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Thank you all for joining and I will now hand the floor over to Sébastien Bachollet, EURALO Chair. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you, Yeşim. Sébastien Bachollet speaking. We will start the General Assembly for 2025. You remember that last year we have done it late in the year and we are doing this one at the middle of the year, contradictory to when we organize usually because we

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have the meeting in Europe and that we take this opportunity to be able to have some people face-to-face here in this room, in Prague and to have people online with us today for a hybrid General Assembly. Therefore, welcome everybody. Let's go to see the agenda.

Therefore, we will have, I don't know if I get, I don't have the last one agenda but it will be, I guess, on the screen. We will go through a presentation of the annual report. And it will be Natalia who will do that as she has done all the work. And then we will have a presentation, hopefully, he will join us, by Olivier Crepin-Leblond about the activity around the policy. I will talk about finance and budget and organizational work and operation. And then Natalia will talk about the relationship with RIPE NCC and outreach and engagement. We will ask Yrjo and Roberto to tell us a little bit about EuroDIG which takes place in Strasbourg.

And then we will ask Steinar to give us some news about the global IGF taking place in two weeks. Then we will have an exchange with GSE team. And if we have time, and only if we have time, we will go through a roundtable. As there is no vote, I guess Gisella will try to find all the people who are supposed to be here to know where we are with the quorum. If by the end we need to vote, we will be more formal, but for the moment, we don't expect voting anything here. We will be safe. We will conclude and then we will take a break and enter to a meeting with the NextGen. It will be, I hope, an interesting one.

Any comments, questions, suggestions about the agenda? Any other business that you would like to tell us already? Okay, thank you very much. Therefore, I guess Natalia, it's your turn. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA

Thank you very much. Natalia Filina speaking. I am the Secretary of EURALO, and I will be very happy to present today for you with slides, our annual report what was done within EURALO and by EURALO members and ILSs during the last term since the last General Assembly. So, you may find in the agenda the full document with a lot of details, but I decided to present it with a few slides because it will be less boring, more visible and maybe more understandable.

So, at first, I would love again to present, to show you a composition of the EURALO leadership. EURALO Chair, Sébastien Bachollet, EURALO Secretary, myself. We have a EURALO Board and now we are in a transition time because we just finished receiving application for the new Board members that you may see on this slide, very useful links in which you may find all the details about EURALO, who we are and how much members we have, which document we are using for operating and for working every day. So, you may see on the slide EURALO ex-officials, so that is a whole leadership team.

And I may say especially and pay your attention that I will tell later we have regular meetings, all meetings are open to all, even if it

might be called like leadership meetings, etc. So, all the information and all people, you may find the names. I mean, these names on the screen are open for answering all your questions, or mentoring you, or helping with any information. And so this nice team of leaders of EURALO doing this governance of everything that is happening within EURALO. Next slide, please.

What is doing by EURALO members within ALAC and ICANN? You may see this official information about current ALAC members and delegates to ALAC. So, we have, I may say still new to ALAC members and we still welcoming your very nice work within EURALO. Thank you very much, Emilia and Natalia. We have an ALAC member elected by EURALO, Pari Esfandiari. Joanna Kulesza is an ALAC liaison for the GAC. Matthias Hudobnik is a liaison for SSAC. And Ann-Marie-Joly Bachollet is an ALAC delegate from the European region to the NomCom.

And, of course, within ICANN, EURALO members occupy many, many leadership positions, and I am afraid I have not so much information about everyone, but I may highlight two names here. Nigel Roberts in April was being elected seat of the ccNSO Council and Tobias Sattler is one of the five PTI board of directors. So, I think I may put many, many names here. You may help me with this and maybe we may complete this information for the next EURALO newsletter and highlight this information somehow. Next slide, please. Yes, Pari.

