Two new team members

Nina Elzer, Policy Advisor
nina@centr.org

European Policy
Internet Governance
Working groups reform
ICANN GAC coverage
Two new team members

Alexandrine Gauvin,
Communications Manager
alexandrine@centr.org

News & Publications
Outreach
Education
ICANN gNSO coverage
New gTLDs: Myths and Facts
CENTR BoD comments on CWG IST proposal

CENTR Board of Directors statement on the Draft Transition Proposal by the Cross Community Working Group on Naming Related Functions

CENTR is the European country code TLD organisation. CENTR has 52 Full Members and 10 Associate Members. CENTR members have played a significant role in the establishment and success of the ccTLD constituency.

We welcome the announcement made by the IETF leadership regarding its intent to transition the stewardship role it has carried out over the last decade and are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the drafting of the transition proposal.

CENTR wishes to thank the members and participants of the Cross Community Working Group for the IETF stewardship transition and underlines its appreciation for and its recognition of their significant work that lead to the current proposal.

Overall comments

Simplicity of any new structure

Overall we support the underlying ideas of the proposal as it tries to find the balance between the need to keep it simple and the necessity to cover a complex set of functions. However, we feel that as work progresses, much of the original simplicity has got lost. It is unfortunate to see that the initial starting point that any replacement of the T&D functions should be limited to a technical performance review seems to have been abandoned. We are concerned that references to the evaluation of delegations and mediation requests can be interpreted as assigning additional authority to new committees and bodies at envisaged in the proposal.

The mandate and scope of the different players in the proposal need to be outlined in a clear way. In most cases this can be achieved by avoiding duplication with the existing models. Unless these structures are seen as lightweight we believe that the current mechanism that was envisaged will not be achieved.

The more complex the proposed structures become, the more relevant it will be to reassess alternatives, such as an IANA-based solution before making a final decision.

We have followed with great interest the discussions on whether the proposed Customer Trusting Committee (CTC), the Multi-Stakeholder Review Team (MRT) and the Contract Co. should be separated or part of IANA. In our view, both options have advantages and disadvantages. We believe that the current proposal does not provide sufficient detail to come to any conclusion on this important issue.

Furthermore, most of the accountability issues that the proposal seeks to solve through structural separation might come back in the proposed structure. Accountability issues could also be solved
CENTR Stat Survey (running)
CENTR training courses for EU institutions (starting Q2)
CENTR Jamboree (June 1-2-3)
CENTR Awards (October 7)
CENTR registrar day (October 7)
THANK YOU!

peter@centr.org
www.centr.org