

Attendees

EuroDIG Members:

Chris Buckridge, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Bertrand de La Chapelle, Paul Fehlinger, Lee Hibbard, Sandra Hoferichter, Wolfgang Kleinwächter, Yrjö Lämsipuro, Wolf Ludwig, Juuso Moisander, Thomas Schneider

Guests:

Göran Marby, Andrea Beccalli, ICANN, Chengetai Masango IGF, Susann Chalmers, NTIA, Elena Plexida, European Commission

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1. Welcome and opening
2. Report on the statutes review process (by members of the review team)
3. Discussion on suggested modifications
4. Approval by members on the statutes modifications
if members will approve the new statutes we must
5. Release the old board
6. Elect a new board
7. AOB

1. Welcome and opening

Sandra Hoferichter opened the GA and asked for the adoption of the agenda. The invitation to the GA including the agenda was sent to members in time, on 20 June 2016. There were no additions to the agenda.

2. Report on the statutes review process (by members of the review team)

After a slight revision of statutes in November 2015, which purpose was to provide the secretariat with legal security for their work, Founding Members were in agreement that this was a temporary solution only and a more detailed revision is necessary in order to maintain a solid basis for the further development of the EuroDIG Association. A drafting team was formed to work out a proposal for a comprehensive revision.

Member of the drafting team where:

- Chris Buckridge
- Olivier Crepin-Leblond
- Giacomo Mazzone
- Thomas Schneider
- +Sandra and Wolf from the secretariat

Besides some cosmetically changes the most important changes since the last slight revision, where made in:

- Art. 4 Organisational structure ad Membership – additional categories of membership was defined
- Art. 6 Withdrawal – exclusion of members is deleted
- Art. 7 Organs of the association – the secretariat is rejected to be an organ of the association but a body to execute the decisions of the governing bodies of the association
- Art. 9 Multistakeholder board – Modification due to a new membership structure and the Secretary General is ex officio member of the board
- Art. 11 Secretariat – general adjustments following the overall modifications
- Art. 12 Authority to sign – limit of 50.000 EUR for single signature and double signature required to sign host agreements and political relevant documents

3. Discussion on suggested modifications

There was broad agreement on suggested modifications in general. Some slight modifications in the wording were made but this did not touch the substance of the document. (A document including track changes can be sent per request). The final document will be sent to all Founding Members via Email and will be also published on the website www.eurodig.org

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4. Approval by members on the statutes modifications

All Founding Members present approved the revision with their signature and in some cases as proxy for other members not present. The documentation of proxy votes can be sent per request. Lee Hibbard did not sign the revised statutes as he will resign his membership from the EuroDIG Association by 31 December 2016. The revision received the needed votes of 2/3 of the Membership according to Art 8.

5. Release the old board

The General Assembly released the current board and the Co-Presidents.

Co-Presidents: Lee Hibbard, Thomas Schneider

Multistakeholder Advisory Board (MAB): Wolfgang Kleinwächter, Yrjö Lämsipuro, Ana Neves, Bertrand de la Chapelle, Vladimir Radunovic, Michael Rotert, Markus Kummer

6. Elect a new board

Sandra Hoferichter suggested for the time being electing board members which are also Institutional Partners in order to avoid parallel communication. The General Assembly agreed to this proposal, but demanded this to be an interim board for 1 year, until regular election can be conducted, including an open call for candidates. The process for such an election will be specified in the Association's Rules of Operation. These rules will be drafted and agreed by the interim board until the end of 2016.

The following individuals were elected as the interim board: Chris Buckridge, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Giacomo Mazzone, Thomas Schneider, and Sandra Hoferichter as Ex Officio Member of the Board.

The board will elect a president during the first board meeting on 18 September in Tallinn.

Attachment: EuroDIG Association statutes, revision of 10 June 2016