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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Test. October 24th, 2018, European Stakeholders and Regional Internet Organizations, 3:15 to 4:45, room 113.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Good afternoon. We're just going to give a couple minutes for people to arrive. Please don't be shy and come to the table. This is supposed to be a very interactive session, and you're even allowed to tell jokes as long as they're good.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Alright, we're going to make a slow start. We actually have interpretation from French, but I think I'll do it in English. Is that okay? Okay, alright. I'll try to speak slowly. I know you can't understand my English. Thank you all for being here. This is an informal session among Europe and stakeholders that we do at every ICANN session that's held in Europe. If stakeholders so desire, we will do it also elsewhere when we're in other locations than Europe.

Again, please, I encourage you all to feel free to come around the table. Don't be afraid. The way it's constructed is we're just going to go around the table and hear from each of what we call the I-star organizations, so all the sister Internet technical organizations, and hear a little bit about what everyone's been doing or is doing at the moment in the region.

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And then simply open the floor for anyone to share information or to raise questions, comments, suggestions.

So if that's alright with everyone, we'll just start and talk briefly about what we do in Europe as ICANN. So if we go to the next slide. So for the Europe region as a whole, some of you might know that just over a year ago, about a year and a half ago now, Göran launched something that he termed international office strategy, which has meant amongst other things that now we have the Brussels office as the sort of regional center for the Europe region from Iceland all the way to Vladivostok, and that's one way of enabling us to serve European stakeholders with much more focus.

So part of that is to have a bit of a reenergized Brussels office. We've got a few colleagues that have joined Brussels recently, one in government engagement for instance. We've just got a new person in the security and stability team that's joined the team based not far in Rotterdam. We've got a new person supporting the board who's based in Brussels, etc.

So the team is – or the office is back in action so to speak, and we are trying to also make the most of it to host events. So we've had various working groups during the year, we've had several from the universal acceptance and IDN working groups, we had a few meetings of the RDS working group, etc.

Next to this reenergized Brussels office, we've created sort of two virtual teams. There's a European regional team which [gathers] the 40-odd people who are based across the region who work for ICANN. So both

of those attached to Brussels office, and the special team that's based in Geneva dealing with UN agencies, so the Government Engagement Team, and then we've got a team that's a virtual team again, that's a European operation team, and that team is the one that gathers people who are serving stakeholders, contracted parties in particular, so it's composed amongst other things of the registry and registrar services teams, but also the Compliance team, and that enables us to really look at the needs of our contracted parties in Europe and see how best we can serve them. And I might take just a quick bracket here to introduce two people from the Compliance team who are – especially for those of you amongst us who are contracted parties, if you don't know them, they can just maybe say their name. They are serving you from a compliance perspective. If you want just to say who you are just so people know you.

ZUHRA SALIJANOVA:

Thank you, Jean-Jacques. My name is Zuhra Salijanova, I am WHOIS Contractual Compliance based at our ICANN Istanbul office, and we are actively participating at engagement events organized by our colleagues as [inaudible] team in different regions including Europe, Middle East and Africa. Thank you.

HOLIDA YANIK:

Hello. I'm Holida Yanik. I'm also based in Istanbul working in contractual compliance with Zuhra. Thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you very much for showing the friendly face of ICANN Compliance. But joke aside, I think it's quite [now] you know you have this resource here that you can work with, they're real people. We're all real people based not far from you in your time zone. We're here to serve you, so that's also the purpose of this meeting, to let you know that we're here, to let you ask us questions, and don't hesitate to contact us in the future.

Now, on the stakeholder engagement part, we've got two main goals which haven't changed too much in recent years. We raised awareness about ICANN and its policies across the region and across all stakeholders group, and for the longer term of ICANN in line with our mission, with our bylaws, we want to encourage and support diverse and active participation in ICANN's policymaking and its technical work. So that's why we engage stakeholders in Europe.

I've got a team that's got people like [inaudible] here, Gabriella who is still here based in Warsaw [inaudible] central and Nordics, and we've got Andrea Beccalli somewhere who is covering southern Europe, and me covering sort of the rest. And as you can see, there's about 40 countries that we serve in terms of stakeholder engagement, and then for the sort of eastern Europe all the way to central Asia, our colleague Alexandra Kulikova oversees our operations, our stakeholder engagement activities there.

So just to give you a feel for the sort of activities we do, I thought I'd just give you a heads up on some of the stuff that's coming up. That'll give you an idea for where we're involved, [either] just attending and

networking with people, or, usually, speaking. So for instance, next week, we've got a number of lectures being given by ICANN's director of consumer safeguards, Bryan Schilling, around crime and abuse on the Internet in three different seminars in Poland thanks to one of our new At-Large community members, Joanna from [Lodz.]

We'll have the Spanish IGF next week in Madrid which Andrea Beccalli will be taking part. There's a session related to ICANN in that. Many of our community members will then be gathering early November at the European Parliament to talk about the Internet Governance Forum, the IGF, at a body called the European Internet Forum which means very regularly in the European Parliament, and they hold annually a session on the IGF. I think some of you around the table might be speakers. I think Sandra Hoferichter from At-Large is going to be speaking.

We'll be there at an academic symposium after the IGF. I haven't listed the IGF, which is in the middle. Of course, many of us and many of our community members will be in Paris for the IGF which is from the 12th to the 14th of November. Then we'll have several of us present at Nordic Domain Days, which is a major domain event organized in the context of the annual Swedish Internet Conference in Stockholm, and on the back of that, Gabriella has been coordinating a registrar training together with our colleagues from [GD] and Compliance. That's a one-day session that is there to try and equip registrars so that they can improve their interactions with ICANN on a day-to-day basis but also increasingly get involved in policy at ICANN.

Then as you can see, the Italian IGF, the German IGF, then there's a major sort of civil society conference called the Freedom Online Conference late November, and in partnership with that conference which is sponsored by a number of governments and civil society organizations, we're organizing a training for civil society this time which is very much policy-oriented, again to try and encourage active participation, this time by civil society, in ICANN.

Then Gabby's going to be at the Norwegian Internet Forum. I think it might be the first time that ICANN is officially at the Internet Governance Forum in Norway. I'll be speaking at the International Chamber of Commerce in Belgium, in Brussels early December to a bunch of businesses about the importance of Internet governance and ICANN for business. Gabby will be at the Polish IGF, etc.

