

WOLFGANG KLEINWAECHTER: Thank you very much. I would be thankful if you could distribute the figures. So that means what are really the budget for 2025 that we have an overview. The figures are available, but they are not here on the screen, and so it would be good if we could get a full picture, how much is available and what are the funds where we can plan this project for the EURALO in the next two years. Thank you.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Do you mean for EURALO or do you mean for the whole picture?

WOLFGANG KLEINWAECHTER: For both.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: For EURALO it's \$4,000 a year, and that's it, and that's been for the last five years. That's all that's been allocated to the EURALO itself for

projects. Then you have CROP, but it's not a fixed amount. And then you have ALAC, a budget there for travel that includes all the travel and all the costs that we are using now to be here. I don't have the exact amount because some years you have more money because there is a GA for this particular RALO. Sometimes you have less money. So what they do is that they decide that for the first and second meeting of the year they have, if I don't recall bad, it's 30 people and it's around 40 for this GA because you have the transition of the new members and it's around 40 people for this meeting. So what they have is the amount of people and not the amount of money in the budget itself. But after each event they publish the amount they took for the event, how much each person cost to ICANN. The total ICANN budget is between 148 and 155. It depends on the year because we will see this year fiscal year '24 up to fiscal year '29. So it's between \$148,000 and \$155,000. And then we have the different funds. SFIRC is around \$20 million. Now we are using -- we are beginning to use -- the gTLD auction funds are beginning to be used and at around \$20 million per year base. So they will spend -- or they will allocate, sorry, \$20 million per year. The IANA and PTI is around \$11 million, \$12 million per year. It's between that and the growth is around 1%, 2% incremental every year. The operational fund of ICANN now is about 110% of what the usual funds are. I don't have the -- how discreet this is. But if you want, beginning in December we will have the numbers. I can share it with you, no problem. It's a 900-page document. I don't have any problem. More or less the numbers I have in my head.

NATALIA FILINA:

Thank you, Ricardo. Olivier, please take the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you very much, Natalia. I must say I'm very impressed with you remembering all the figures and I vote for you to become ICANN CFO. That's the first point. Because I've not seen -- well, the financial team reads from their slides. So from your memory, it's really impressive. The ICANN budget, because ICANN is a not-for-profit organization, the budget has to be published and in detail as well. So you will actually, if you do a search and the previous year's budget is on there, you will not only see the budget, the overall budget, etc., but you can actually go deep into each one of the sections and departments. Now, the only thing is At-Large is spread over more than one budget. Because, for example, the travel is one budget. The audiovisuals are another project. The interpretation is another budget. Our staff, our own staff is another budget. So there's many different budgets and this span across ICANN. There's no -- if you wanted to ask, well, how much does At-Large cost? There are so many shared resources, like Zoom, for example, like the wikis, like all of these things, that it's impossible to put an exact number on it. And this is why you'll see the different projects that will be listed in there. And you'll also see sort of the general At-Large budget on it.

There's only one thing. You said 140, 150, and then you also said 4,000. And this is where there's a strange thing. 4,000 is the additional budget request, I think, that we could get, sort of an extra budget request, I think, that was called \$4,000, I think. And 140, 150 is 140, 150 million. So now you think, wait a minute, there's just 4,000 out of the 150 million. That's not very much. And this is maybe the point that we often have to fight with ICANN and to say, well, maybe you can spare a little more for

the end users out of the overall budget. Of course, there's the travel, there's all of the other things around it. But with this additional budget request going now and the community regional outreach programs for travels, which are elastic, and I think that's the word you were looking for, elastic budgets when we travel to a place that, like in Europe, it's less expensive and elsewhere it could be more. We constantly have to argue for the extra budgets for our projects, et cetera, to be expanded. And that's what Ricardo and his team keep on having to fight for. And it's not just a case of shouting and saying, please, we want more. No, we need to demonstrate that what we do actually is a good and, unfortunately, return on investment. And the return on investment in volunteers, I think, is pretty damn good because, I mean, our salaries are not really particularly heavy on the ICANN budget.

NATALIA FILINA:

Thank you. Thank you very much for your comments. And interesting that the policy took less time than money. It's always, yes, very important. And I would like to add that the information, and you will find this information and already know about it, I think, that not me, but EURALO, I think, have got an approved request for the financial support for the project, welcome package. And it is an example when we will not receive money for travels, for doing outreach, for organization of events. But we would like, with help from ICANN org and ICANN staff, to create some very important tool for our members. That is an example. Thank you very much. And other questions, if we will receive, I will readdress. So we have another one. Betty.

