

.eu delegation

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.eu and .eю: application overview

- The European Commission sent an official communication to ICANN in Q4 2009 for the .eu in Greek and Cyrillic
- EURid submitted the application for the .eu strings in Greek and Cyrillic on 5 May 2010 via the ICANN ccTLD IDN Fast Track process
- Response received from ICANN on 4 June 2010 highlighting three issues linked to the application, not to the string. Issues sorted out between July 2010 and June 2011

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application overview

- On 14 December 2011, ICANN wrote a letter to the European Commission inviting both the European Commission and EURid to produce a series of documents confirming that specific measures will be taken in order to mitigate against any risk for the stakeholders in the event that the ICANN DNS Stability Panel found any of the strings applied for (eu and eu) to be too similar to the existing ASCII ccTLD string (eu).

.eu and .eю: application overview

- Response on the string evaluation by the DNS Security panel received in January and February 2012
- .eю = OK
- “Confusingly similarity” issue for .eu – based on subjective assessment = similar to .eu, .ev, .ey

.eu: delegation process

- EC green light to move forward in Q4 2015
- EURid submitted the request of delegation to IANA, but...
- Some issues relating to:
 - Documentation submitted at the time of the Fast Track application
 - Closing of the IDN Fast Track Process

.eu: accountability in the delegation process ?

- Inconsistency in communications from IANA
- Total lack of timing
- Total lack of customer care

.eu: Board resolution

- Resolved (2016.02.03.06), as part of the exercise of its responsibilities under the IANA Functions Contract, ICANN has reviewed and evaluated the request to delegate the eu country-code top-level domain to EURid vzw/asbl. **The documentation demonstrates that the proper procedures were followed in evaluating the request.**
- Resolved (2016.02.03.07), the Board directs that pursuant to Article III, Section 5.2 of the ICANN Bylaws, *that certain portions of the rationale not appropriate for public distribution within the resolutions, preliminary report or minutes at this time due to contractual obligations, shall be withheld until public release is allowed pursuant to those contractual obligations.*

.eu: next steps

- ICANN Staff will now continue to process this application
- “The remaining steps include obtaining authorization from the US Department of Commerce and submitting the requested name server changes to Verisign for implementation in the root zone”
- Still to be sorted: agreement with ICANN, initial contribution and “voluntary contribution”
- Estimated launch, 1 June 2016

Thank you

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