PARI ESFANDIARI	Thank you, Natalia. Could we go back to the first slide, please?
NATALIA FILINA	Yeşim, please go back to the first slide.
PARI ESFANDIARI	Okay, here where you put the ex-officer, you have missed the name of ALAC members. Because ALAC members are part of the decision-making process and part of the Board.
NATALIA FILINA	Yes, it's a very important note. Thank you very much, but with the purpose not to duplicate names. Yes, you are very right.
PARI ESFANDIARI	Yes, but this is very important structure matter of decision-making, so it's very important.
NATALIA FILINA	Yes, thank you. It's very good additional. Thank you very much, Pari. So, next slide, please. You know that EURALO now has a huge amount of members. So we have now 31 ALSs, and 93 individual members, and six observers. You know that EURALO may have observers from different regions who can participate in our discussion and meetings, and so maybe they are not so visible inside of our discussion and work, but they are inside of our community. We are

located in 17 countries and territories, and a special ALS we have inside of EURALO is a European Individual Users Association. Ricardo Holmquist is a chair of this association. He's missed today, and Roberto will tell us maybe more about what is happening with him. If you would like now, yes, you may.

ROBERTO GAETANO

Yes, thank you, Natalia. Yes, Ricardo unfortunately could not attend, and so I have his proxy. One thing that I want to say is that we have recently done a cleanup of the membership because, as you know, we have now stronger, tighter rules and conditions for being a member of the association, and so therefore we have applied those rules to the existing members. So, we feel that it is important because now we can talk about real numbers of fully participating members.

On one aspect, we are in delay, and I apologize for this. I think that it is high time that we renew the Board and the officers of the association. We hoped that could be done here in the occasion of this meeting. Unfortunately, we didn't find the time to do that, and it will be done after the summer. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA

Thank you very much, Roberto. Next slide, please. You may see the regular activities from EURALO. So, you may go through the links and find all the records, all the information inside of each link for each meeting. We are conducting monthly members' meetings,

monthly roundtables. Now, maybe it's not monthly, but we are trying to put on the table important topics for the discussion for our region. EURALO Board teleconferences, as I said previously, they are open for everyone, and they are a good place to discuss everything related to our internal processes, and decisions, and discussing about our future plans. So, please join us and be with us or find the records later if you miss, for some reason, these conferences.

So, ICANN read out sessions. It's already a very good tradition, which was started with Sebastien's idea to gather European-located community leaders and members after each ICANN meeting to discuss what happened and which outcomes we may bring to the discussion. So, please use these slides for going through the links and find records if you miss this. And, of course, EURALO General Assembly, a very important event for us, because we understand that we are highlighting very important points of our work and results. Next slide, please.

EURALO working stream. You can see that, of course, we are very active inside of each part of a ALAC-At-Large work frame, that is At-Large operation, Finance and Budget Working Group, CIP-CCG Working Group, global one and internal one for EURALO. EURALO operation Task Force and EURALO Task Force on At-Large structure. Maybe now not so active, but we may think together how we may improve this work. And Pilot Holistic Review Team. I think Sébastien later will bring more information about it. And very important part of the work, consolidated policy working group. It

is a working group like each working group open for all and for a very diverse and very intense policy discussion. Next slide, please. Thank you.

EURALO outreach and engagement work. I have in the agenda today a special slot to talk about it a little bit, but I think it is the same information. I may say that the roadmap for our work is an outreach strategic plan. We are establishing each financial year and now we are working for the new one. EURALO activities, our teleconferences, our face-to-face meetings, monthly meetings, round tables. EURALO participate in the building processes for ICANN meetings because we are putting some ideas about discussion during ICANN meetings, put it on the table for whole At-Large community. We have a lot of active members who are participating in different local and global IGF events and different events related to ICANN and Internet governance topics.

And, of course, outreach engagement work doing by personalities of EURALO. Everyone is an advocate of our brand, if I may say this. EURALO newsletter is a good tool and great tool now for putting your updates, articles, news, opinions, reports about what have done on the ALS's side or your personal side. Each financial year we may use three CROP slots for their open program for everyone who might apply for attending some events, Internet governance events being held in European region. And I especially know that EURALO invites NextGen not only today for the next session, but we are meeting NextGen, and we are thinking how we may continue

the work together, how we may invite NextGen to our work stream. And it's important part of our outreach work.

We have two EURALO memorandums of understanding signing with partners, it's CENTR and RIPE NCC and now we are thinking about new approaches to our common activities. And on the general level, we have now inside of ALAC, At-Large Community, ACES, if I pronounce this correctly, ALAC Community Engagement Subcommittee. So it's kind of format of coordinated work on outreach and engagement for some topics of our work. Next slide, please.