BETTY FAUSTA: Just a comment after Olivier. Sometimes there is a part of Europe very far from the continent. And when you say it's not cost so much to go to Guadeloupe in Caribbean area, it's more of 1,000 euros, not dollars.

NATALIA FILINA: I would like to add something. I am living in Moscow, and now I think it's the same expensive way to bring people from some part of EURALO. We are very special, I think, parts of Europe. Thank you for your comment. So next slide, please. Yes, that is a part of short report from ALAC subcommittee on outreach and engagement. I'm a co-chair of this subcommittee, and I think we haven't—So I would like to say that maybe we have another slide with much more information. So, okay. Thank you very much. We can see that -- so almost each month, I'm trying to gather useful information for you, some summaries, some kind of summaries of updates, not just from European, regional, and updates about events here, reports from our ALSes and members, because we still feel a little bit lack of this information from our members. So you can always not just read the newsletter, but help to improve this work and put on the table your opinion, articles, blogs, maybe some kind of works you are doing within our ICANN and Internet governance topics. And happily, during this ICANN 78 meeting, I have a great opportunity to meet our new members who already presenting me the results of the work, which I would like to share with all of you, and I think I will do that, and of course, I will ask about to help me with this. Next slide, please.

So, we have approved EURALO regional financial year '24 outreach engagement strategic plan. You can go to the link to see this plan, and I

don't want to read it, because it is a document with a lot of points and outreach goals, strategies, our expected activities and outcomes, but I would like to say that this year we were especially attentive, because with our experience during previous years, we understand that we have a lot of plans to have a lot of activities and to receive a lot of reports from our members, but now we need to be very careful with our goals, and we just need to be focused on our openness and inclusiveness. We would like to have, again, and during previous year, support from GSE Europe team, and we would like to give support to our ALSes if needed.

We want to extend our coverage. It's hard for us still, but we are working on it. We would like to work on community solidarity and we would like to help mobilize our community on any different ways, and we will continue to promote the ICANN topics, activities in each way we can use. And I would like to highlight very important things, that EURALO strives to initiate not only European regional activities. I think our members know that Sébastien all the time trying and we are working on this goal together. We would like to unite other RALOs, other leaders from different regions to work on our common goals, to bring together At-Large members from all regions to discuss our issues, to protect the interests of end users and to support our multi-stakeholder model.

On this slide you can see the possibilities to use a CROP for upcoming financial year, and we know that we are very limited with time, which may apply for attending some activities, but I always would like to highlight that not each of our activities need to be supported with any financial support from ICANN, because many, many opportunities to participate as individual members in local activities and just giving us support and provide the information about EURALO, about ways to be

engaged within EURALO and to be an active member of it. Next slide, please.

EURALO 24 activities—and I think Sébastien Bachollet is already with us.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

I am back. I left the other meeting. It was not finished, it doesn't matter. Thank you very much. Okay, what I have put here—and you will get the slide and you will be able to reflect on that, but today, the two first bullet points are today, no call next week, and then we will have the readout. You will receive the invitation, I guess, before the end of the ICANN meeting. And then the other, what's important for all of you is that we try to have a monthly meeting and it will be in November. Okay, next slide, because I think that will be the readout. I am updating this page. Next slide, please.

We will have also a two monthly meeting, hopefully, and one readout after San Juan. Next slide. Next year will be the 10th anniversary of NetMundial and I know that there are people who know a lot about NetMundial and I would like very much to try to do something like, not the same, but like the session we have organized for the 25th anniversary of ICANN, the 18th of September. The 23rd of April, it's really the day, one of the two days of the NetMundial meeting 10 years before, and I don't know if my colleague from the other aisle will wish to join, but I hope that we will be able to do something and I hope that Wolfgang will be able to help me in organizing such a session. And then you have the Kigali meeting and the readout session. I know that—no, I don't know, but I heard that the Brazil government is trying to do

something about the 10 years of NetMundial. Eventually, we will have to change our plan because of what they will be doing, but if we can have this call, it will be great. Okay, I don't know, maybe questions, comments? Go, please.

