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Thank you very much for coming. This is our regular European Coordination meeting at ICANN 51. It used to be called, in a very grandiose manner, the European Engagement Strategy, I think. And I think it's far too grandiose, frankly. Really what we're talking about here is coordinating, supporting each other, sharing resources, etc. In general, getting to know each other and having a bit of networking at the end as well, generally.

So let's just have a quick look at the agenda, so you get a feel for what we're going to do today. Luckily, there's not that many slides. Sorry, it's supposed to be in black and in font Arial, but we see that didn't work. So we should create a cross-community working group to resolve those issues. Translate bottom-up in French.

First, we're going to do the [two at the top]. By that, I seem to mean introductions, because I think there's a few new people and generally it's nice to know exactly who's around. Then I'll give you a quick update of what we've been doing since ICANN 50 in London. Then I will ask the people who are members of the Coordination Group who are mainly the people we refer to as ISTARs to give us an update on what they've been up to and the outlook for their respective organizations. And then briefly just talk about what we should do next, to agree – or discuss together and agree what we should be doing next.

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Then we will have a quick update on EuroDIG. [inaudible]. Yes, sorry. I've got some [inaudible] lateral vision as you can see. After a week of ICANN meetings, I can barely see. Then we'll have networking, drinks. I'm told they shouldn't arrive at the end of the meeting, but I hope they arrive early, frankly.

With that, I'll just shut up and we'll pass on. Let's start here. I'm Jean-Jacques Sahel. I'm the vice president Europe for ICANN. I am coming to my six-month anniversary at ICANN. Wolf?

WOLF LUDWIG:

My name is Wolf Ludwig. I am chair of EURALO, what is a regional At-Large organization of ICANN. I'm in Jean-Jacques bunch of people. Besides my EURALO, I'm part of the EuroDIG secretariat.

YULIA MORENETS:

Good morning. My name is Yulia Morenets. I'm EURALO secretariat, so the supporting [course] work and engagement. I [lead] as well in NGO working on cyber security and cybercrime based in Europe. So I'm part of Jean-Jacques' profile.

JOSEPH CATAPANO:

Hello, I'm Joe Catapano. I'm the coordinator for stakeholder engagement for the North America region, but I'm going around to the other regions and seeing how they are doing engagement there and see what might be able to translate to [inaudible].

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PAUL RENDEK: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Paul Rendek, the Director of External Relations for the RIPE NCC. That entails quite a few things for our region and 76 countries. I'm also a member of the MAG and I'm also a member of the Arab MAG on both of those areas in the maybe multi-stakeholder arena.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE: Hi, my name is Chris Buckridge. I am also RIPE NCC. I work with Paul. We're also an institutional partner of EuroDIG, which we just signed up. So I'm working with Wolf and the other members of the team there to set up EuroDIG, or to keep EuroDIG going.

DANIEL KALCHEV: Daniel Kalchev from the BG ccTLD.

LUC SEUFER: Luc Seufer, General Counsel for EuroDNS, [Luxembourg] registrar.

[LENETTE BROKER]: [Lenette Broker]. I'm a project manager at [Kanipp] which is a registry backend provider from Germany.

LAURA HUTCHISON: I'm Laura Hutchison. I'm from Nominet with a country code registry for.UK.

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[CHRISTINA GERGIS]: Hi, I'm [Christina Gergis], and I'm on ICANN staff in the public responsibility department.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hi, I'm [inaudible]. I'm working for [inaudible] association.

ILIYA BAZLYANKOV: My name is Iliya Bazlyankov [inaudible] CORE from Bulgaria.

EDWARD MORRIS: Hi, I'm Ed Morris. I'm from [inaudible] in the U.K. and I just actually started today my first term in the [inaudible] GNSO Council.

JOYCE DOGNIEZ: Hi, Joyce Dogniez, Director of Charters for Internet Society, and just coming here to see how we can better collaborate and see what we can do together in Europe.

DUSAN STOJICEVIC: Dušan Stojičević, Chairman of the Board of Serbian ccTLD.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sébastien Bachollet, member of the ICANN Board for another 24 hours, and a member of the Board of [inaudible] for another year, in French.

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OLIVIER MURON: Olivier Muron. I work for Orange Telecommunication [inaudible] in Africa. It used to be France Telecom. Now it's Orange. And I'm a member ISPCP Constituency here at ICANN.