So we have issue to fix because we understand that our work will be continuing years by years. We would love to have much more active participation, and we would love to have in each country our members, and we would love to have much more support for our members, and we would love to see a fillet soy, but we understand that we are doing a very great work now. So we are meeting cues like new members. We see the good dynamics of growing interest to participation in this work, in the work at whole ICANN community. And so we are working on our transparency and accountability, and we will continue transfer the interest of end users to the ICANN and At-Large policy development processes, and input this opinion recommendation. So that is our work. Next slide, please.

I would love to thank you for this time, for attending this meeting and for your work because volunteering work is not so easy work. Thank you very much. So go ahead together. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you very much, Natalia. Well done. Any question, comment, additional information? Oksana, please go ahead.

OKSANA PRIKHODKO

Thank you very much. Oksana Prikhodko, for the record. Could you please tell us about the decisions of EURALO Board during this term? Thank you very much.

NATALIA FILINA

Thank you very much for the question. It is a question about current decision about new election.

OKSANA PRIKHODKO

No, no, no. For all decisions which were made by EURALO Board during this term. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

I may answer this question, Oksana. The Board take a lot of decision but maybe you don't see it because we don't need formal. When we agree on something, when we discuss something, we see where the consensus is, and it's a way to work. If you want to add formality, you will be able to do that. You are a new Board member,

again, you will be able to do all that. I think our organization must be fluid. And therefore, a lot of things were discussed in different meetings.

When you don't have opposition for some of the issue and it's presented two, three, five, seven times, we can consider that it's okay if somebody was in disagreement in the seven times, they will have a time to say that. But once again, in the future, if you want to be more formal, this organization is falling under administrative way of working, but that will be your decision and your way of doing it. Thank you, Oksana.

OKSANA PRIKHODKO

Excuse me, please. I was an EURALAO Board member and I have to say that it was no consensus, and we need formalize our decision-making process. And this is my wish for the next EURALO Board, even if I will not be a member of this Board. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you, Oksana. Any other questions, comments? Okay. If not, let's go back. I was a little bit too fast in giving the floor to Natalia for the presentation of the annual report. We will spend a few minutes to think and eventually talk about Nigel Hickson. And for that, I will ask Adam Peake to say a few words. Adam, please. Thank you very much for doing that.

ADAM PEAKE

Thank you, Sébastien. Hello everybody, Adam Peake, GSE Engagement. I have to apologize, when I talk about Nigel, I often get quite emotional, so if I do that, I'll try not to swear or be. He was a wonderful man, so that's why. There will be a celebration of Nigel this evening, beginning I think it's at 17:45, is that correct, Christopher? And it will take place in the GAC room. You will know that there will be a community awards and ceremonies beforehand, and at 17:45, we'll be able to go into the GAC room. There will be microphones for people to say, to give their memories of who a man who brought so much to ICANN, but was also a friend to so many of us and so kind. So take that opportunity.

I did have the opportunity to go to his memorial service. He had the funeral, and then there was a memorial in London and Paris. And Olivier attended with some staff members. And that was a wonderful celebration of his life. He was much loved by his community, a member of his church, a member of the scouting group, a member of the cricket team, a man who was seen in the local pubs occasionally, and he was as friendly in his local world as he was to all of us, whether it was ICANN or the IGF. So thank you, and in memory of a very good friend and a very dear colleague. So thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you very much, Adam, and yeah, definitely my memory of him, he was everywhere in this world, and he was the same always, wherever he was, nice, friendly, and when he could help, he was

helping, always with his hat and going from one place to another one. He was a great man. I would suggest that we don't spend one minute for silence, but more we upload him for a few seconds, please, if you agree with that. Thank you very much, and thank you. I hope that somebody is following online if there is some need to give. Okay, Barry, it was the same, or? Your hand, it's up, and it's the same. Okay, it was the same. Okay, it's the old one.

Okay, let's go to the next item, and the next item, we will shuffle the way of doing it, because Olivier is already speaking in another meeting. When you are online, you can do three meetings at the same time, but not speaking at the same time. Therefore, I will first try to say a few words about the Operation Finance and Budget Working Group. It's a group where we talk about, of course, the ICANN strategy, we discuss about the finance, we discuss about the budget, but I would like to concentrate on two and a half issues.

The first one is EURALO Continuous Improvement Program, which is embedded within the Continuous Improvement Program Global. Then we will have some work to restart to be done on that issue. It may be a good moment to think about that during summer and to restart that in September, particularly because we will have a lot to do before. As you know, we have the global IGF in one week, and then there is WSIS+20 two weeks after, and after, I guess, it will be time for some rest for every one of us.