GISELLA GRUBER: This is Gisella for The Record. We've got a question in the chat from Julia, which is, do we have priority criteria for the CROP program set, at least for the coming year? That was the question when we were addressing the funding on the previous slide. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: The answer is yes, we have the fiscal year 24 outreach and engagement that we defined with the GSE team, and the idea was to try to find meetings or to still go to EuroDIG and RIPE, and ICANN is organizing some events and we need to coordinate with them. We were looking at SEEDIG, but it's too late. We didn't have done the job because we need six or eight weeks before, therefore we are too late to go to this meeting. But if you have other proposals or ideas, please feel free to send us either to the list or to Natalia and myself, and we will work with the EURALO board on that. Okay, Pari, please.

PARI ESFANDIARI: As you're talking about the programs for next year, increasingly there is a concern about environmental issues and ICANN's approach towards it. I think it's critical for ALAC and for EURALO to start increasing awareness, discussion, especially as I see that the approach is more of a focus on carbon footprint, and I think it's critical to think about cost-

benefit analysis of that and raise awareness. I also wonder if there is any budget to do a proper research on that area. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Pari. I think it's a great idea and I will need to include in the agenda one—we can include for this topic or if there are other proposals in the agenda, what we used to organize, a roundtable on that topic. Regarding the budget, as the additional budget request is not anymore available, I have to check with staff how we can do that, because for the moment I don't know which budget we can mobilize for a project like this one. ABR was a good place for that, a little bit too complicated and it seems that it's now withdrawn, therefore we will need to find for next year another venue. I will work on that with staff. But thank you for the proposal and for the question, it will be great. Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you very much, Sébastien. There is an informal meeting that I'm attending tomorrow, a very short meeting with a number of people, including staff in ICANN, towards the preparation of some potential working group in ICANN for this. I'll report back to EURALO, and I see that because there is interest in our community, I'll certainly be asking that we have several spaces on that group if it gets created.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. Definitely, it's a good idea. I guess that Pari will be also participating, therefore please report if possible to us, it will be great. Any other question, comments?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And I see that Pari is part of that meeting tomorrow as well, so good.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you. Before I go to the next, to the organizational document, as Adam joined us, do you want to say something? Even just hello will be great, as you are one of our partners in crime as a representative of the GSE team. And I would like to say before I give the floor to Adam, I was with my colleague, the other RALO chair, with interim CEO, but also vice president on global stakeholder engagement, and advisor to the president, and we discussed exactly what has brought to the RALOs this relationship with the GSE team, and I must say that for EURALO it was a very good move, and I am really happy that Adam is really following what we are doing and helping us very often, therefore I am very happy to give you the floor. Thank you, Adam.

ADAM PEAKE: Thank you, Sébastien. Adam Peake. Yeah, we've been very pleased with how the relationship is working, it's a pleasure to, well, pleasure to work with all of you. I interrupt my tea to have the calls in EURALO hours, but that's absolutely fine, and apologies for arriving late this afternoon. You probably know that I've gone deaf, so I went off to a doctor to try and find out how to cure being deaf, which is on the way, which is a very good thing. Deafness for an engagement person is not exactly ideal.

Anyway, but yeah, it's been a good relationship, Sébastien, and we're very grateful, particularly the work you're doing, I mean the work in the, I've forgotten the name, readout sessions is exemplary, and it's been a

great way of bringing together all of the European participants. We are too siloed sometimes in our meetings and not being able to see everybody, so coming together and hearing what people have done, their experience has been very valuable, and you arrange them extremely well, and it's very much appreciated by Chris, by me, and the other ICANN stakeholders, so thank you. Just let us know how we can try to help and continue to help, because it's a pleasure working with you all, and thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Adam, and thank you for your kind words about the readout, and I am sure that we will have other opportunities to collaborate. It's important, and thank you for organizing the Europe space. It was a restart of this type of meeting, but I feel that, of course, we need to enhance how we interact, but I think, I hope that it will be followed by other Europe space in the future, during the future ICANN meeting.

Okay, let's go to the next slide. Therefore, you have the list of the current documents, article of association, the MOU with RIPE NCC, the MOU with, I didn't put the one with CENTR, that's maybe because something was, I didn't find the link, that's my fault, and the MOU between ICANN and EURALO. We have one, I guess it's a photo, and the other, it's the document itself.