So this is just a flavor of the sort of things that we get involved with and that are coming up on our agenda. And that's it, really. Don't know if anyone's got any questions for me, for us. We can do that in the next section, but any immediate questions or comments? Okay, in that case, I will pass on to one of our sister organizations. I'll just double check the agenda, I don't remember exactly which order we discussed. It's not alphabetical, it's completely random. It's [quantum] presentations.

Right, I've got RIPE next, if Chris would like to follow. We've got some slides, actually, from RIPE. Thank you.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE:

Yes, thank you, Jean-Jacques. Yes, my name is Chris Buckridge, I'm external relations manager with the RIPE NCC, and so we're a sister organization in that we're the regional Internet registry, so we look after the IP addresses while ICANN looks after the domain names. I do have a few slides It's really more for my own memory at this point in the week. Yeah, I can't rely on myself to remember exactly what I'm saying, so hopefully – but I'll speed through these.

First off, last week, we actually had the RIPE meeting in Amsterdam. A few of you here in the room were there, you'll know that much fun was had, much content digested, and the rest of you, I'll leave to reflect on your life choices. But yeah, biggest RIPE meeting we've ever had, 802 people, so that was very exciting. And yeah, a lot of really interesting discussions both in the plenary and in the working groups, some of which echo a little what's been going on in ICANN.

We've had discussions of the content that's held in the registry of IP addresses that we manage, so that's somewhat at least an echo of what's going on here, if not quite the same discussion. But then a lot on new networking technologies, on security, so a lot of the issues that are really important to this ICANN community as well. There's a report there, and there's also all of the archives on the website. So yeah, I'll refer back to that a couple more times in the presentation.

We also recently held a regional meeting in Kazakhstan, so that's another effort that we're doing. Most of our RIPE meetings tend to be in more Western Europe, occasionally Eastern Europe, and very occasionally the Middle East, but we're trying to make sure that we can

actually appeal to and cover all of our service region and participants, community members that we have there.

Another thing that we have, I think, in common with this community is that our organization and our community is dealing with regulation more and more these days. We look at it and we come at it from a couple of different perspectives. At the global level, the ITU is playing a big part, and we're following that.

This is obviously the week before the biggest ITU event of this four-year cycle, which is the plenipotentiary, so we're coordinating with colleagues from ICANN in that and following a number of areas, but particularly those points where it's discussion of the ITU and its relationship to Internet governance and the Internet.

We're also obviously following developments in EU regulation. The RIPE NCC is an organization that is legally established in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, so we are obviously under EU jurisdiction as well as being under Dutch jurisdiction. So it's really imperative that we understand and follow what's going on in new laws, new directives. GDPR is obviously a very prominent example of that, but there is other work going on with the E-evidence proposal, the networking information security directive, and also the new proposal for a cybersecurity act. And so more on that, there was discussion on that at the RIPE 77 cooperation working group. So again, I would direct you to go and have a look on that RIPE 77 website if you're interested.

So, we recently crossed the threshold of 20,000 LIRs, which is our account holders who have resources, IP addresses from the RIPE NCC.

With that very large number of accounts, we've also seen a diversification of that community. It's not just sort of traditional Internet service providers who get a block of IP addresses anymore. And our engagement has reflected that growing diversity.

I've just listed a few of the different sectors and areas that we've identified here and some of the partners that we've looked at working with in that space. So telecommunications, the mobile sector, we're working a lot more with ETNO these days. We're also working quite closely with GSMA because a lot of their stakeholders, their members have a lot in common. Well, we have a lot of common memberships. But also, there's a lot of issues that are common, deployment of IPv6 to name one.

We're engaging with the academic sector, we've been doing a lot to try and bring more academics and researchers into RIPE community discussions. We're working with the law enforcement community who have an obvious interest in the same way they do with ICANN in what information is publicly available to them via WHOIS.

We're working with players in the Internet of Things, that's the Association for Internet of Things Innovation, which is an EU industry association. We also have a new RIPE working group which is looking at IOT issues. And we're starting to focus a little bit more on our members who are in banking and finance. So that could be central banks, it's commercial banks, but all coming up, having their own different sets of priorities and perspectives when it comes to RIPE NCC membership and having their own networks.

We're also doing a lot of work in fostering technical communities, particularly at the national level, and I think this is something we also share in common with ICANN and with a lot of people at this meeting. One of the main ways we've been doing that is supporting national and regional network operator groups, and this map here shows where some of those network operator groups are already established. I think we have about 20 in our service region. But we also have a number of larger but sub-regional groups. So ENOG, which is the Eurasian Network Operator Group, and that has a lot of participation from Russia. MENOG is the Middle East Network Operator Group, so that covers the gulf countries but also Iran and Lebanon.

And the support we provide is both financial, so we'll usually do some sponsorship if you're running a network operator group. So if you know of any new network operator groups looking for sponsorship, send them our way. But we also provide speakers and expertise, we facilitate information exchange between network operator group organizers. So there's plenty of other people who've set up national NOGs, and they're more than happy to share that information if you're looking to set up something in your country or your region.

And my final slide here, reflecting our diversity. So in 2017 at the RIPE meeting, our community set up a diversity taskforce, and this was really an effort to reflect the need to better represent, better capture, better facilitate the participation of really the full diversity of our community and our membership. And so that's issues of gender but it's also language, it's access, so geography is obviously a barrier to some people. The taskforce is set up to look at all of these things, and so it'll

be ongoing work for quite a while. But some of the early outputs we've seen there have been initiatives like having childcare at RIPE meetings. We've had a number of articles published on our RIPE labs website. And there was also a presentation given at RIPE 77 which outlines some of the work that's going on there.

But basically, this is an effort right now to try and identify which groups could use support in coming more into the community and what that support might look like, because it's going to be different, as I say, whether it's looking at culture, gender, language, access.

Some of the other initiatives we're also doing which fit into this also include fellowships. So if you have an interest in participating in a RIPE meeting, participating in one of our regional meetings, talk to us. We are actually – we do have programs which will allow for fellowships which will help provide finance, accommodation, travel to get to those meetings.

And that's it from me. So yeah, happy to answer any questions or join in the discussion as we go forward.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you very much, Chris. And with your permission, we'll post the slides on the archiving page.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: Please do. I think at least some of those links have hyperlinks, so yeah, you can get to the RIPE 77 website.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: And I wanted to mention on the NOG, I think the map was missing one which is a new one, right? You want to say it?

