



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Subject: Outcome of the review of the .eu application by the EPSRP with the IDN ccTLD Fast Track and EURid comments to the Annual IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process Review

Dear Mr. Van Wesemael,

We thank you for continued coordination with ICANN regarding the .eu application in Greek. After receiving the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) reports, which were published on 10 October 2014, and identifying some of the issues posed within the EPSRP conclusions, ICANN determined that broader community input was needed and included questions relevant to the string similarity upper/lower case issue within the annual Fast Track Review process. The review was announced on 15 January 2015, and the public comment period recently closed on 17 March 2015. We thank EURid for submitting detailed comments and addressing the questions posed. ICANN's summary and analysis report on Fast Track Review public comment period has already been posted and is available at <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/idn-ccTLD-fast-track-2015-01-15-en>.

Because the two-letter ISO 646-BV strings are independently managed by the ISO 3166-1 Maintenance Agency, which allocates and re-allocates these codes over time, all such two-letter ISO 646-BV strings are considered relevant for the string similarity review as per the report of the community based IDNC Working Group [https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2008-07-15-en?routing_type=path].

Further, in regards to your point that consideration should be made for how the strings will be used at the second level while making a determination of similarity, I would respectfully point out that policies regarding second-level domains within ccTLDs are currently out of the scope of ICANN's work. Therefore, this matter would need to be discussed within ccNSO for further guidance.

Following the public comment to review the Fast Track Process, based on the input received, ICANN continues to work to identify a path forward in the Fast Track Review, particularly on the



issues raised in your letter. As appropriate, we will seek formal direction from the ICANN Board, as that is how any modification to the Fast Track Process can be achieved. In the meantime, we look forward to continuing to engage with you on these issues and to support work within the community to identify a path forward.

The issues presented regarding how to resolve a split decision received from EPSRP after comparison with upper case and lower case strings and the effectiveness of EPSRP methodology as the second string similarity review process are quite important and the work toward a resolution continues. We will continue to provide you with any updates, as there is progress in this process.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your perspectives, and for your participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder model.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Cyrus Namazi", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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