



# EUROPE REGIONAL REPORT

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## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### ICANN74 Policy Forum: Return to Hybrid Meetings



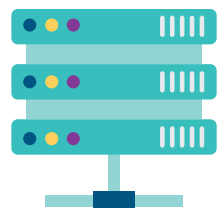
Team members across Europe and beyond collaborated to support the first ICANN public meeting with an in-person component since 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 900 in-person attendees joined just over 900 online participants, representing 101 countries in 105 individual sessions. Almost half of the attendees hailed from the Europe region. The Hague, Netherlands, proved to be an excellent location for this milestone event.

### Engagement in the United Kingdom: Renewed Focus on a Global Player



The U.K., a leader in supporting multistakeholder Internet governance, boasts a diverse and active ICANN community, along with many skilled ICANN employees. In the post-Brexit era, the U.K. has asserted a global voice in technical and policy matters related to the Internet. Visits by the ICANN President and CEO in November 2021 and February 2022 generated momentum for deeper and broader engagement, designed to reinvigorate ICANN participation and awareness-raising among all categories of U.K.-based stakeholders.

### Using Online Engagement to Expand ICANN's Reach: Lessons from the Pandemic



Even as pandemic-related meeting and travel restrictions faded from the European scene, ICANN continued to make the most of subregional webinars and newly established local-language mailing lists to expand its circle of awareness beyond the dedicated regular community members. Online technical training sessions and regional “Stakeholder Assemblies” attracted the biggest audiences. The Nordics, Central Europe, the Baltics, and the German-speaking countries were especially receptive geographies. Webinars on European Union (EU) legislative proposals were also well attended.

# EVENTS AND PROJECTS

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

EVENTS	PROJECTS
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1: STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THE DNS AND THE DNS ROOT SERVER SYSTEM</b>	
<i>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</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•  Renewal of the .aero registry agreement and negotiation of the post registry agreement. Both are registries based in Europe.</li> <li>• University Program: delivered a virtual lecture for the Italian Business University Law, Digital Innovation and Sustainability program on ICANN, its governance structure, and its role in the governance of the Internet and the role of the DNS in the Internet.</li> <li>• Digital workshop in France and Belgium: Presented on DNS at the “Atelier de l’Avenir Numerique” roundtable and the Brussels Telecommunication and Media Forum.</li> </ul>	
<i>Goal 1.2: Strengthen DNS root server operations governance in coordination with the DNS root server operators</i>	
<p>Root Server Webinar: Convened a webinar featuring Europe-based root server operators to explain the function and resilience of the system to inform participants on EU trilogues related to the Network and Information Security (NIS2) Directive. Provided a similar program to U.K. government officials.</p>	
<i>Goal 1.3: Identify and mitigate security threats to the DNS through greater engagement with relevant hardware, software, and service vendors</i>	
	<p>Growing participation in DAAR with the addition of ccTLDs from Portugal and Finland.</p>
<i>Goal 1.4: Increase the robustness of the DNS root zone key signing and distribution services and processes</i>	
<p>Nordic Key Holders Event: Raised awareness of the important role of key signing ceremony in protecting core Internet infrastructure by featuring the three Nordic keyholders in a webinar for the Nordic region.</p>	

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<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ICANN’S MULTISTAKEHOLDER MODEL OF GOVERNANCE</b>	
<i>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</i>	
Engaged multiple stakeholders in a dialogue on Internet governance at the French IGF and presented opportunities to actively participate in ICANN.	Supported the organization of the European Regional At-Large Organization regional roundtables.
<i>Goal 2.2: Support and grow active, informed, and effective stakeholder participation</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized Internet Measurement Days in the Czech Republic in cooperation with RIPE NCC and CZ NIC (.cz).</li> <li>• Engaged the Nordic community in ICANN-related topics, providing information about perspectives on the subject of Internet fragmentation with the webinar “Internet Fragmentation? Technical and Political Perspectives.”</li> <li>• ICANN Training Series: Central Europe and the Baltics: Short Overview of the Root Server History</li> <li>• Webinar on DNS Abuse for the German-speaking community</li> <li>• Held lectures for Lodz University law students to bring them insights into what ICANN is, how it works, and the issues ICANN is facing.</li> <li>• Participated in the EU Commission High Level Group on Internet Governance meetings.</li> <li>• Supported geographic top-level domains association meeting with update on current ICANN policies.</li> <li>• Contributed to the global and regional IG processes such as the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group, IGF Support Association, and National, Regional, Subregional, and Youth Internet Governance Forums.</li> </ul>	
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3: EVOLVE THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER SYSTEMS IN COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION WITH RELEVANT PARTIES TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE GLOBAL INTERNET USER BASE</b>	
<i>Goal 3.1: Foster competition, consumer choice, and innovation in the Internet space by increasing awareness of, and encouraging readiness for Universal Acceptance, Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) implementation, and IPv6</i>	
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EuriD to promote IDNs.	
<i>Goal 3.4: Support the continued evolution of the Internet’s unique identifier systems with a new round of generic top-level domains (gTLDs) that is responsibly funded, managed, risk-evaluated, and consistent with ICANN processes</i>	
Designed and tested a communication deck for European business engagement at ICANN with a focus on the gTLDs space.	

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<p align="center"><b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4: ADDRESS GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES IMPACTING ICANN’S MISSION TO ENSURE A SINGLE, GLOBALLY INTEROPERABLE INTERNET</b></p>	
<p align="center"><i>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</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the stakeholder dialogue on the “EU toolbox against counterfeiting” workshop on domain names.</li> <li>• Participated at the Chatham House and the EU Cyber Direct project virtual regional consultation to share perspectives on developing a new international convention on cybercrime, pursuant to United Nations General Assembly Resolution 74/247.</li> <li>• Engaged with EU institutions and Member States on digital policies proposals affecting the DNS.</li> <li>• Met with United Kingdom competition authorities to discuss internet legislation initiatives.</li> </ul>	
<p align="center"><i>Goal 4.2: Continue to build alliances in the Internet ecosystem and beyond to raise awareness of and engage with global stakeholders about ICANN’s mission and policymaking</i></p>	
<p>CEO Appearances in Europe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated at the Mobile World Congress 2022 and held a total of 14 bilateral meetings with governments and Industry.</li> <li>• Participated at the German Council on Foreign Relations Roundtable on Internet Governance.</li> <li>• Participated at the Future Tech Forum in London to debate issues and provide inputs to the G7 Digital Ministers meeting.</li> <li>• Sponsored and organized session on Internet Fragmentation and Digital Sovereignty at EuroDIG 2022.</li> </ul>	

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