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: Well, no, I was going to say I took the map from a presentation about four months ago and I've already had to hand color Georgia and Luxemburg, so I'm sure there are others that are already springing up. It's hard to stay current.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Yeah, I think that's one that you guys were involved in, so I wanted to mention it, which is a new Czech and Slovak NOG, CSNOG, which I think Paul Rendek spoke at in Slovak if I'm not mistaken.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: Yes, he did.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: So I think I know how to say IPv6 in Slovak. That's about it.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: You and me both, Jean-Jacques.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: So thank you very much. Any questions for Chris? Comments? Okay, well, you know where to find him, I think. Thank you very much. I think

one of the very interesting – you can see a lot of features which are common amongst our various sister organizations. One of the topics that’s been coming back in a number of recent RIPE meetings has been all these questions about upcoming legislation that might have an impact on the technical layer of the Internet. You’ve heard some of them. Many of these upcoming legislations are coming from the EU, so our region is particularly strong at producing legislation. Woo. And in fact, ISOC has just released a really interesting concept paper about extraterritorial aspects of legislation. A lot of interesting work in that area. So a good moment to pass on to Frederic to tell us more about ISOC’s activities.

FREDERIC DONCK: Thank you, and just to – is it me?

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: No. [inaudible]. I went back to the beginning, I think.

FREDERIC DONCK: This is Chris [inaudible] presentation. No, I don’t have any slides, actually, so it will be even [where you can leave the questions.] Yes. Just because you mention it – so my name is Frederic Donck, always happy to be here and see all those faces. Some of them I realize are faces of people who are living or based in Brussels and that I only see here [inaudible] Brussels, which tells a lot about the crazy life that we have.

But we'll fix this. So you need to know we have an office in Brussels, so please make sure you can use it and pass through Brussels and say hello. It's a little bit decentralized, it's not Rond-point Schuman as ICANN, we're more low-key. It's just decentralized in the southern part of Brussels, [but it's cute too.] So okay, remember we have an office.

Just because you mentioned, yes, we released a concept [note,] this is a living paper about extraterritorialities, and I understand that there are already many people discussing those issues. And I'm very glad to hear it. So to make a long story short, it's really about regulation that might have unintended consequence when a region like Europe takes a GDPR regulation. And honestly, it's not about the content. I'm a great fan of GDPR, but it might have unintended consequence on other regions and some reaction might be prompted. So it's all about the impact on the Internet.

So I mention this – and thank you, Jean-Jacques, to refer to it, because we will launch a conversation in Europe as well about that very soon. So I hope you will be part of it, and please feed us with your thoughts. Okay, so as I said, no slides. You will have to follow my [voice] on what it is that we're doing. You know that our mission in ISOC is striving for an open, global, interconnected, trustworthy and secure Internet for everybody.

And we translate this into [big pillars. The access one,] the connection, connectivity and the trust one. You might certainly have heard that ISOC has embarked on four big campaigns. Those are advocacy campaigns when we believe that we should focus on for critical issues

for the Internet. This has an impact on every region, including on the European region.

So one of them is the IoT campaign, Internet of Things. You know there will be 35 billion devices on the market by 2022, and it will have a high impact on the way people will deal with the Internet and the trust they might have in the Internet. I have the chance to and the honor to drive this – it has some impact, of course, in our engagement in Europe. I'm going to come back on this if [inaudible].

The other big campaign is community networks. So when I talk about Europe, we're based in Brussels but we have a flexible idea of what Europe is. You need to know that we are engaging still the UK for the time being, but we're engaging in Kirgizstan for example. So, well, don't tell the UN, but we consider Kirgizstan a part of Europe and we engage until Kirgizstan or Georgia with our friends in RIPE, precisely with the community [inaudible] project that we have. So we'll concretely come to those countries and promote other ways for people to connect to the Internet, and we have a wonderful example with the Tusheti program, beaming and covering lots of villages in the [inaudible] region.

Okay, I should have slide, actually, because I'm going in so many directions at the same time. So access. Access is about creating the right environment at policy level, so we engage policymakers but also different stakeholders, ISPs, governments, of course, in different regions. This is also, as I mentioned, the community networks, and two projects that we still have right now, and that is Georgia and Kirgizstan's. It's not only capacity building, it's not only concretely

helping them or helping communities to build mass in the region, but it's also of course about the [inaudible] network community and the change to the policy frameworks, because as you might know, some policy frameworks are quite hostile to other ways to develop the Internet.

And then there is the other big pillar, which is the trust one. I mention IoT trust by design. We have a wonderful tool, the OTA, online trust alliance framework which provides 40 key principles that we believe manufactures should follow. And I would invite you to check on this. We try to socialize it, we engage manufacturers trying to convince them that they should embed privacy and security in their devices.

And the OTA, online trust alliance framework provides those principles, and we trust that if those principles were being adopted by manufacturers, we will see a drastic drop in the security fails that we've seen in the last three years. We have MANRS, you might be familiar with this. This is a routing security agreement between operators. We promote those MANRs. In Europe, we have quite some success with MANRS – thank Chris – because 36 of the 56 agreements that have been signed are European, so we are very proud. We engage all sorts of [inaudible] or the European Union.

[inaudible] and the European Commission remain of course very important stakeholders for us [in our trust.] But we [enlarge of course to different] communities. We also have some focus on the NOGs. Our favorite NOG is ENOG so we contribute to this platform. We support wherever we can the regional and national IGF of course. I've seen

representative here for EuroDIG and SEEDIG, so we'll still [there to] support. [They're a] very important platform for us.

And we have our own technical advocacy. We recently met with some people in the European Commission and IETF to just talk about protocols in the Internet. Last but not least, we have a global community, large community of chapters in Europe. We have chapters in Spain, Catalonia is one of them, Spanish chapter is another. We have two more chapters in Galicia and Aragon. We have in total of 34 chapters, geographical chapters in Europe, which is a lot.

And we really try to help them engage in their own communities, and that's a very important part because we launch a lot of different projects beyond the net projects you might have heard. So the chapters in this room need to know that we have a very easy way to financially support a chapter's activities. We had a lot in 2017, for safer internet for kids in different countries, online privacy, libraries, consumer protection, women in tech.

So we support financially chapters who believe that they can make a difference in those topics. And the Chapterthon of this year is focusing on IoT security. Again, it was open to all ISOC chapters, and I've seen a massive response from chapters. So I'm very proud of our community in Europe and we continue supporting this.