DANIELE ANDELA: Hi, everybody. My name is Danielle Andela. I am ICANN staff and I work on the registrar team and I'm based in the Istanbul office.

GIOVANNI SEPIA: Good afternoon. Giovanni Sepia, General Relations Manager of euRID, .EU registry; and also CENTR Board member.

ANDREA BECCALLI: Andrea Becalli. You can see I'm a man and a classic man. I cannot do two things at once. I was trying to figure out how to better present the slides. I'm the Regional Manager for Engagement based in the Brussels office working with Jean-Jacques and the rest of the ICANN team.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL Thank you, [inaudible]. Do you want to just briefly say who you are?

SERGE RADOVICIC: Sorry for being late. My name is Serge Radovicic. I'm the Chief Communications Officer of the RIPE NCC.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL Thank you very much. It's really good to see you all and to see that we've got a good spread representing much of Europe all the way to

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Bulgaria. I'm really glad actually today to have Danielle with us, because I think it's important to underline we're finally beating up our staff in Istanbul. Danielle has just joined us three or four months ago.

DANIELE ANDELA: Two months.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Oh, two months even. There you go. It feels like ages. Working on registrars. And she has a couple of colleagues also based in Istanbul, one of whom is here as well who [inaudible] registry side, and I think that's going to be really important going forward that the community gets to know them, because they're here for you. We're at your service. They're at your service in particular. So I just want to highlight Danielle. You might want to speak to her later and channel all your complaints to her rather than me. Sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I just wanted to [inaudible] that we have two remote participants. One is [inaudible], ICANN registrar in the U.K. And I see Peter Van Roste from CENTR also online.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you very much. Unfortunately, as you know, many conflicting meetings, but hopefully some more people will join us, especially for the networking drinks afterwards.

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If we pass on to the next slide – thank you very much Andrea for sorting out the font. That was very, very quick cross-community working group to sort that out.

So, just to recap, this is a slide that those of you who were in London at a similar meeting have seen [inaudible] couple of things. But really, the aim of our efforts here today with this group, the key goal is to coordinate activities and better deliver on our common goals. For many of us, we've got very common objectives. We should join forces and increasingly do so.

Two of the sub-aims, if you want, some of the things that have become apparent in various surveys, but also generally some of the feedback we get is that we need to increase, to foster understanding of ICANN and Internet governance in Europe, especially of the multi-stakeholder model, [inaudible] stakeholders and carriage more Europeans to join ICANN, participate and make our work much more diverse reflected Internet diversity, so that we end up with better decisions, better policies to reflect the whole world, really.

Then, also, just as a more general goal, to close the gap to inform people better, especially among policy makers, experts, but also the general public about Internet governance and ICANN.

The rationale, of course, or the long-term aim, as I mentioned, is to increase representation of European countries and European stakeholders in ICANN and involving the region more in ICANN processes in a multi-stakeholder fashion.

So, the scope, geographically, I think [as the] broad European region, we're not as impressive and big as the RIPE membership of its 76 countries, but we've got 47. So we're trying. Or CENTR, which is quite big, too.

The approach – you can't see the bottom of the slides, but we'll come on to that in any case in the following slides. Some of the tools that we wanted to work on are mapping the stakeholders, mapping the organizations, also mapping the key issues of interest which are common areas of interest where we can work jointly together and generally coordinate and dialogue.

So what we agreed, what was suggested and agreed in the last meeting, was simply to put together a smaller group. I think we called it a coordination group, because we don't have that many coordination groups in ICANN. That was a bit of a novelty.

We had a small group composed of representatives from CENTR, from ISOC, from EURALO, from RIPE, ICANN and I think there's one more. Basically, we tried to take forward some of the ideas that we had, and that's what I'm going to present today. We did this through two or three conference calls, plus we had a face-to-face meeting during the IGF in Istanbul.

I'll now move on to tell you a bit more about what we've been doing. The key elements that we worked on this summer – next slide, or the next page.

Really, what we've done is we started building tools that will enable us to coordinate better. They're all in draft form at the moment, and what



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we should do today is just give you a little overview of what they look like and discuss together how best we can use them going forward.