There is a lot to be done at the ALAC level. There are some discussions still going on that the Continuous Improvement

Program Community Coordination Group. And as you may know, the Board decided on the 14th of May to allow the CIP to continue. But in the same time, they decided to close the pilot holistic review. Therefore, we are in a situation where we don't have anymore this group to think about a possible pilot holistic review. That means that pilot holistic review is also dead. From my point of view, I don't see how it will be put again. From EURALO perspective, I think it's a very, very difficult news to accept because it was an important point for the future of ICANN to this holistic review.

They also decided to postpone again ATRT4 and to start global community discussion about the future of the reviews. I want to take this opportunity to explain why I think all that is a bad decision. That's the responsibility of the ATRTs to review the reviews. There are people who told me, but ATRT will not be able to evolve the reviews. What we have done with the organizational reviews, ATRT3 suggests to evolve that to a continuous improvement program. Therefore, it's a review.

What is also strange is that this review, contrary to any other review, is run by staff. Therefore, Board must be more careful about what they do when they implement or ask how to implement things. When it's a review, it's another type of way of working than the way it was taken for the continuous improvement program. It was supposed to be a bottom-up process and staff put us in a top-down process. It's why we are in trouble with the CIP from my point of view.

The second argument was that you can't stop reviews. ATRT3 stopped two reviews, one about security and the one about Retrieved Data Services. ATRT3 didn't close them because the objective was to leave time for the community to think about and give the possibility to ATRT4 to close them definitively or to evolve them or to restart them. Therefore, it was just a way to not having one single group taking an in-depth decision about two reviews, but to give time for the community to think about and to have this discussion done again in ATRT4. The last point is how ATRT can create a review. I know the Board disagrees with the creation of the holistic review, but in the recommendation of ATRT3, there was a proposal to start a new review.

Therefore, all the arguments I heard here, it's for me no sense, and I am very sad that the Board takes this path. You may have already heard Leon Sanchez, the Board member selected by At-Large, about that decision and why the Board thinks it's a good decision, but I wanted to take this opportunity to give you my point of view, I would say as a personally, but also I hope as a European and EURALO chair.

I will stop here. I will ask if there are comments, and of course, Leon, if you want to take the floor on that, it's obviously a good way to have this discussion. You prefer to have people talking before or you want to already? It's up to you, sir. Yeah, yeah, but okay.

LEON SANCHEZ

No, just to provide a little bit of context into how this decision was made. I think I explained this during the ALAC session, but also there is part of the ATRT3 report that speaks into this. And I'm going to read the relevant part that says, an additional consideration is that ATRT3 believes that the current system of fixed time, for example, five years after the beginning of the previous review, has clearly shown itself to be problematic.

To address this, ATRT3 is recommending putting in flexible start times based on the ICANN Board approving the first recommendation of a completed review. Taking ATRT as an example, instead of having to start ATRT4 five years after ATRT3 was started, it should be started no later than two years after the Board has approved a first recommendation from holistic review final report.

This has the double advantage of not using the start or end of the previous review as the starting point and includes consideration of the Board having to approve a recommendation from the previous review. Additionally, the no later than language provides additional flexibility to the Board and community as to when to actually start reviews. Using such a system would guarantee to minimize any issues of timing and cadence of these reviews. Note it is recommended that there be one more CCT review two years following the allocation of new gTLDs in the next round. However, the CCT review cannot conflict with either a holistic or ATRT review.

So in other words, we're trying to follow what the ATRT was recommending. I think we could have done a better job in communicating the reasons and the background of the decision. And I think we take responsibility for that. We did a terrible job in communicating the background. But as I have read from the ATRT3 report itself, the ATRT was recommending flexibility. And in a way, that's the kind of space that we are trying to create here to have this flexibility to establish this community dialogue. We recognize that 10 years after the transition, things might not have turned out the way that we thought would come out when we designed the different mechanisms 10 years ago.

So maybe it's time for us to again sit at the table as a community and find ways in which we can course correct what didn't go the way we expected. And that is all we're trying to do here as a Board, to coalesce our community, to bring us all to the table, and to find a way in which we can deliver both the transparency and the accountability that the internet community expects from us, not only as a Board, but as an organization and as a community.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you, Leon. Pari, please.