I'm done. I mean I can continue, but I'm open to any questions. Thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. And what I'll suggest is before we upload to the website, we might make a few additions to the slide so it has as few links to relevant ISOC material so everybody can easily find it.

FREDERIC DONCK: Yeah, I will.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: And thank you so much, Frederic. Questions for ISOC? Actually, maybe I should ask, who is a member of their local ISOC chapter or ISOC Global here around the room?

FREDERIC DONCK: Good.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Good, okay. Alright. There's a few more targets for you, Frederic.

FREDERIC DONCK: Yeah. I see that.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: You have a question. Please, Marilyn.

MARILYN CADE: It's good to see you, Frederic. I have a question for – a general question for ISOC but one that is specific to your work in Europe. As you are

aware, two years ago, there were 57 national IGFs, and now there are 107. And many of the ISOC chapters at the national level are not only champions but catalyst for bringing in the rest of the community, and I want to just publicly thank you. Two years ago in December of 2015, Ambassador [inaudible] then the MAG chair appointed me in as the substantive coordinator to enhance and engage the NRIs.

I think he was purposely trying to keep us from turning the title into an acronym. But the reason I wanted to make this point is both because of the existing, very successful partnering where the ISOC chapters and ISOC itself as an organization has helped to bring together different stakeholders and to ask you perhaps to speak a little bit – because this is obviously a budget issue and a local chapter cannot always fulfill all of the needs, and in particular, in my experience, when there can be an international speaker, particularly in the very small countries, it very often helps to attract more attention and engagement.

The activities that both CENTR – sorry but I just came in late so I may have missed somebody else –and ISOC are engaging in the region I think are very clear examples of the more we create informed participants in the online world, the more we strengthen and address some of the challenges for social, cultural and economic opportunity as well. So both thank you, and please, we want more.

FREDERIC DONCK:

Thank you very much. I'm very happy to hear this. This is a collective effort, and people like you helped a lot in these pictures as well, so I believe we should be all proud of this. Taking also the occasions to – we

spoke about that this morning, you should be all aware that we still need to support the IGF, the global IGF. There will be many discussions about how we want as a community the IGF to move to something that is even more important and strong, and I believe this is our share in the IGF to participate in this conversation. Thank you.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE:

Thank you. I was just going to say this ties a little back to what I was speaking about with our support for technical communities at the national level. And it's important to understand the relationships between those different kinds of communities and groups. What we found as RIPE NCC is that we're supporting a lot of national IGFs in eastern Europe, the former Soviet countries, where there's not the NOG setting up, the technical community is smaller and is not quite so motivated to organize itself.

Our priority is trying to help set up those technical communities, but we've certainly seen those national IGFs as sort of an initial point to really make the technical community in that country aware that they could be doing something a little bit more and we could be providing that support. So it's definitely an ecosystem.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you, Marilyn, and thank you, Chris, for this important point. Indeed, and we need this link from the local to the global, and this platform to enable people to get interested and then involved in our various fora. So absolutely. And with that, let's talk about another of

our sister technical organizations that is also located just down the road from us, and that's got a new member. Oh, I beg your pardon, there's another question. Okay, please introduce yourself.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques. Olivier Crépin-Leblond, I'm the chair of ISOC UK, England, and I just wanted to comment on one thing that Frederic had mentioned, and that was to do with IoT security. The UK department of – digital, was it again? It changes name all the time. Digital Culture Media and Sport has released, I think just a few days ago, a code of practice for consumer IoT security. It's the world's first, apparently, and it had a lot of input from our chapter and from ISOC global. So it's quite well-written and it's something that they hope many companies, hardware manufacturers will sign up to. It's a code of practice, it's not something that is mandatory, but it's a good first step to securing devices, especially with the number of devices that we're seeing out there getting connected to the Internet. I just thought I'd mention that, and it was a great collaboration with ISOC HQ and the chapter. We're very glad about this. Thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thanks, Olivier. Indeed, that's an important point. And besides the work that exists in some of the technical organizations like IETF around securing IoT, there are a number of initiatives by governments around securing IoT, the UK government being one. This is part of one, so [they've got these] guidelines for consumers. They're also looking at standards, cataloging standards for now, but perhaps new standards.

And [inaudible] similar exercises at Brussels level. So it's an interesting area to watch for sure, which might have some links to our technical layer. But with that, let's move on, although Peter might come back on that topic of IoT, who knows. Please, Peter. No, you won't. Okay.

PETER VAN ROSTE:

No, I won't. Thank you so much for the intro, Jean-Jacques. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Peter van Roste, I'm the general manager of CENTR, and this week, it feels like I've spent most of my time giving presentations about WHOIS and the implementation of that in Europe, so it's quite refreshing to be able to talk about something else here.

Just very briefly for those who are not familiar with CENTR, I assume that quite a few of you do, but just for the record here, CENTR is the association for and by European ccTLDs. We have 54 full members, we have all European country codes. We provide a range of services to our members, and two are actually relevant for the broader community, that is we provide policy news, statistics and industry analysis, most of that is public. And we are also a voice for ccTLDs. And this is what is relevant for this group.

We are a Brussels-based organization, and we are organized along working groups. So CENTR is a general assembly, but then we have six working groups that focus on ccTLD-specific issues. Too detailed for you to see, but one of the pillars of our service to members is also advocacy, and that translates into trainings and policy work, which my colleague, Polina will give you a quick update in a minute.

Team, currently of six, and typically, I don't present this, but because we have two new team members, one of them is Polina, our policy advisor who's on my left, and we have a new communications manager as well.

When I'm mentioning that at CENTR, we provide a service that is useful to the broader community, then I hope this slide [inaudible]. So a lot of that is based on data that we collect across the region, and so for all our sister organizations, but also policymakers, it's quite important that we make that information available.

Referring to the joke I made earlier, but for instance on WHOIS, we have a very thorough and detailed view on how European ccTLDs have come to solutions implementing the GDPR, and it is quite helpful to share in environments like ICANN.

Library, amongst other things, reports research and – apologies for the slides here. Yes, and this is a short advertorial. After every ICANN meeting, we provide the community with a report on that, so feel free to subscribe on our website to receive those. We do the same for RIPE and IETF. And now I'll hand it over to Polina to briefly talk about policy work and outreach.