So we started working on a joint calendar of events, so people shared with me some of the activities they've got [inaudible] forwards. And the idea here is both to be able to inform the community and even the wider public about our respective calendars, but also start to think about some of the bigger conferences that might be happening. Maybe some of them we're not directly involved with, but we may want to make sure that the Internet community is represented. That's something we can discuss a bit further.

We continue to want to make sure that we've identified the right common areas of interest and see how they develop. We've been working also on a speakers' list, or at least a way of coordinating between each other. When we're organizing workshops, for instance, seminars or national IGFs, we can easily reach out to potential speakers. I'll come back to that, because that's where we'd be really interested in having your input, obviously to benefit from the community's expertise and use the community [as] speakers.

To help do all of that, we created a shared space. It's currently on Dropbox, and that's very much to just share those draft documents and get the small group to edit the documents and where we should discuss various – how we evolve that, whether we simply translate that into dedicated webpages on the ICANN website or whether we create a Dropbox or similar shared space that the wider group can have access to.

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We also started discussing joint communications. That's a bit more recent, so we haven't really advanced on that one, whether we should create a dedicated webpage for European stakeholders. I think [be it] only to have a joint calendar of events, for instance. That might be something we do anyway.

We started discussing whether we would want a joint newsletter. I hope a lot of you have received our new [EMEA] newsletter that I sent at the weekend. If you haven't, please let me know so I make sure you're on the mailing list going forward.

We also started doing strategic mapping, and here I've got very good input from EURALO and it's to try and just make sure we have a clear picture of the various actors and organizations involved within the European stakeholder community. That's just an idea that was suggested also.

Maybe once we have the new commissioners in charge of the digital agenda in place for people that will be dealing with Internet governance at the EU level, [inaudible] potentially, then we might have some welcoming drinks for them in Brussels. We'll let you know if and when we get that off the ground.

Now I'm going to just talk for a minute and take any initial comments or questions.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Just an idea for the last point. And in case [inaudible] will get confirmed, I suggest a training course in digital basics for the new commissioner. And English. Yes, thanks, [inaudible].

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JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Anyone who's not German who wants to make a comment? I mean, yeah, training course is – I think a lot of us actually could benefit from training course, not only new commissioners. But I think point taken. The idea here is to welcome these people and make them understand who the community is. We are stakeholders who are active in Brussels, but we certainly don't have the army of lobbyists that other actors in the ICT space have, so it's good if they get to know us and here about our issues from us rather than from others. Again, we'll come back to you on that.

Any other initial points or suggestions? I will come back onto all these tools within the next few slides. Yes, Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I just want to apologize, but I have Board meeting now I and I have to leave you. Sorry about that. It's my last and I need to go.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Enjoy, Sebastien, and good luck. Don't worry about this, because I'm not going to spend much time on it. That's actually simply a screenshot of the Dropbox. You can't really see anything, so I'm not going to spend much time on it, but basically it's got all the various documents in detail that we've created.

As you can see – actually, I forgot to mention we started putting together a European Coordination Group list which is that smaller group. As I said, we've got another [EMEU] newsletter where we've got

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a mailing list for all Europeans – 350 names also – but one thing we might want to consider is do we want a slightly smaller mailing list which is broadly us and the other people that regularly come to ICANN? I'll leave you to comment on that, whether you think that would be useful or not.

Then, yeah, we started [inaudible], as you can see, a list of common areas of interests, etc. We'll go onto the next slide where I've taken snapshots of those to give you an idea.

So on the issues of common interest, we've been discussing it now for quite a while. So I've put for reference what we discussed in the spring, but really the ones with the initial six items – these I think are the key issues and I'd be quite happy to have your feedback on that. I might stop at the end of this slide to take some initial feedback on the issues of common interest, since this is, for us, really substantive item.

People for the [open] Internet [inaudible] and users, digital civil rights were among the key issues for us. Data protection and privacy I think is quite obvious. Networking information security. Trust in Internet as a general topic. Then building awareness and capacity, knowledge about ICANN and wider Internet governance. And then things like interaction between ICANN compliance and EU requirements.

You can see some more specific aspects below that have been identified earlier such as RAA and the new gTLD program, and also promoting a multi-stakeholder structure at a national or regional level in Europe.

I'll just stop here for comments on these issues of common interest. I think what would be useful is to try and close off this list. Of course we

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can always come up with new areas of interest, but I just want to make sure that we're on the right track, that indeed we should all focus on these, that it makes sense for people.