PARI ESFANDIARI

Thank you very much, Leon. I think there are two issues here to consider. One is actually delaying ATRT, or the other one is how it was done. Unfortunately, the way Board acted on this issue,

regardless of whether we think it should have been done or not, it created a crisis of accountability and legitimacy at its very sensitive time, but multi-stakeholder model is under scrutiny from every side. So that's what is really disappointing, to ignore the bylaws, to ignore the advice of the community, and going in the way that the Board has made this decision. So it's more than just transparency. I think the whole process needs more reflection, and to see why this has been done, and to ensure that in future we don't have this kind of actions. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you, Pari. I don't think it's a good idea to use this general assembly to go back and forth between Leon and myself. But frankly, you take something that was quite clearly organized between the ATRT and holistic review. There is no holistic review, therefore the rest could not be taken as, oh, you see, you're right. It's not a good way to have conversation with the community, I think. And Leon, it's not you. It's the Board I am talking to. You are just one of the 15, 16, or 20 members of this Board.

But I would be very happy to have an in-depth discussion to all of that, because I think it's something we were missing after ATRT3 to explain what was inside the ATRT3 to the Board, but to the community too. And if we are there, it's not just a question of communication of the board. It's an impossibility from ATRT3 shepherd to communicate with the community. But thank you for being with us and to give your point of view, and good luck with the

follow-up on that. We will struggle, because I still feel that ATRT4 needs to start as soon as possible. Thank you. Any other comment, questions? Go ahead, Wolfgang, please. Thank you.

WOLFGANG KLEINWAECHTER More or less, Sébastien, you said just what I wanted also to stress. Like you, I was a member of ATRT3. And also, to be clear, in ATRT3, we recognized that the whole system of review has to be reformed, because it makes no sense to have 10 or 12 reviews, to have 150 recommendations. So that's why we proposed the holistic review. But recognizing that ATRT is different from the other reviews, I think in the affirmation of commitment when the ATRT was started, the ATRT was seen something like what we call in Germany the Aufsichtsrat, so the oversight over the Board.

And if you give the impression that the Board doesn't like this oversight, and you mentioned that this was a terrible communication, so I do not say that the Board wants to get rid of all kind of oversight. So I understand this. But anyhow, you have given the impression, and you should take seriously what Michael Palage and Avri Doria and other former Board members have expressed in public statements. So that means you should send a clear signal that accountability is a key element of ICANN. Otherwise, you undermine the trust into ICANN in a complicated global political environment. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ

Thank you, Wolfgang. And that's exactly what we're trying to do now. We take responsibility, and we are accountable for the mess we did with the resolution and how we communicated it. That's a given. We want to make things right. We want to deliver the message that we hold accountability dear to our mission and to our commitment to the community. And that's why we're trying to flesh out the message that I'm trying to convey here.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you, Leon. But listen carefully to what Wolfgang said. ATLT is the paramount of the accountability and transparency. Until you change the ICANN change that, it must be done. And it must be done on time. Now we are late, very late. I think the disagreement is there. But we will see what happens. As I don't see any more hands in the room, I would like to give the floor to Olivier. He may have something to say on this topic, but then he will be able to talk. Just be very short, Olivier, please, because we are late. Some topics are more important today than it was when we wrote the agenda. Therefore, it's why we need to be flexible. Olivier, please give us your thoughts. Olivier, please go ahead.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND

Yeah, thank you very much, Sebastien. Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. And you might forgive me for being on two calls. I'm organizing the music night at IGF same time as this call. And as you

know, this is particularly important too. Anyway, so thank you for this and for being flexible with me.

Just to let you know about the CPWG, the Consolidated Policy Working Group call. We have our weekly meetings. And I think that most of you will have already been on those. I'm quite pleased that we do have a significant number of people from this region that take part in the policy development work. And especially thankful that, for example, for the Transfer Policy Review policy development process, we have Steinar Grøtterød and Lutz Donnerhacke that were active on this. And there are others that are active in the Expedited PDP on IDNs, Registration Data Request Service, the IANA Function Review, the Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team, and finally the Latin Diacritics Policy Development Process. And there is, of course, subsequent procedures at the moment, which is our big thing.