POLINA MALAJA:

Thank you. Good afternoon, everybody. As Peter has already briefly mentioned, I'm Polina and I'm a new policy advisor at CENTR. In terms of policy work, I am responsible for monitoring and identifying the important initiatives on the EU level that might affect ccTLDs in

particular, but also other actors in the DNS infrastructure. And some of the files that we are currently monitoring and are engaged are particular cybersecurity. That is E-evidence, big file on our radar together with EU Cybersecurity Act, so these are the proposals that have not been finalized yet and are currently being negotiated between the co-legislators. And we also monitor and engage in NIS directive implementation amongst member state.

Privacy also remains a big topic for policy work. GDPR of course ongoing and the aftermath of it and how it influences CCs are something that we are working on. And there is also some other initiatives on the privacy that GDPR has affected, and that is particularly privacy and directive and also a privacy shield that is bilateral agreement between U.S. and EU. Next slide.

We are also engaging with the stakeholders and decisionmakers in Brussels in particular to raise awareness and provide training on Internet in general and DNS in particular for EU institutions, and we will be obviously very busy in the coming year because of the new European Parliament elections and the new appointment of the commission next year.

We also provide trainings, usually at IGF or EuroDIG, but this year, we won't have a training in Paris but we would like to continue that, obviously, for next year. And we also engage in the working groups, with Internet and jurisdiction, where we also work with other actors to raise awareness and come up with the common solutions. So thank you very much.

PETER VAN ROSTE: Thanks, Polina. I think in particular on the areas of training and awareness, there is lots that we as European organizations can do to synchronize on that. I know that ISOC has been providing excellent trainings in Brussels, so – [Olof] was there a couple of months ago. RIPE is obviously doing the same. I think we all have probably somehow identified a group of stakeholders that we focus on, law enforcement for instance in particular, and syncing that, I think, would be a great opportunity for this group. Thanks so much.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. Indeed, that's a very good point. We've discussed this in this previous forum, and Peter and I for instance presented jointly to the European Commission's DG Connect last year I think it was on how the Internet works, basically, and I think there's a lot of opportunities to do more.

And I think if you look at an obvious – we've mentioned this before, an obvious similarity between the presentations that you've just heard is that all of us are starting to look at legislation that's being developed at EU level which might have an impact on the technical layer of the Internet that we take care of. And awareness raising and outreach is particularly important, and sharing our technical knowledge on a neutral basis with a number of stakeholders is particularly important.

So I think we should – I mean we could start it today, but generally, I think we need to exchange more and more, see how we could partner,

and this is a message not just for the organizations but for all of you in the room who have specialist knowledge that might help inform stakeholders in Brussels and around the region on all these topics like cybersecurity, like privacy, or even more [realistically,] E-evidence, it's very important now to start informing the stakeholders who are about to take important decisions that will affect the Internet for a long time.

The floor is open for any questions to CENTR or generally to pick up on any of the points that we raised before we move on to the next speaker. Please don't be shy. Rachel, please. And if you could just introduce yourself.

RACHEL POLLACK:

Yes. Rachel Pollack with UNESCO. And I apologize, I was just able to come in, so if I'm repeating what's already been said, forgive me for that. [Right to have forgotten what was said before.] UNESCO is based in Paris, and so we are physically located within Europe although we are international territory and not subject to the laws of the EU, including the GDPR, apparently, but also, of course, Europe is one of the regional groups within UNESCO. There are actually two groups [that are Europe.]

And we have been quite active, of course globally at the Internet Governance Forum which will take place at UNESCO in November, but also at EuroDIG for a number of years and have organized sessions and events. And so I don't think we're listed on that group, we're certainly not considered technical organization. Also –

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: [inaudible]. That's just the list of speakers.

RACHEL POLLACK: Oh, that's just the list of speakers. Okay, so you forgot to invite me as a speaker. Just kidding. Okay, I'm taking the floor for too long. Basically, what I wanted to say is all of these, from the little bit that I heard, and I think the shared commitment to capacity building and raising awareness and kind of commitment to free and open, human rights-based, accessible, multi-stakeholder Internet is one that is really valued by all of our organizations around the table and also very much by UNESCO. And so I would just encourage you to – if many – we're working with many already, including ICANN and the Internet Society and EuroDIG, but for others to think about ways – and I think the upcoming IGF in Paris is one opportunity to do that, and so if you would be interested in either speaking with me or with our assistant director general for communication information, I know he wanted to come here this week, and it was unfortunately at the same time as our global media and information literacy week – we have many international weeks and international days – so he sent me to convey the message that we want to engage more and we're very much open and looking for your insights and ideas and potential collaboration. Thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you very much, Rachel. I'll certainly take you up on doing more with you guys, and indeed, you've been involved for many years in

national IGFs and European IGFs. Thank you for that. And it's good to have an intergovernmental organization joining our multi-stakeholder discussions. Thank you. Just to stress that, and you've been very supportive of the model, which is so important. Thank you.

Okay, any reactions or other thoughts? Okay. Yes, Sandra, please.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hi, Rachel. Since we are in the [glad] situation to have our IGF, the upcoming in the UNESCO premises, are there any activities in particular that you're planning apart from the sessions that you usually organize or the open forums? I mean not you, I mean UNESCO, of course.

RACHEL POLLACK: Sorry, I was going to make a joke about I am – the king [inaudible] and whatever, but no, UNESCO [inaudible]. That was a joke. Yes, and I didn't plant this question, but I'm so glad that you asked it because I forgot to say.

Besides the ones that are on the schedule – and you'll see there's the UNESCO open forum, there's also a workshop on artificial intelligence which is the buzzword that has also caught UNESCO's attention recently, artificial intelligence, human rights and sustainable development goals, and then we're having one workshop on preventing violent extremism.

And after the IGF, on November 15th, we will have a day of open discussions and partnerships with the Internet Society and the Mozilla

Foundation on artificial intelligence, a full day of looking at what is the impact of AI on freedom of expression, on access to information, on the connection between the Internet universality indicators project that you've probably heard about from UNESCO staff at every Internet governance meeting of recent memory, and the link between that and AI.

And as you speak, and unless – I think I don't see it on the list – European Summer School on Internet Governance. Perhaps you spoke already, but that is the most fantastic – I didn't pass out the flyers, but I am a self-appointed goodwill ambassador of EuroSSIG [inaudible]. Completely changed my career and my life, and lots of new friends, some of them are around the table. Looking at you, Olivier and Sandra. So thank you for the question, and see you in Paris.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you very much, Rachel. I'm just reminded, although it's slightly off topic, that for those of you that are lucky enough to have any time this week in Barcelona, Barcelona is home to, I think, seven UNESCO world heritage sites. So culturally, if you're interested, and beauties. Anyway, time to move on. Thank you very much, Rachel, again.