Eventually, if we think that it's useful, we can create ad hoc groups, for instance, if we feel that it would be useful for us to have a little group that works on the data protection review at the [EC] level from a perspective specifically of the ICANN community, registrars, registries, or on the network and information security directive, we can do so. It can be informal, it can be ad hoc or whatever. That we can discuss as well.

I'd be very interested in your feedback on whether you think that's the sort of thing we should all focus on together or whether we're missing something major. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

I'll be nice. Can you share a bit more information about this European stakeholder survey? I see five points and I just wonder what kind of stakeholders you have [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

So basically, [inaudible] survey that we prepared and shared now a few months ago. We presented the results in London, the last ICANN meeting – ICANN 50 – which, in a way, surveyed the needs, the feelings, about how the European would identify common issues. [inaudible] the more relevant areas where ICANN should work.

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It was an attempt to get a sense of what the needs are, where can we be most help, where we should concentrate.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Which people were [inaudible] at the time?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It was sent to a whole list. We got something like 70 replies to the submission to the survey. It was sent widely. Now, I'm not sure that all stakeholders in Europe got the survey to fill. It was more of a first attempt from our side to throw out the ball and see where we should go. If you're interested, I can – and if you have other [inaudible], the survey is still there. It's Survey Monkey.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: At the last coordination group in London, we had seen a presentation where we actually showed the main results of the survey, and it was really a snapshot survey. What it helped us do is really put this in front of this group in London and get feedback, and from that feedback, we then refined particular issues of common interest, but also the objectives – what really we're here for, what would be helpful.

It's actually quite different in terms of what stakeholders expect from ICANN and the ICANN community in Europe, versus for instance, Africa or Latin America. So we had to make sure that we were in the right track and we got some really useful feedback as to how we should organize things here, what would be most useful to the community

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when it comes to Europe. Very different needs compared to other regions, of course. So I hope that answered your question.

Andrea said the past presentation is available, of course, and we would be happy to show the results. But it wasn't anything like a statistically-relevant survey or anything like that. It was more testing the waters and getting [inaudible] of input.

GIOVANNI SEPIA:

Yeah. My point is that I heard there were about 70 respondents to survey, and I would recommend for the future that ICANN reaches out to the communities via some [inaudible] organization like CENTR or RIPE even for our European [inaudible] member or associate member. We'll make sure at least – CENTR will make sure that it reaches out as much as possible, the membership.

But also there are some huge registrar organizations that can spread the survey among their membership.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thanks, Giovanni. I really appreciate that. [inaudible] for a future survey. If the group thinks that it would be useful to do a survey of some kind or anything, or generally about advertising, things that this group does, that's exactly what I'd very much like is for you guys to use your own network and advise us and we use our own network to cross-fertilize really.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Just to let you know and to complement this that CENTR, together with the other regional organizations is about to launch a survey among our membership for the IANA transition and the plan is to have it launched by next week, so that we can collect input about what members expect for the IANA transition and what are the – let’s say what they know about IANA stewardship transition because that’s something that certain members might not be completely aware of what’s going on.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. Obviously we’d love to hear the feedback. When are you hoping to get results?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I’m looking at Peter, but I think that should be three or four weeks.

[PETER VAN ROSTE]: Yes, [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, [inaudible] on the survey. Giovanni, you are more than free, and you still are, to distribute the survey. We said it was just an attempt to get out. Some feedback was [inaudible] and every time – in the e-mail that I sent to the contacts that we had, I asked briefly please feel free to distribute and get more people that could be interested.

Actually, we wanted to go outside even the classical ICANN community. At the time, the survey at that time, to in a way [inaudible] not so



familiar with all the jargons and acronyms. They could still take the survey. For us, it was [inaudible] information.

I can circulate again the link to the survey. Please feel free to push it out. I think it's still valid and we can get useful information to adjust our work.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. Just briefly, I note we've got Jimmy and Peter who have just joined, if you want to quickly introduce yourselves.

PETER VERGOTE: Thank you, Jean-Jaques. Peter Vergote. I'm working for DNS Belgium, which is the ccTLD operator for .BE. We're also registry operator for two new g's and that explains why I'm late at this meeting, because I was giving a presentation for the registrar community. I'm also chairman of CENTR.

