



# **CENTR Update Hot Topics**

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- DNS-CERT
  - Again a topic at our GA
  - Not a single CENTR member supports it
  - Strong support for cross-constituency WG
  - Map existing initiatives (in cooperation)
  - Avoid mistakes like one-sided security survey

**The comment can be found at**  
<https://www.centri.org/main/news/5548-CTR.html>

- Whois
  - Accuracy (and the difficulty to check it)
  - Opt-out (improves accuracy)
  - Additional services (search)
  - A tool against phishing
  - Whois Review Team
    - Study the areas of friction between Whois policy and local law



- Reputational DNS
  - What is it?
    - DNS policy information inside a specially constructed DNS zone
    - Currently used in email filtering tools
  - Why is it an issue on our agenda?
    - Recent discussions started by ISC
    - Recent bad experience with Spamhaus
  - Do we like it?
    - No (It hands control over DNS to third parties.)

- Blocking
  - What is it?
    - Preventing access to illegal content by DNS poisoning, packet filtering or proxy server based blocking
  - Why is it an issue on our agenda?
    - EU Member States, EU Commission
  - Why is it a problem?
    - Not efficient and not scalable
    - Telecoms Regulations
    - Undermines user's trust in DNS
  - What can we do about it?
    - Educate, educate and educate

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**MEMBER NEWS** (click title for full article)

**[.be]**  
**DNS-Be launches DNSSEC in the .be zone**  
On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August in Leuven, Belgium, DNS-Be launched the DNSSEC protocol. From the press release: "DNS-Be has always put a high priority and focus on the safety aspects on management of DNS for .be. From now on, and just a few weeks after the rollout of DNSSEC from ICANN, the infrastructure name servers DNS-Be supports the DNSSEC protocol."  
[Full press release \[french/dutch only\]](#)

**[.cz]**  
**DNSSEC protects more than one seventh of the Czech Internet**  
The Czech Republic is maintaining its leading position in the number of domains secured by DNSSEC technology. To this day, 100 024 of .cz domains have been protected from misuse and forgery (the 100,000th DNSSEC-secured .cz domain was registered on July 29 in August .cz hit 700,000 domains)

**[.eu]**  
**Distribution of .eu registrations among registrars**  
EURid has taken a closer look at the distribution of .eu registrations among its registrars and has found that 65 % of domain name registrants chose a registrar from their own country, 18 % chose a registrar from a different country in the European Union, and 17% chose a registrar located outside the EU.

**[.fi]**  
**The first phase of the Domain Name System Security Extension (DNSSEC) for Finnish domain names in use**  
PICORA will introduce the Domain Name System Security Extension (DNSSEC) for Finnish domain names in two phases. The first phase, signing the .fi root, began on 18 August.

**[.is]**  
**30,000 .is Domains**  
The number of .is Domains has now reached 30,000. The ccTLD .is is one of the "smallest" Top Level Domains in the whole DNS Society, but also one of the most secure ones according to McAfee report.

**[.ie]**  
**Best performing 2nd quarter for .ie domain registrations to date.**  
1.1% year on year increase in Q2 registrations  
The IE Domain Registry (IEDR) today reported the best performing second quarter for .ie domain registrations in Ireland since records began.

**[.lv]**  
**Rise in Latvian botnets prompts Spamhaus row**  
Article detailing the recent dispute and problems between Anti-Spam organisation Spamhaus and NIC.lv after Spamhaus added a large chunk of Latvian IP addresses to their anti-spam list  
[Read open letter and report here \(CERT NIC.LV\)](#)

**[.nl]**  
**SIDN has successfully implemented DNSSEC for the .nl zone**  
In Arnhem (23 August), SIDN successfully signed the .nl zone with DNSSEC. Signing the zone is the first step towards a large-scale roll-out of DNSSEC  
SIDN has also hit 4 million domains in late August

**[.ru]**  
**Internet grows in Russia**  
Internet usage is growing rapidly in Russia, with over 43.3 million people, or around 30% of the population, now accessing the web at least once a month.

**[.se]**  
**Putting .se's DS records into the root zone**  
Since the root zone is now signed, .se has submitted its DS records to the root zone.

**[.uk]**  
**Nominet Chief tells Domainers to grow up.**  
Article from a recent "MeetDomainers" conference in Manchester where Nominet Chief Executive spoke on the impacts of domainers on the DNS community and reputation.

**ACTIVE CENTR SURVEYS**  
(click to access)  
Redemption and Dropcatching (ends 20 September)  
Evaluation Survey on GA42, Dublin, Ireland, June 2010

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Thank you for your attention!

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