Now, the chair of ISOC England has got several hats. One of them is that he's slightly involved in EURALO. So, Olivier, please introduce yourself and introduce [EURALO.]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking, and I'm indeed the chair of EURALO, hence the glasses. Different person than the person before. Yes, EURALO is the European At-Large Organization, it's one of the five geographically delimited regional At-Large organizations that are all part of the At-Large and At-Large Advisory Committee, which is the part of ICANN that brings the input of end users into the ICANN processes.

Our region spans from western Europe all the way into Russia and eastern Europe, which means that actually, we do have one additional person from GSE that deals with the region, which is Alexandra Kulikova for Russia. We do not cover the countries that are south of Russia, that's to do with the UN way of delimiting things. So Georgia and Armenia and Azerbaijan are not included in our region.

It is quite a large region and very diverse region to have. We have At-Large structures as members, so they can be any kind of organization that deals directly with end users. Many ISOC chapters are At-Large structures, but we have a number of other organizations as well, 37 of these organizations. We also have over 50 individual members, and if you are interested in – and I think I can do some selling, can't I, here? If you're interested in becoming an individual member, you go to individualusers.org and you'll have all the information that you need for this.

Now, what do we do? Well, effectively, the At-Large community has a number of functions, but the main one is to advise on pretty much everything and anything that takes place at ICANN. So we'll respond to

public comments, we also get involved directly in policy development work taking place in the GNSO, the EPDP, the Subsequent Procedures PDP, etc. A lot of work goes on in that. So that's the main focus of our work.

We also, as I said, with the public comments, we follow the budget process, a number of things that take place. I think majority of you know what I'm talking about. But anyway, I thought I'd mention it for those people that are newcomers here.

Now, the other thing of course is we're also involved with external processes. One of the things is our members participating in national, regional and the global IGF since they are very much active in Internet governance as well. We as the organization, EURALO is a founder member in EuroDIG, and you'll hear about EuroDIG in a moment from Sandra, that's the European – I couldn't say, is it the European IGF? Yeah, slight nod from Sandra. Okay, European IGF.

We also have an MoU for collaboration with RIPE NCC that you've heard about earlier, and that's actually allowed me to go down to Marseilles earlier this year and attend a RIPE meeting, and I think we might repeat this experience in the future with other members. Actually, some of our members are members of RIPE or work for organizations that are RIPE members, so it's kind of interesting, everyone has got several hats, not only just me.

We're currently working to have an MoU with CENTR as well. other regions have MoUs with both their regional Internet registry and also with their regional top-level domain ccTLD organization. And finally, we

have a general assembly coming up later on today at 5:00 PM in room 116, which is the ALAC room. I can't promise that it will be exciting. It will be interesting, I guess, for those people that want to learn a bit more about EURALO. We will have some brochures and pins and things like that, but it's a general assembly, so there'll be a lot of procedural things. But it's a good way to meet stakeholders, we've got quite a number of people that are attending directly there. So I think I'll stop here, and I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. So I'm planning to attend the EURALO general assembly, but you didn't exactly sell it, Olivier. Come on, it's going to be really exciting, isn't it?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I've read articles about fake news recently, and I'm a little concerned that it gets thrown back in your face at the end. And news travel very fast at ICANN.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Fair enough. But yes, EURALO is one of the more active regional organizations contributing to ICANN and bringing the local voice into our global discussion. So thank you very much for all your efforts. Okay, I think it's a very nice segue into Sandra to tell us more about the upcoming EuroDIG. Thank you.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Thank you, Jean-Jacques. Sandra Hoferichter speaking for the record. [It was mentioned already] EuroDIG many times, so I think I can be a bit brief. Many of the people in the room know about it and are involved in it, and I would actually like to thank all of those who put efforts into it, also CENTR that is constantly offering capacity building, and all the supporters of EuroDIG.

So, just looking back very quickly, and all of what I say is also summarized in the messages of Tbilisi you know that our format of submitting the outcome not only to the global IGF but also to the policymakers within Europe [are the messages.] You can get some brochures if you want. Rainer and myself will have some copies, so let us know.

This year's EuroDIG was taking place in Tbilisi, and we were really overwhelmed from the number of registrations we received that we had to close the registration earlier. We had to stop at 850 registrations knowing that not 850 people will be at the same time in the same room but it was way beyond our capacity. So we had to close that early, and this was really surprising for a relatively small country with not even 4 million inhabitants.

What were the topics at EuroDIG? Just to mention the most important ones, one really [impressive and tiny] project is the Tusheti project where a really remote area was connected with the Internet. ISOC was also very engaged in that project, and this is really a project the whole world can look at as a sort of best practice example.

Then of course we talked about IoT, artificial intelligence, blockchain. They have quite an industry there in this country, so this was also a big topic. And then we also looked at what happened or what should happen with the global IGF 15 years after the WSIS process started, and I think this discussion will continue throughout the year and beyond.

For next year, the host was identified and will take place in The Hague in The Netherlands. The Netherlands, and particularly The Hague is the city of peace and justice, and in the future, possibly also the city of cybersecurity or cyber peace. I have the little leaflets here. It will take place on 19th and 20th of June with a day zero for pre-events, and I would like to invite you to participate in the call for issues that is now open. It's a joint call for issues together with our colleagues from the Southeastern European Dialog on Internet Governance, and I would like to remind you that differently than at the IGF, at the two fora, you do not submit workshop proposals, you submit issues only. It's really easy, you can submit a proposal within five minutes.

You don't have to mention speaker. You of course can propose people that might be invited, but you really have to just let us know what you think should be discussed and if you would be willing to participate in the setup of any session. We will then come up with a draft program by beginning of January, and we will invite for our public planning meeting where everyone who is interested is invited. That takes place on 15th of January in The Hague. The registration for this will be open at the beginning of December, and we will also of course promote the call for issues and open planning meeting when we are present with our booth at the global IGF.

And then throughout the year, the participatory process of working collaboratively to organize a session will start. We will also organize a youth program again, we call it the YouthDIG in reference to the EuroDIG. It helps the young generation to prepare for the discussion at EuroDIG, and we really hope that – or we are actually convinced that with The Hague and the government of The Hague, it's the ministry of economics, but also the city of The Hague is very much involved. We had a kickoff meeting already, and they are really keen and they are really looking forward to welcome the European community.