JIMMY SCHULZ: Jimmy Shulz, I founded my first Internet service provider cyber solutions in '95. I sold it in 2000 [inaudible], went to parliament. I was a member of the German National Parliament from 2009 to 2013. Switched again, got back to my company and was nominated for ALAC. So I'm ALAC incoming right now.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. Nice to see a person representing a multi-stakeholder model on his own. Again, I think it's useful to just have a quick look again on

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the issues of common interest. Are we missing anything? Do these topics make sense? Is there a particular interest? Do any of these issues raise any particular ideas or suggestions for any of you?

Ideally, going forward, for instance, what we already started doing very informally is share information with each other on things like the progress of the EC data protection review [inaudible] network and information securities are active, and we're starting to coordinate in [inaudible] activities about raising awareness, building capacity, etc.

So that's the sort of thing we've got in mind. You might have ideas. You might think, "Why don't we do something together to help increase trust on the Internet?" I don't know. Any ideas on that?

You can tell me later. I take it that everyone is broadly in agreement with the fact that these are the common themes. So maybe we'll just move on.

So this is just a snapshot of the calendar of events that we started putting together. It's just between now and Christmas. What I would very much like to have as a follow-up to this meeting is if you can help us just flag up your own events, if they're not here already. I haven't put everything on there.

For example, we could mention the next big CENTR meetings, whichever are open meetings I guess. And just cross-advertise really through this.

One of the questions I have is how best we can use this calendar. We can share it among this group, of course. Many of the events mentioned

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here are already advertised on the ICANN website, on the ICANN calendar. But we could do more.

We could have a dedicated webpage specifically for European upcoming events or leaders. I think ISOC had suggested during some of our prep calls. We could also flag up some of the key other events. For instance, events organized by the big tele-commerce associations [inaudible] just to make sure that we know they're coming up and we make sure that at least some of us in the Internet technical community are represented there, so that our voice is heard when needed.

I'll just let you have a quick look at the events coming up and let me know if you've got any reaction. In particular, how we could use this. Please?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Just for clarification, so you're maintaining this calendar or are you looking at it...? Is it an open thing that others can contribute to?

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: It's on Dropbox.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's on Dropbox, okay.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Our little coordination group has access to this. So Chris has access to it, for instance, because he was in a small coordination group. One of the

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questions I wanted to look at today with you is do we open up the Dropbox effectively to the wider group? How can do we do this better?

I'm quite happy to simply [be the] key point of contact. I'll update a small Dropbox and so can RIPE and others, and then we'll publish to a calendar whichever. I'm open.

Serge, please?

SERGE RADOVCIC:

I like the initiative, and I understand that it's our group that's putting a lot of these events there. But what I'm finding these days NCRC has an excellent list of international events that pertain to us and I think ISOC also has one. We find ourselves just sending these updates around everywhere. I would probably rather say why don't we, or anyone that's adding to this rather send it to the NCRC calendar? It would probably be a lot easier to coordinate. Then it's used of all big event organizers and so on. It probably make a lot more sense and save you the trouble of having to update this. It's [NCRC.org/calendar](http://NCRC.org/calendar). Anyone can update that calendar. It also helps us when organizing and we know we're not going to step on each other's feet and so on. It's just a suggestion.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Yeah, I'm not aware of who even NCRC are. Could you just tell us more? And what is on the list?

SERGE RADOVCIC:

Well, I don't know if I can put it up there, but just about every international event. Probably more network operated group style

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events are there, but I believe ISOC also has a calendar. Look, I'm fine with it, but I'm just wondering if we're reinventing the wheel and putting another calendar that, again, we have to make sure and add that up and that up and that one. So we can choose one, whatever, for this group. Maybe it's simpler to use something like that. That's a suggestion.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

I actually agree with Serge, which is probably no surprise. We're from the same company. I'm agreeing with him because if you look at those two calendars that NCRC and ISOC publish – in fact, they cross-reference their calendars – they are probably the calendars that most people in the ISTAR community look at when they look at dates for clashing different events of a larger scale.

Certainly not something like maybe the Swedish Internet Days, because that is probably a little bit of a smaller event and very targeted towards one particular country. But if it was something that was a little larger or regional, then you'll definitely find that on that NCRC-ISOC calendar and I agree, I think doubling up, I'm not really quite sure what the purpose would be.