And then there is a work done now a long time ago, unfortunately, and we have a final version, and it needs to be voted on. Why it was not voted before? It's that, as we were in the process of decertifying ALSes, we wanted to have a clean list of the member, and we also, in the same time, have two new members. As soon as the voting system is ready

with a new list of members, we will start the vote on this rule of procedures. And I hope that we will be able to do that. I was hoping to have done that before the ICANN meeting, but it's where it is, and I hope that it will be soon done, and we can take that as a basis for the organization of the vote, and the vote, next slide, you have the result, but Natalia already gave you any information about the result, therefore, the next one, as you can see, it was written in my document before this GA, it will be done after, as soon as we have both a clean list of EURALO member and the EURALO rule of procedures decided upon. But I would like to suggest that, parallel to the new rule of procedures, we will, in any case, accepted or not accepted, we need to have board members, therefore, I will ask staff to open a call for a candidate to be a member of the board. The difference will be how we handle the number of members of the board, depending on where we are with the rule of procedures, but that doesn't get any trouble to open a candidacy, if it's possible. Yeah, go ahead, Oksana, please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Do I understand in the right way that we will have one more General Assembly this year? To be organized before the EURALO virtual General Assembly?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It was what I was in my previous document, it's why it's not in bold, it's just to show you how I was planning to do that, hoping to do that. It is the General Assembly, we will not have any other General Assembly. The next General Assembly will be next year, next calendar year in 2024. I don't know when we will decide that with a board member, but no, but

thank you for the question. It could be misleading, but no, it was the document I used before and it was not done, therefore we will have to do that after the virtual General Assembly. Thank you, Oksana. Next slide, thank you. But it would have been better to add any other business. If you have something now, I guess we have 15 minutes, we don't need to use it, but if you have a comment, question, information... If not, I would like to suggest, if you agree, the Ombuds Office, if you want to say a few words, like that the people from the General Assembly of EURALO know you and how you can interact, they can interact with you if they have any trouble, question, if they are not happy with the chair of EURALO, how they can come to you and solve the problem. Please, , Krista, take the floor.

KRISTA PAPAC:

Thank you, Sébastien and everybody. Yes, my name is Krista Papac. I am currently the interim ICAN ombuds, here to assist with any concerns community members have about fairness or how they're being treated or if they have concerns about harassment, things like that. I think, hopefully, you're all familiar with the expected standards of behavior for participating in ICANN meetings, as well as the community anti-harassment policy. Within ICANN, we have been trying to sort of make those more visible and accessible to folks so then to remind people of those. But more importantly, we're here to help and I have Linda Mainville, who's our adjunct ombuds, and you don't have to have a complaint or anything like that to come talk to us if you have questions or you're unsure how to navigate something or you're not sure if something is an issue. We're always here to answer questions.

And then lastly, you can reach us by stopping us if you see us, but you can also email us at ombuds@icann.org. And you will also notice, the ombuds webpage, the email address has been updated there as well. But I wanted to, I forgot to mention, yes, whatever day it was that I was speaking with you, we had made updates to the actual ombuds webpage to correct all of the language to ombuds several weeks ago. We just hadn't gone to the email address. So thank you for the suggestion. And once again, ombuds@icann.org is how you can reach us. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Great. Just for the people who don't know, it was ombudsman before and since the Work Stream 2, I was leading a subgroup on the ombuds office, ICANN ombuds office, and I suggest that we get this term of ombuds for everything, including for the mail address. And thank you. It was done. Olivier, please go ahead.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond: Thank you very much, Sébastien. When is it that you made that request? Do you have a date? This century, this decade? It's just a tongue in cheek. That this was just implemented, I guess, since last Sunday. So in the past three days, and Sébastien did make these suggestions a long time ago, but it is a success for At-Large, which there's no small success. We managed to get an email address changed. Great.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. Yeah, no, it's what I call continuous improvement program. Yeah, Krista.