And I think with The Hague, we can hopefully set another milestone and improve our way of submitting the outcomes to not only the other global IGFs or the national IGFs, but also to the policymaker so that the messages in the future can really – are being recognized and make a difference also when it comes to legislation that policymakers are really taking into account what is going to be discussed at these fora. And I will stop here, and I'm happy to answer your question. And please ask us for these brochures. We don't want to take them home.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you very much, Sandra. And Magali has just posted the link to the call for issues on the Adobe chat, so it's open until the 30th of November. So it's EuroDIG.org, and indeed, it's hosted at a world forum in The Hague, so The Hague is home to 150 international organizations and many more international bodies, and it's next door to Europol and not far from Interpol, next door to the Office for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which has got a really secure Wi-Fi system for those

that know. It should be a really good session, so indeed could be a great milestone. And with that, I'll pass on to Sorina to give us a few words about EuroDIG's little sister so to speak.

SORINA TELEANU: Thank you, Jean-Jacques. I was actually wondering myself whether we are a sister or a brother, but you clarified that for us.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Sorry, I should be gender neutral.

SORINA TELEANU: Definitely sister. Okay, that's now very clear. Hello, everyone. I'm Sorina Telenau, I'm part of the executive committee of SEEDIG, which is the Southeastern European Dialog on Internet Governance, the little sister of EuroDIG focused on Southeastern Europe and their neighboring area.

As a sub-regional IGF initiative, we do annual meetings. We have had four annual meetings so far, and our fifth one, our anniversary one is going to be held in next May in Bucharest in Romania, and it's going to be linked a bit with the fact that Romania is holding the presidency of the EU Council, so we're trying to look a bit into linkages between EU countries, western Balkans and eastern partnerships. So we'll see how that works.

As Sandra mentioned, we had the joint call for issues, so we kindly invite you and I reiterate her invitation to submit topics. You can submit one

for both meetings, so no need to do that twice if you have the same topic for both events. And the preparatory process is more or less similar to the one that EuroDIG is having with the exception that we don't have a face-to-face preparatory meeting, we just meet online and discuss how we build the program since our community is considerably smaller, I would say.

In addition to the annual meeting, we also have what we call capacity development programs. Before each annual meeting, we have a youth school which is focused on really young students, university students and master's students from our region. We try to get them involved into these Internet governance digital policy processes without them being scared of the fancy terms. And we also have a fellowship program, and we have some of our fellows around in this room for people that are somehow engaged in this area but whom we would want to be more engaged into our regional activities.

And then we also have a plan on working on more intersessional activities between two annual meetings. For example, we have a monthly [SEE summary] we call it. Each month, a team of volunteer editors, they put together news from our region, digital policy-related, like cybersecurity laws adopted in a country or some cybercrime incidents happening somewhere around the region. And those are published at the end of each month. We try to promote them as good as we can, but we do also invite you to have a look, and maybe you'll find them useful. Again, we just try to keep track of what happens in our region in terms of digital policy.

And then in preparation for your next meeting, we're going to try a sort of roadshow around the region. With the support of our partners, the Internet Society, ICANN, RIPE, we'll look a bit into what are the main topics that are of interest with the local communities, have some small workshops with them, and then also use that as sort of a way to promote SEEDIG. And hopefully, that will work well and we will strengthen our community and also raise more awareness about the issues we are discussing. And that would be it. Thank you. If there are any questions, happy to answer.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Okay. Thank you very much, and that just reminds me, you might have noticed on the CENTR slides photos of one of the new board members of ICANN who's a board member of CENTR, Danko Jevtovic from the region, from Serbia. So we've been very glad to see the southeastern community really rise up in recent years, and if you look around actually in this meeting here in Barcelona, there's a lot of people from the sub-region. So I think EuroDIG and SEEDIG have done a great job in doing exactly what we were talking about before, which is not just raise awareness but provide a platform to get people interested and involved in our Internet technical discussions. So thank you very much, both of you.

Okay, we're coming to the end of our set of updates from the various Internet technical organizations. So it's an open exchange, it's really for any issues, any questions, any comments from our European

stakeholders. Please, the floor is open. [inaudible] please raise your hand or [inaudible].

ALEXANDER ISAVNIN:

Alexander Isavnin from Russian Federation. [inaudible] community members. Thank you for your updates, but let me criticize it a bit, so I will bring you negative things, not so positive. I will present my view from Russia of all this engagement. I'm participate in communities of different communities for many times, and what I see are – maybe I don't understand what engagement [word] translates well. What I see, it's a great cross-pollination.

You see all these organizations like ICANN, RIPE, ISOC, ccTLDs, and I think you do not engage outer communities. ISOC participates in RIPE NCC events and ICANN participates in RIPE NCC events. RIPE NCC participates in ccTLD events and so on. It was real fun at Russian IGF this year, but [then academia, again with Russian IGF,] maybe some Russian issues could be discussed. But academia was presented by Dr. Kleinwaechter. Technical community was presented by Chris Buckridge from RIPE NCC while Russia has great technical community. And civil society was represented – I don't remember exactly whom, by [inaudible] from ISOC or maybe Alexandra Kulikova from ICANN. So from our point of view, it looks like cross-pollination. You're participating in the same events of each other, not involving greater community.

Also, I would like to ask you not to participate in closed events. I would like to bring you an example from Eastern European DNS Forum in

Belorussia. It was a great two-day event, but at the end of the first event when the people wanted to communicate to you ICANN people, to i-star people, all i-star people went to ccTLD [inaudible] closed party. ICANN, ISOC, RIPE NCC, and the people from local community [were standing and] looking, “What's going on?” Okay, [inaudible] tomorrow will be an open party for everyone. But all i-star people [went] home after lunch because it was Friday and they wanted to be home. So if you are participating in closed parties, you are not engaging.

What else I could mention? Okay, you are very proud of engaging governmental organizations from Brussels and whatever else. Let me bring you fine example. Göran Marby participated in a meeting [inaudible] deputy minister at [inaudible] this year. Please look at who's participating at high level governmental meetings. That's a person five levels below minister. So maybe you should not focus very much on those governmental things and engage more people from community.

So, and the last point – but I think most [hardest of the critiques,] Tusheti project is a great thing. I'm really proud that [they're a country] where you can do such things. But I know people who did it on the land in Georgia. I have great feeling that I heard about this project from more ISOC and [other] people reporting about it than people actually participating on the land. It was done a year ago, please tell us about more projects. Distribute this experience.