I'm not going to go through everything, but I should just ask that we do have members from our region that take part in the feedback given for the implementation for the subsequent procedures. The drafting of the applicant guidebook is extremely important because this is the book that will set the rules for all the applicants for this next round of new generic top-level domains. So, I hope that you will all find time to even just volunteer for a small part in reviewing a small part of the book and bringing in your help in the edifice, because an edifice it is. It is a huge, huge piece of work.

I think that's it really. I know we've got a lot of other things that are more important than this, but I think that this is also what's coming up next in the policy process. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you very much, Olivier, and thank you for being with us today. May we go to the next item, and I give the floor to Natalia, if you want to add things about RIPE and outreach and engagement, as you wish.

NATALIA FILINA

Thank you very much, Sébastien. I will be so quick, because I already explained, I think, everything about outreach and engagement work, and that's why these two topics for this slot are together. Because for this outreach and engagement work, it's very important to understand the mission of EURALO, our goal, our task, and content of the EURALO work and internet governance community work, and definitely understand the changing which we face inside and outside of our community.

So, during each outreach and engagement action, we are presenting and sharing clear and interesting and useful information about EURALO, At-Large, ICANN. We are inviting people to participate in the work and explaining why and for what, and we are maintaining a very positive image and raising awareness, and as a result, we increase the quality of number of active participation within EURALO.

So I was so happy to attend RIPE90 in Lisbon in May. It was very nice meeting and thanks a lot for the warm welcome for me, not technical person, but I think as always we did a very good outreach and engagement work during this meeting, because now I see again at this ICANN meeting RIPE community members who attended the first time. ICANN meeting, I think that is a good result and I hope we will meet them as a new EURALO members.

And we started to talk about possible changing of our memorandum of understanding and exchange about some ideas about it. And we started to talk about our possible capacity building events with Angela DeLauro and maybe since September we may put into EURALO agenda some new events, session, online meetings and we'll put on the table important topic for both communities. So that's all from my side. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you Natalia. May I ask Yrjö to take the floor to give us a very short report on what happened at EuroDIG. Please go ahead Yrjö.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO

Thank you Sébastien. EuroDIG usually is at this time of the year. Now we had it earlier than usual, 12 to 14 May in Strasbourg, France. That was like a return to the roots for the EuroDIG because the first meeting of EuroDIG 2008 was hosted by the Council of Europe and now we were back in the beautiful setting of the Council in Strasbourg.

Time is not enough to go through the messages and so on and so forth. So I would really like to refer you to the EuroDIG webpage which you actually see here on the screen and to read the messages which are from the five main topic sessions and from the 11 workshops and of course from the EuroDIG which is really a very interesting and rather long message from the youth and from the intergenerational dialogue.

I just referred to the topics of the main sessions, which I think reflect pretty well the state of affairs where we are today with the internet governance. The first one WSIS+10 of course the question, why does it matter? The second one was about neurotechnology and privacy, navigating human rights and regular challenges in the age of neural data. So all sort of new things coming up. Topic three was Europe at crossroads digital and cyber strategy 2030. Fourth was the transatlantic rift on freedom of expression. And finally the age verification dilemma trying to balance child protection and digital access in rights.

So please go to the EuroDIG website and read this. It's worth reading. Just some numbers EuroDIG had about a little bit less than 1000 people that had registered and about 400 were actually on site. So that also in this respect I would say that EuroDIG is now back to where it was before the COVID and the temporary wall of membership. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you very much Yrjö. Any comments questions. If not I will give the floor to Steinar to give us a few words about the next global IGF.

STEINAR GRØTTERØD

Thank you very much. This is Steinar speaking. First of all I would like to welcome you all to Oslo in June starting 23rd of June. Hopefully the weather will be nice, not that hot but we have the midsummer that means that there will be light sun 24/7 hopefully.

What I know so far is that there is on the official website for IGF Norway. I will put some links in the chat later on. The agenda is now in draft modus so it will most likely be published quite soon. I also heard something about over 6000 have registered for the event but they are still struggling with getting the access to enter the building and the system. They are behind schedule on that one. I hope that succeeds in one way or another.

