

EUROPE REGIONAL REPORT

1 JULY 2019 - 30 JUNE 2020



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Year at a Glance — Timeline

2019

7-8 October

The 19th meeting of the ICANN-Studienkreis took place in Lisbon, Portugal, with the participation of ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby and members of the ICANN Board.

25-29 November

Members of the ICANN Board, community, and organization **participated** in the 14th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Berlin, Germany.

2020

13 January

Chris Mondini was **appointed** Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Europe and Managing Director for the Brussels, Belgium office.

20 February

ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman shared his ideas for a better Internet at the Domain Pulse 2020 event in Innsbruck, Austria.

13 March

ICANN org **announced** The Hague, Netherlands, as the location for the ICANN74 Policy Forum, to be held from 13-16 June 2022.

3 April

As part of a new series of Government Engagement publications, ICANN org issued its **European Union (EU) Policy Update** providing an analysis of EU policy, initiatives, and proposed legislation of potential relevance to the ICANN community.

9 April

The first European Stakeholder Assembly, “The Domain Name System in the Time of COVID-19: A Technical Perspective” **took place** with over 200 participants.

19 May

ICANN org **announced** the successful completion of String Evaluation of the proposed Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) string for Israel.

4 June

The second European Stakeholder Assembly, “ICANN and Intergovernmental Organizations: Topics in Internet Governance at IGOs” **took place**, featuring presentations by Government Engagement team members.

Regional Highlights

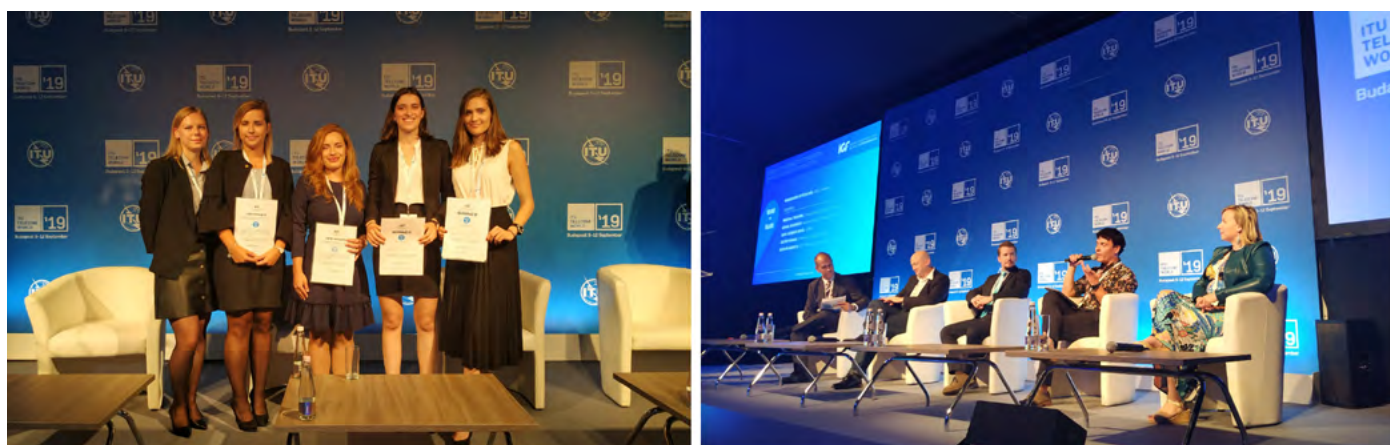
CONTINUATION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

ICANN org continues to strengthen relationships with European stakeholders active in the ICANN community, such as members of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators, contracted parties, and Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee (SO/AC) groups. At the same time, ICANN seeks to raise awareness of its Mission and open policy development model, while working hard to avoid overwhelming newcomers with the amount of information and acronyms.

The best way to meet these engagement goals and to reach the objectives outlined in the FY21–25 Strategic Plan is through regular interaction, ranging from bilateral meetings to training to webinars.

A number of technical and nontechnical trainings, plus a newly inaugurated series of online Stakeholder Assemblies made up the majority of these events, with ICANN participation in various Internet Governance Forums and domain name-related gatherings making up the rest. In all cases, ICANN org sought a balanced approach to reach business, civil society, government representatives, Internet users, and technical experts.

ICANN SUPPORTS FIRST INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM IN HUNGARY



On 12 September 2019, Hungary hosted its first regional Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The Hungarian Scientific Association for Infocommunications (HTE), the ICT Association of Hungary (IVSZ), and the Ministry of Innovation and Technology organized the event.

This inaugural event started from ICANN org’s suggestion to bring the multistakeholder experience to the Hungarian Internet community. ICANN org’s commitment to provide support helped to push this idea into realization, with the objective to bring the full experience of multistakeholder engagement to the local Internet communities, and facilitate discussions on the latest Internet governance issues.

ICANN org is pleased that the Hungarian hosts took up the suggestion enthusiastically. An interesting program was put together, including topics such as the future of the Internet in Central and Eastern Europe, artificial intelligence, and the security and protection of youth online. The organizing team declared the event a clear success, especially for the first event of its kind.

Capacity-Development Activities in Europe

Note: The FY20 training calendar was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

ICANN org provided DNS Network Security and DNSSEC training to the European community.

TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ICANN org collaborated with European law enforcement on DNS security training.

TRAINING FOR NONTECHNICAL COMMUNITY

The org also regularly helps to build capacity for the community such as accredited registrars and registry operators. In addition, ICANN org engaged with government and civil society for training that is relevant to these sectors.

Total number of workshops in FY20:

8

Total number of workshops in FY19:

7

Total number of workshops in FY20:

7

Total number of workshops in FY19:

4

Total number of workshops in FY20:

3

Total number of workshops in FY19:

5

Europe Community Leaders

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Janis Karklins — EPDP Phase 2, Chair

Erika Mann — CCWG New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group, Co-Chair

Petter Rindforth — PDP Curative Rights Protections for IGO/INGOs, Chair

Thomas Rickert — Protection of International Organization Names in All gTLDs, Chair

Cathrin Bauer-Bulst — GAC Public Safety Working Group, Co-Chair

UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE STEERING GROUP LEADERS

Dusan Stojicevic — UASG, Vice Chair

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