So please don't just report about engagement in each other. Do more things, involve more community, more people. Thank you very much.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you, Alexander. And yeah, I will definitely pass the floor. Just to mention this meeting is for the Europe region as defined in ICANN GSC, which does not include eastern Europe and central Asia, which is lead by my colleague, Alexandra Kulikova. So for instance the Eastern European DNS Forum would be, sadly, outside the region. Just to be clear. Yes. But please, colleagues – as for cross-pollination, we try to cross-pollinate with others and we would love to do more. [inaudible] Others want to react.

FREDERIC DONCK: Actually, let me tell you, independently of the fact that you presented this as a criticism [inaudible], you are an optimist and a great guy, because you asked for more. So thank you. I mean you recognize that we should do more, and we love to do more. So I love receiving the kind of attention that you give us.

And very seriously, yes, we keep engaging other communities, refer to some project that have been done to just give an examples, but we are, as you know, in Kirgizstan and other countries, and we try to promote what we do in other countries. Community network is one of the examples. Thank you for your support.

PETER VAN ROSTE: Yes, I think it's a fair comment. For CENTR, obviously, when we talk about our outreach and our training, what we did not cover is the outreach and training or engagement that our members do on a national level. And we do not have a mandate nor the capacity to

actually make that broader or on a more granular level. But rest assured, and I'm sure you are aware, that ccTLDs do do that on a national level. But obviously, this is not included in this summary.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE:

Thanks. I'll respect that Russia is not the topic we're here to discuss, but I think it's probably worth noting that my presentation didn't actually include a lot of the technical training and other capacity building work that we do. And oversight on my part, but there's an awful lot to cram into a very short presentation. But no, I think – yeah, it's easy to focus a bit too much on some of the other tech community events, particularly in a context like this ICANN meeting, but we're definitely doing a lot of engagement directly with our members, with the technical community and with various other technical community groups and organizations. And as Frederic said, we're always happy to hear support for doing more and using sort of the funds that we have from our members to build on that outreach even more. Yeah, so thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Yeah. So I think we're in agreement with the sentiment, I think, Alexander, which is that we need to go beyond these existing communities and reach out to others. [So I think – do you want to – so you come back and then – please.]

ALEXANDER ISAVNIN: Okay, and you are not alone. So we're ready to help you, just don't forget that there are people outside already saturated community. Just go outside. Thanks.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. It was a very well-made point. Thank you, Alexander. Let me check if there is anyone else who would like to add a comment or ask question. Herb, yes. I've already told people to read the policy.

HERB WAYE: I know. Thank you very much for this opportunity, Jean-Jacques, to introduce myself. [inaudible] And that's just kind of limited to Buenos Dias, no problema, and you know cerveza, por favor. My name is Herb Waye, I'm the ICANN Ombudsman, and I just wanted to take a brief couple of seconds to say hello, show you my face, and also mention that I'm finally getting the opportunity to come and visit professionally the region. I will be attending the IGF in Paris this year, and in the week prior to that, I will be joining the team from Brussels to work out of their office for a couple of days and get to know the region and the people that are involved in it a little bit better.

So I just wanted to say hello, and as participants in the ICANN community and the multi-stakeholder model, I am available to any and all of you for anything you may require or assistance you might need, or if you just want to drop in to my office before the end of the meeting. I'm from Canada and I have maple cookies, so please, just drop in to say

hi if nothing else. But thank you again for this opportunity, and I wish you a great day, a great evening at the gala tonight if you go.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you, Herb. So just to repeat that, the door of the ombudsman is open, and he's very happy to be contacted on pretty much any topic. Really, don't hesitate. I think he likes to be bothered. So, thank you for that. Other comments or questions from anyone?

ADAM PEAK: Thank you. Sorry for that. Adam Peake, ICANN, and I work in Europe, but my remit is global doing civil society engagement. But I wanted to mention something we've been thinking about the European region as we think about the next ICANN meeting because we have this wonderful ongoing cycle.

So the ICANN 64 meeting in Kobe, which will be in March next year, and it may be more difficult for European stakeholders to attend, so we're planning to hold a preparatory session or a session that would be online, of course, for anyone within the European region to get an idea of what will be happening in Kobe, the policy issues that will be discussed, so on and so forth, the agenda that will be there.

Of course, it would be hopefully useful for anybody who's attending in person but also for anyone who won't be able to attend to get an idea of what will be discussed and the opportunities for remote participation. And then following that, we'll do what many of the ICANN

regions do and countries do, which is hold a readout session, which again, I think, would probably be beset to be held online.

And the notion of readout sessions is that a few weeks or a month after the ICANN meeting has taken place, then ICANN staff and regional stakeholders, which I think would be probably inviting the same people who are here today, so CENTR and RIPE and ISOC and so on, and community members, to say what they experienced at that meeting to try and give a flavor of the meeting to those who were not able to attend.

And it is an extremely long flight to Kobe. And anybody who's going, I used to live in Japan, so I can give you some advice on things to do and not to do which are probably more fun. So that will be coming out. There'll be news about that in the future, but something that we've not done in Europe but will start to do, particularly for Kobe, and it's opportune given the distance and the cost of attending for many of us. So thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you. Can I ask if there are any more questions or comments from anyone? So let me maybe offer just some recap before I thank everyone. I think [we got to] to see there's actually a lot of outreach and engagement being conducted by our community around Europe, which I think is wonderful.

But also, what we heard for instance from Peter and from Alexander and others is that we can probably join forces more often, for instance

in terms of training, and that's true for both the Internet technical organizations themselves but also our stakeholders, many of whom have got a lot of expertise, in many cases much more expertise than I do.

So I would certainly welcome more interactions with all of you if you have ideas for training for engagement, or to Alexander's point for instance, if you've got ideas for groups that we could [use for the reach out to,] we'd love to hear from you. And I think that's probably it.

All of our organizations publish some really useful information, policy updates from [various of you,] great reports from CENTR on IDNs and other stuff. So keep updated. You can subscribe to various mailing lists. Do not hesitate to reach out to us here, and in the meantime, to reach us, it's europa@icann.org.

With that, I want to thank very much all of you, RIPE, ISOC, CENTR, EURALO, EuroDIG, SEEDIG, and I'll see you – well, in Barcelona the rest of this week, and maybe in Brussels or elsewhere in Europe, and until Kobe. So with that, thank you all very much. See you soon.

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