What I also know is that there are four key teams and these are digital trust and resilience, sustainable and responsible innovation, universal access and digital rights and digital corporations. These are the key themes that I have found out and been given information about and so on. The event the venue is at Lillestrøm and that's a 20 minutes train ride from the city of Oslo. It's very easy to get there. I do hope that for those who will attend in physical that you have found a place to stay and you have gotten all the information for getting into the IGF.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome those who are physically present to a networking event held by ISOC Norway at Lillestrøm in walking distance from the venue on Wednesday June 25th. I will also post in the chat a link for register on that event because we have kind of limited space. We hope that you will find this, let me rephrase that one, this is the first time actually ISOC Norway has done something like this, networking event.

We are not professionals, we are trying our best but we will try to serve you some food and some drinks and meet some good friends and do your networking and in an old-fashioned building in Lillestrøm. So I hope that you will attend and register. And I hope that you find the IGF in Oslo productive and successful for all your needs. Welcome to Norway and welcome to Oslo. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you very much Steinar, I am sure you will succeed. You will do that very well, and not just the IGF but also your networking event. I am sure that it will be good. And we are happy that you support this get together in Lillestrøm with you and with the ILS, the ISOC Norway chapter. Thank you all again for organizing all that. And now I guess it will be last but not least, I will give the floor to Chris Mondini. We are really very happy to the relationship we build between EURALO and your team Chris, and we are happy to have you here. Please take the floor.

CHRIS MONDINI

Thank you very much Sébastien , this is Chris Mondini for the record. I am based in Brussels and the managing director for the Europe region, and really delighted with the partnership that we have with EURALO. Before I start I would like to introduce some of my team members who are in the room. I suspect some of them are known to you already. Over here we have, I am going to ask you to stand, both Magali Jean and Gabriella Schitteck. Magali is based with me in Brussels and works on lots and lots of support for things that we do collaboratively on the administration side. And Gabriella Schitteck is an engagement leader for the Nordic region, Eastern Central Europe and the German speaking part of Europe. So if you do not know them, please take a moment to meet them after the session. Thanks.

And Adam Peake who you have heard from a moment ago is here at the end of the table. And Adam is based in The Hague covering engagement in Benelux, Ireland, UK and also focused on civil society in addition to providing support At-Large globally. So a really important liaison to this community. Is he here? Oh, I did not see you. Thank you.

Andrea Beccalli, please stand up. Andrei is based in Portugal and is looking after all of the swath of Southern Europe. He assists with France also because of his excellent language skills. He is working also very hard these days on engagement with the business community and on the Next Round program in the European

region. But I know many of you know him from Southern Europe based events. So Andrea. So thanks to the whole team.

So we already went over, Natalia shared some of the great events that we collaborate on. I think the initiatives such as the readout sessions that we hold or the roundtables where we help you with speakers and content is all really great for building the ability of At-Large to provide advice and to participate at ALAC. Of course, you this is a source of a lot of leadership and a lot of expertise. And I'm really proud that some of our efforts together are helping to build that expertise that's so important to ICANN's policy development.

An area where we sit down regularly, well, once a year and focus on is the outreach and engagement, because whereas in the engagement team for the ICANN organization, we're looking to bring more people into the model generally. It's also a focus of EURALO to encourage the formation of At-Large structures to recruit more individual members. And so seeing that we have shared aims, we do an annual outreach plan together. And then we execute against that plan with some of the trips, events, outreach and recruitment that we've just heard from your members about.

It's great to attend a general assembly because I feel it's a great opportunity to take stock of the energy among the At-Large structures and the new members and the new faces that are becoming involved in EURALO. A couple other comments. There's a five year ICANN Org strategic plan. We internally, all of the departments, all of the functions are right now very much engaged

to make sure that all of our work points to an objective that's in that strategic plan. I think it's a great guide document. It was developed by the community, and from that cascades organizational goals, even the CEO goals and even my boss gives me goals every six months, and they all are very aligned.

I know in a volunteer organization, it may not be easy to think five years in advance, but even if we're still working on one year increments, which I think has been very successful, looking to those big objectives that are in the new ICANN adopted strategic objectives will be a really good guide. Like we, our collaboration will work well if we agree that we're pointing toward something similar. And I actually print them out and stick them in my home office on the wall so that at any moment of the day, something I'm working on, I can think, ah, yes, this is pointing toward this objective. And so it's a conversation that we can have for in a future event about how to look at those strategic goals together and see where we collaboratively can each support each other and lend our efforts.

