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EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL REPORT

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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Technical Engagement in Central Asia

Central Asian countries are rapidly developing the digital environment and are highly concerned about the stability, security, and resiliency of their Internet infrastructure. To meet this need, ICANN has been holding a series of workshops, webinars, and intensive working discussions about new IMRS instances, DNSSEC, Identifier Technology Health Indicators , and Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR). These training sessions allowed the local DNS community to get information about best practices and to take some major steps toward a stable and secure Internet.

Academic Engagement and Raising Awareness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model

Raising awareness about the ICANN multistakeholder model has always been an important part of ICANN's mission. Engagement with the academic community helped to reach students of regional universities and schools of Internet governance and to give lectures about the ICANN mission, DNS basics, and the multistakeholder model in internet governance. This ensures ICANN's visibility among wider stakeholder groups, helps to bring newcomers to ICANN, and strengthens awareness about Internet governance principles.

Adjusting ICANN Engagement Strategy to Rapidly Changing World

With the rapidly changing geopolitical situation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, it is extremely important to monitor and track all changes in local legislation and regulation initiatives that might affect ICANN's mission. Policy webinars and open discussions about the latest in the field of Internet regulation helped ICANN org understand more about the latest trends and developments in order to effectively adjust policy development, technical and engagement activities to the changing environment.

EVENTS AND PROJECTS

This table lists ICANN org's events and projects in Eastern Europe and Central Asia throughout FY22, organized by how the activities furthered ICANN's strategic objectives and goals.

EVENTS	PROJECTS
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1: STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THE DNS AND THE DNS ROOT SERVER SYSTEM	
Goal 1.1: Improve the shared responsibility for upholding the security and stability of the DNS by strengthening DNS coordination in partnership with relevant stakeholders	
• DNSSEC training and adoption for .uz ccTLD. • DNSSEC signing ceremony and a conference devoted to it. • The Belarus ccTLD (.by) was transferred from Reliable Software, Ltd. to Belarusian Cloud Technologies LLC. • ICANN org delivered a virtual lecture for St. Petersburg State University on ICANN and multistakeholder model of internet governance.	
Goal 1.2: Strengthen DNS root server operations governance in coordination with the DNS root server operators	
The root server operations training webinar held with RIPE NCC specialists about key Internet infrastructure elements revealed the importance of having a root instance and IPv6 connectivity. The webinar was held for the Uzbekistan DNS community.	
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ICANN'S MULTISTAKEHOLDER MODEL OF GOVERNANCE	
Goal 2.1: Strengthen ICANN's bottom-up multistakeholder decision-making process and ensure that work gets done and policies are developed in an effective and timely manner	
Engaged multiple stakeholders in a dialogue on Internet governance at the Armenian IGF and presented opportunities to actively participate in ICANN.	
Goal 2.2: Support and grow active, informed, and effective stakeholder participation	
• Organized Internet Measurement Days in Armenia and Georgia In cooperation with RIPE NCC. • Held lectures at Summer School of Internet Governance in Russia to bring insights into what ICANN is, how it works, and the issues ICANN is facing.	

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Goal 3.4: Support the continued evolution of the Internet's unique identifier systems with a new round of generic top-level domain (gTLDs) that is responsibly funded, managed, risk-evaluated, and consistent with ICANN processes	
Engaged with regional DNS operators by designing and testing a communications deck for business engagement at ICANN with a focus on the gTLDs space.	
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4: ADDRESS GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES IMPACTING ICANN'S MISSION TO ENSURE A SINGLE, GLOBALLY INTEROPERABLE INTERNET	
Goal 4.1: Identify and address global challenges and opportunities within its remit by further developing early warning systems, such as ICANN org's Legislative and Regulatory Development Reports	
• Helped ICANN org respond to a letter from Ukraine asking that Russia-based Internet infrastructure be removed or disabled. • Enacted "Relief for Registrants in Ukraine and Surrounding Region" under Section 3.7.5.1 of the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement.	

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