So if we reference their calendar, we are probably much better on the same page with those that use that calendar.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

So you're saying, for instance, the Swedish Internet Days doesn't feature, but actually it's one of the largest and most useful conferences in our communities.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It might be there. I'm just suggesting that some of them may be country-specific ones. That is probably there because they do have [inaudible].

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Any thoughts on that? To me, the usefulness of a calendar of events is just for our particular community. We want to make sure that we cross-advertise everybody's events. I just want to make sure we have a place where people can easily find events that are direct relevance to this ICANN European community. I'm quite happy relying on someone else's calendar. I don't have a problem at all with that; I just want to make sure it's as usable for our community as possible. That's all.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm sorry, go ahead, Giovanni.

GIOVANNI SEPIA: Thank you. Everybody has the ability to update those calendars. So they're very accessible to anyone in this room. I would be surprised, like I said, if the Swedish Internet Days isn't on that calendar. But like I said, everyone's got access to that. Look, we use it definitively and we've tried to even do our own calendaring even for the IP community that we're dealing with and we just gave up. We just decided to go back to that calendar because it just makes much more sense to us. Otherwise we're confused.

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JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Okay. So it's the Network Startup Resource Center, right? Okay, cool. Giovanni, please?

GIOVANNI SEPIA: I acknowledge that Paul doesn't like that event in Sweden. Now it's clear. It's [inaudible] to receive a guest from this community. No, I agree with Paul. I wouldn't duplicate existing efforts. There are several of these calendars. I also agree with Paul that this list is included in some specific events that are really specific to a country and probably they aren't there because they are more advertised than others. Again, my recommendation would be to focus on other efforts rather than duplicate an existing one. Thank you.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: So in that case, I'm quite happy to slightly tweak this and we just make it into updating the NCRC calendar, as long as it's indeed open, and we'll just simply put a direct link to the calendar page on our dedicated European website on the ICANN website. I'm quite happy with that. Thank you.

I think all we'd need to do of course is maybe just be a bit proactive simply among each other within the mailing list to flag up our own events. That might be something to think about separately. Thank you for that.

Now we're moving on to the joy of diagrams. I'm warning you, I've got two slides of different diagrams and I haven't been able yet to merge the two.

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So this is the EURALO strategic map to try and map the various Internet focused communities in Europe. Actually, Wolf, do you want to say a quick word on this one? It might be easier than I.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Well, if I look at it now, I think it must've been very late in the night or very early in the morning. So it was just an attempt designed firsthand first draft for EURALO folks, for EURALO ALSes to give them a sort of a picture that EURALO is just one small thing among various in Europe and EuroDIG was one of the first projects of EURALO where EURALO was involved.

And then of course we get more and more close with ICANN Europe. There are a lot of overlaps. Part of our membership as ISOC Europe, we have people who have close contact with [inaudible] and we have [inaudible] of Europe is largely involved in EuroDIG as well, the European Use Foundation, etc. And since it is [inaudible] European Summer School on Internet Governance. So this is the first outline, and I think a much more work and addition is need just to make it really workable.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

The primary idea for mapping is really for us to think about should we be involving people who are not around the table? Should we make sure we have those links, rather than using this automatically for, for instance, slides on awareness raising? Because I think if we put slides like this [inaudible] to people, they will start crying. You should see my



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slide afterwards, because it's got colors. I'm not suggesting we spend much time on it.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We like [bold].

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: We like pastels. Eventually when we have done a bit more work on this it will have two functions I hope. One is when we start talking about Internet governance ecosystem in public when we raise awareness to try and give a clear picture of what it looks like. Obviously we're not going to be using this, because it's not a clear picture.

But also, as I said, [inaudible] us here saying are we missing someone in the Internet community in Europe that we should be involving or we should be coordinating with?

I'm going to stop here, but I suggest that we move back to the EURALO slide, because my eyes are hurting. Any particular thoughts, comments or questions on this? If you've already got input maybe on some of the entities we may be forgetting, that could be helpful.

[GIOVANNA SEPIA]: The only addition I might have is the European Internet Exchange Association, EuroIX that you may want to add to it.