And then finally, I am very excited to share the challenge of recruiting more ALSs. I know for the various events that you attend, you're eagerly recruiting the formation of them. Gabby, Andrea, Adam also is on the lookout for candidate organizations that represent user interests and would be interested in being part of this constellation. And yesterday, sitting with the Board at lunchtime, Adam and I began a brainstorm of like where these audiences might be. Where is a target rich environment? So I'm

very excited that we are going to maintain that as a goal because it will be, as Sébastien has said, very useful to see the map become populated with more coverage of internet users from more geographies. We have good distribution already with 31 ALSs in 17 countries, which is a really impressive base to build upon.

So again, I just want to thank you all for your partnership and very excited to work with you in the months ahead, and delighted that you're here at a European venue and that the whole team gets to be here. I think this doesn't happen very often, so thanks.

I think that I might defer to Adam Peake, but Sébastien is right. I'm mentioning that we are in Europe and we have a very rich, diverse set of European stakeholders here. And at the last working session of tomorrow, we will host something called Europe Space. And the idea for that is that it would encourage other SO/AC Europeans to join in a roundtable update of events and themes that are happening and important for Europe. We try to schedule it in a way that we get leadership from the GAC or the ccNSO or the Europeans who are members there. We have a lot of Europeans serving in vice chair roles at the GAC, so we may have some conflicts for them to attend, but it's a really exciting time again to see how cohesive the Europe stakeholder community is, how diverse it is, and how much expertise resides in this region.

So from business and some of the non-commercials and of course At-Large all of you, country code, TLDs and GAC, I hope we'll have

some variety. And Adam has set up a really nice list of topics that we'll be covering.

ADAM PEAKE

And I will share this with the EURALO list. But the idea is to begin, obviously it's for the stakeholders of the European Union. So with some others, I was talking about what are the topics that are of interest right now, and Europe is awash with, it is full of initiatives around legislation and ideas and new policy developments and so on and so forth, and all very current.

We have the ongoing NIS2 initiatives, it's being implemented over the past couple of years, we'll have heard about that, we're at an implementation stage. The Commission recently organized a meeting on Web 4.0 which attracted a lot of attention, and not only did it attract attention at the time, it has outcomes from it. Things like a recommendation to have sandboxes to discuss governance issues. Many of you will be familiar with regulatory sandboxes, what is a governance sandbox we ask ourselves, so we're going to discuss those types of issues.

And the European Union has issued for member states lines to take in the World Summit on the Information Society, as we go forward on that, there are some interesting topics in there that we think we should talk, because all of our member states are going to be asked to take those lines forward. As citizens of those member states, what do we think about those?

The European Digital Strategy was issued, was published last Thursday, there are some interesting topics in there which we've asked some people to give a quick review to. We have updates from around the region which will include, I really hope, Wolfgang, a quick word on what you did at EuroDIG, and so on and so forth. But what we also see is a lot of these things are interlinking, so the NIS2 update gave us a very interesting new program announced at RIPE90, about a multi-stakeholder forum for discussing internet technical standards.

So, for example, we're seeing one initiative giving another initiative and another initiative, so we don't really have much time to talk, it could do two days, but I think just giving a highlight for the region, we're all involved, it could be quite interesting to think, oh I'm going to follow that one up, or something like that, or I'm interested in that. I see Pari at the end of the table, and I'm sure these are issues that you'll be following up on, if not now, then in the coming months. So we'll try and introduce that, not too much time to discuss things because we only have 90 minutes for an agenda that looks like two days, but we'll do our best and we'll take it forward and really look forward to your quick comments. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you Chris and thank you Adam for those information and those kind words also, Chris. Any comment, questions? We have four minutes to end, therefore I will not start to go around the table,

but if you want to take this opportunity to say something, the people not at the table, you have something to add? No?

Okay, therefore I would like to thank the people who participate online, I would like to thank the people who are here in Prague. I hope for you a good follow-up on this meeting, we have now two and a half days to go. The next session will be at 15:30 here in Prague and it will be, I will say, a sort of team-building exercise. Therefore, we need, except for the two who will be online, we will do that here and it will be participatory. Therefore, we need to have the people from EURALO and the people from NextGen who will join us to try to do something quite different that we used to do during an ICANN meeting.

We will see how it went. I hope it will went well. We are very happy to have all the NextGen who are from Europe coming to meet with us. And with that I would like to once again thank you. And that's the end of our General Assembly. Have a good time here in Prague, and safe trip back when you will go back home. Thank you very much.

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