

ccNSO EPSRP UPDATE

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Background

- On 27 June 2013, the ICANN Board:
RESOLVED (2013.06.27.05), the ICANN Board of Directors approves amending the Fast Track Implementation Plan to implement the two-panel process for string similarity review in the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. The President and CEO is directed to incorporate the amendment into the Fast Track Implementation Plan previously adopted by the ICANN Board on 30 October 2009 (amended on 8 December 2011), and implement the amendment as soon as practicable.
- On 25 June 2015 the ICANN board of Directors requested “*the ccNSO, in consultation with other stakeholders, including GAC and SSAC, to provide further guidance on and refinement of the methodology of second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of its split recommendations, to be applied to the relevant current and subsequent cases in the IDN ccTLD Fast Track process as well as to inform the proposed policy for the selection of the IDN ccTLD strings*”.

WG membership

- Members
 - Giovanni Seppia (.eu) – Chair
 - Vaggelis Segredakis (.gr)
 - Hiro Hotta (.jp)
 - Wafa Dahmani Zaafourri (.tn)
- ICANN Staff Support: Bart Boswinkel, Kim Carlson
- GAC observers
 - Manal Ismail, National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Egypt
 - Panagiotis Papaspiliopoulos, General Secretariat of Telecommunications and Post of the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks
- ICANN Experts
 - Sarmad Hussain

Working path

- Working group charter published on 11 September 2015
- Draft work plan for the EPSRP Working Group shared on the Working Group mailing list on 3 December 2015
- First call of the EPSRP Working Group on 22 December 2015. Since then, the WG officially convened as follows:
 - 12 February 2016, Working Group call;
 - 7 March 2016, face-to-face meeting at ICANN Marrakech
- Most of the work done via email exchanges

Outcome

- EPSRP Guidelines
 - Security and stability of the DNS must be ensured by ICANN and all Internet actors in any TLD environment
 - As for the interpretation of split recommendations per Board request, in the event there are different outcomes from the upper and lower case evaluations, the evaluation of the lower case shall prevail
 - Possible measures to mitigate risk confusion to be enforced at the registry level
- Recommendation paper
 - Confusing similarity principles and rules should be applied consistently throughout the TLD space