KRISTA PAPAC:

Thank you. I wanted to just mention one other thing in relation to this. There are some other places that you're going to still see the ombudsman term, because we have to figure out how to correct it, which is mostly, I think, the social media. So we have like an @ICANNombudsman. And anyway, that's a little more complicated because you can't do forwarding. But I did just want to point out that everywhere that we could possibly fix it without needing to do some math, we hopefully have made the updates. But if you see anything that is not updated, please also reach out and let us know and we'll get it fixed.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you. The ombuds office is really a very important office within ICANN, therefore, don't hesitate to use it if you feel that you need to use it. It's here for that. And before I make conclusion, I would like to give the floor to the staff without whom we couldn't be here, we couldn't be able to work, have our conference call, and so on and so forth. Gisella, please take the floor. And thank you very much for your help, support in various hour of the day, where we are, where you are. It's just really very appreciated.

GISELLA GRUBER:

I think Betty's got something to say. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Gisella Gruber and I support the EURALO region within At-Large. I've been doing that for a few years and I know we still have many things to improve. But as I'm also doing other things on the sideline, I try and

prioritize. I don't always get it right, but you know where to get hold of me if you do need me to sort something out. And there's these 20 helium balloons, the 20 purple balloons just rolling down the corridor with Cheryl riding them. Just to let you know that we have our conference calls. They're not the monthly members calls. We have various calls. We have the board calls. We have member calls. We're going to have the readout on the 7th of November at 18:00 UTC, bearing in mind that we are switching to winter time, daylight saving, etc. So we are one of the regions that do change times just to accommodate your personal time as well and to try and keep it at a consistent time. We look forward to welcoming you to these calls. If you are not able to join them, please do send an apology. It's nice to know that we actually have someone at the other end of the email. I get it. Email overload. Staff email overload. I totally get it. We get numerous emails and you all have a day job. I love to remind everyone that you're all volunteers. We truly, truly appreciate everything you put into ICANN. I can't thank you enough. And we are paid to do the job. So if there's anything that I can do to make life easier, we have in the back Yesim Saglam, who many know. You've heard her voice on our calls. She has been here for many years. 8 on the 30th of November. I do know that. And we are here to assist you in any way. We're part of the At-Large staff and I couldn't do it without Yesim, by the way. So anything that can help you make your life easier. We now have had the, in Sébastien's PowerPoint, he's kindly shown us the calls, the upcoming calls. All those calls will be put on the At-Large calendar. We also try and send out calendar invitations if that helps you. But please, you know where to get hold of me. Any suggestions, we're here to help you. We're trying to make life as simple as possible for you. But for you as ALSes or individuals to join the calls and to be heard. So that is what

would be really great and helpful. So looking forward to our next calls and thank you all for attending here in person. And it's awesome to be in Europe here in Hamburg. Vielen dank. And we'll be going on to the anniversary later. But Sébastien is closing the session. I just wanted to thank everyone. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you Gisella. And once again, thank you for your help and your support. This page will be updated. Now the previous one, Betty, you will see your photos there with—I have to find a way to put EURALO logo somewhere in the photos and you will see. And when the new board member will be elected, I will change or add them to this photo. And the last slide is just to show that there were an advertisement in France a long time ago. Life is too short to dress sad. I don't know if it's a good translation. But it's why I try some different colors. It's just a joke. But thank you very much for being with us today. Thank you for your participation. I totally agree with Gisella as usual, but participate, participate, participate. And if you don't know how to navigate, Natalia and myself are here to serve you and Gisella will help and support you too. Thank you. Olivier.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, thank you. And it's a point of order, but it doesn't really matter so much because we haven't had a vote. But I wondered whether we did have quorum today or not for the record, please.

GISELLA GRUBER: Apologies, Olivier. I knew you'd get me on that one. We do have quorum. We're now down to 31 ALSes. So quorum would be 16. We have 17 noted here, but I just need to go through the attendance and it will all be updated on the EURALO GA Wiki page that was set up for this session in the usual manner. I got just slightly distracted with ICANN 78 and the other six meetings we've probably had this year, but I promise it will get all updated and everyone's attendance here has been noted. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier, for this reminder. Thank you. Quorum was with us, so that's good. And once again, thank you for your participation and have a good end of the ICANN 78 meeting in Hamburg. I just want to say, I don't know if you hear me saying that already, but it's my first time in Hamburg, but I discovered two weeks ago that my grandmother spent a long time here when she was young and before leaving for France, before she was, she couldn't have been able not to leave France. Therefore, I will go to see where she was living and it's strange to be in a place where my grandmother was living here before the Second World War. Thank you and have a good day and spend a good time here within the ICANN meeting and in Hamburg and talk to you soon. Bye-bye.

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