



# EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL REPORT

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# LETTER FROM THE GLOBAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

This year has been a productive period broadening the engagement efforts with the Eastern European and Central Asian community, building a dialogue with diverse groups of stakeholders, and enhancing awareness about ICANN's mission. This report presents an overview of these efforts and community participation in ICANN across this region through FY19.

The ICANN community in Eastern Europe and Central Asia continues to be active in the local and regional Internet Governance Forums (IGFs). National IGFs have also evolved, bringing into the discussion the most acute and sensitive issues related to the developments and challenges to Internet governance. ICANN org has been a long-time supporter of the national IGFs, and has focused on enhancing the dialogue with stakeholders in this region, including local ccTLD registries, registrars, and governments to learn about their needs and build the regional strategy accordingly.

It is rewarding to see new actors emerging, becoming members of various ICANN constituencies, and contributing to the multistakeholder model. Thank you to the community for helping make this fiscal year successful.

Sincerely,

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## YEAR AT A GLANCE - TIMELINE



## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### FLAGSHIP EVENT BRINGS THE REGION TOGETHER



The Eastern European DNS Forum (EEDNSF) is part of ICANN org's regional engagement efforts to collaborate with stakeholders and raise awareness on issues related to the DNS.

The third EEDNSF, held on 3-4 December 2018 in Moscow, Russian Federation, was a joint venture with regional community leaders to develop a platform that brings together the regional stakeholders annually for knowledge-sharing within and beyond the regional DNS community.

**[Read more about the EEDNSF.](#)**

This Forum will continue across the region, visiting different local communities and enriching its participants with new perspectives and ideas each year.

## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR REGISTRARS AND REGISTRIES



A training for ICANN-accredited registrars, “Get Engaged in ICANN - Seminar for Registrars”, was held on 6 June 2019 in Moscow, Russian Federation. This initiative was a result of discussions with the registrar community who asked to learn more about key DNS issues.

In addition, Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) trainings were held in Georgia and Uzbekistan to promote measures enhancing security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet’s unique identifier system:

- On 24-25 April 2019, a DNSSEC training was held as part of a DNS Workshop in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, for the .uz and .af registries. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD) and it was the first ICANN capacity-development activity held in Uzbekistan.
- On 6 May 2019, a DNSSEC training was held for the .ge Registry in Tbilisi, Georgia, providing insight into DNSSEC design choices and project planning for DNSSEC signing.

## ICANN CONSTITUENCIES WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM THE REGION

**ICANN | ISPCP**

Internet Service Providers & Connectivity Providers



**NCUC** Noncommercial  
Users Constituency

FY19 saw some new regional organizations joining ICANN community constituencies such as:

- Qrator Labs, which became the first Russian member of the Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers (ISPCP).
- The Internet Protection Society, which joined the Noncommercial Users Constituency (NCUC), becoming the first Russian public organization to be a member of NCUC.

## REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

ICANN | ccNSO

COUNTRY CODE NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION










**7 out of 172**  
ccTLD members are from EECA

Regional SO leaders

Maxim Alzoba  
GNSO councilor

ICANN | GNSO

GENERIC NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

<p>GNSO COUNCIL</p>  <p><b>1 out of 23</b> councilors is from EECA</p>	<p>REGISTRARS STAKEHOLDER GROUP (RRSG)</p>  <p><b>2 out of 100</b> member registrars are from EECA</p>	<p>REGISTRIES STAKEHOLDER GROUP (RYSG)</p>  <p><b>1 out of 83</b> member registry operators is from EECA</p>
<p>INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CONNECTIVITY PROVIDERS CONSTITUENCY (ISPCP)</p>  <p><b>2 out of 62</b> members are from EECA</p>	<p>NONCOMMERCIAL USERS CONSTITUENCY (NCUC)</p>  <p><b>7 out of 151</b> organizational members are from EECA</p>  <p><b>4 out of 604</b> individual members are from EECA</p>	<p>NOT-FOR-PROFIT OPERATIONAL CONCERNS CONSTITUENCY (NPOC)</p>  <p><b>4 out of 96</b> members are from EECA</p>

## REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : ADVISORY COMMITTEES

### AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



5 At-Large Structures and 2 individual members across 3 countries and territories in Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO).

4 At-Large Structures and 7 individual members across 2 countries and territories in European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO).

### ICANN | GAC

#### GOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**10 out of 12**

countries and territories in the EECA region are GAC members

### ICANN | SSAC

#### SECURITY AND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**1 out of 39**

members is from EECA

### Regional AC leaders

**Lianna Galstyan**  
APRALO Vice Chair

**Natalia Filina**  
EURALO Secretariat  
(active starting in November 2019)

## REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : INTERNATIONALIZED DOMAIN NAMES



### Internationalized Domain Names

Here is an update on current Script Generation Panels across Eastern Europe and Central Asia:

Forming	Working	Finalizing	Integrated
			Armenian
			Georgian
			Cyrillic

## CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN EECA

### TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

Total number of workshops:

**2**

Number of participants:

**40**

### TRAINING FOR NON-TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

Total number of workshops:

**1**

Number of participants:

**26**

### TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Total number of workshops:

**1**

Number of participants:

**25**



## LOOKING AHEAD

FY19 was a period full of engagement activities in the region. Community members from several countries and territories highlighted certain needs specific to Eastern Europe and Central Asia. In FY20, ICANN org will continue to build on these engagement efforts and work on capacity development to meet the needs of the regional stakeholders.

Raising awareness about ICANN org's mission, strategy, and the multistakeholder model of governance within the broader Internet community will be key drivers. Another FY20 goal is to help strengthen DNS security and evolution of the unique identifier systems in collaboration with the stakeholders. This is aligned with ICANN's strategic plan.

To achieve this, regional teams will better localize and tailor efforts, focusing on the needs of different stakeholder groups, and bring in ICANN org expertise to support regional Internet communities. This will include events dedicated to DNS security, DNS hygiene, and DNSSEC. One of the main regional activities in FY20 was the fourth Eastern European DNS Forum, which took place in October 2019 in Yerevan, Armenia.

Along with other stakeholders, ICANN org will continue to engage with regional governments to help them participate more effectively in ICANN-related discussions and build on existing cooperation to preserve the safety, security, and interoperability of the Internet for the benefit of all users.

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