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WOLF LUDWIG: Yes. And CENTR is missing. There are far more. So we have to add to it. It's far from being complete. If we merge two, we get closer to the truth.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Yeah. So we'll add EuroIX. And [inaudible], for example, is not even in there. [inaudible] Internet community? Yes, yes, sorry. Yes, exactly. So we could add a few. Thank you for that.

It was just in our previous discussions that it could be useful to have some sort of map like this. I think it's useful, but it's not a major exercise anyway. If anyone thinks it's useful, tell me now – thank you – or forever hold your peace. Let's move on maybe to the next slide then.

That's the nice moment when I stop talking. I will ask – let's start with Giovanni, if you don't mind, giving us a little update on euRID activities.

GIOVANNI SEPIA: Yeah, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with an update. The update is not from euRID, but from CENTR. I have here the chairman of the CENTR Board. We'll look at him in case I forget something.

Basically, the most recent activities performed by CENTR. First of all, we had an extremely successful workshop at the IGF in Istanbul and it was about how the ccTLDs, they're helping a lot of communities in developing the Internet and educating those communities about Internet-related matters.

The workshop had representatives from basically four regional organizations of ccTLD regional organizations. The outcome of the

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workshop is a report which is currently published on the IGF site and says that each of the ccTLDs is playing a vital role [inaudible] communities in making sure that what we call the Internet literacy is regularly improved and refined at local level.

And we will continue at ccTLD regional organizations to make sure that every year there is a workshop at the IGF that is underlining the importance of the ccTLDs in their respective communities, and also at international level.

The second recent activity from the CENTR community is the CENTR 52 General Assembly which took place in Brussels. It was a more expanded general assembly, because it included an open day. We called it Open Day and it was a day when we invited the representatives of the registrars.

We outreached those representatives via the CENTR membership and they were invited to participate [inaudible] working but also to make sure that certain matters of common interest are, let's say, discussed and we hear from the registrar perspective what they are expecting from the registries what kind of help they may like, what kind of standards that they would like to implement, what kind of common best practices they would like to be in place at the registry level.

We had different topics on the agenda from security aspects or registry-registrar relations. It was a very good moment to, let's say, strengthen the relationships with the registrars.

The first day of the general assembly was dedicated in coordination with RIPE. NCC was a day dedicated to better engage with the European

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Union representatives. I subscribe with you that education is vital at different levels, because the European Union officials, there is a very special rule that every five years there is a rotation. Basically, sometimes the rotation of course a bit earlier than the five years.

So the moment you believe that there is an official with a basic understanding of the DNS, then the day after, there are big boxes outside the door of the official office and there are new people getting into the office and you have to start this education process again. It's extremely important with the European Institution to keep the dialogue open and to educate these officials.

But it's not a negative remark. It's the way it is. They are expected to go through different appointments in their lifetime. So they can spend five years in agriculture, and following five years on Internet matters. Of course that shows when they start the job.

It was quite a good meeting, again, together with RIPE and NCC representatives. There was a session fully dedicated to the IANA stewardship transition as well as the coming Plenipot and all the IGF related matters.

We had high-level officials of the European commission participate in the full day during this day including [inaudible] who has been [all time] here at this ICANN meeting.

It was also a moment to make sure that we are all on the same page when it comes to speak about common interest matters like, again, the IGF, the future of the IGF, the Plenipot and the IANA transition.

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The second day was the members' day, so there was a presentation by the [CENTR] membership and also more, let's say, administrative matters relating to the [CENTR] organization.

What I'd like to underline is that during the past two or three years, the coordination among the different ccTLD organizations has become much, much better compared to three or five years ago. So there is really a great dialogue.

We had a meeting of the regional organization Boards at the beginning of the ICANN week here in Los Angeles, and we tried to make sure that we deliver common messages and also we share more and more best practices. So that's my update. I don't know if Peter likes to complement what I said.

[PETER VERGOTE]:

I was hoping that you wouldn't miss certain things, but unfortunately, you didn't so I have nothing further to add. Thank you very much.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you. I know quite a few of us were [inaudible] meetings. It was really good to have the registrars coming and also to have the members of the EU high-level group on Internet governance actually here and much more directly from their community. I hope that you'll hold that again, a similar event in the future and we'll be very happy to help you with that.

Any feedback or any questions to Peter and Giovanni?

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Just to pick in on that last remark. We already made plans, because we had, again, a coordination meeting with RIPE with European Commission and European Union member [states] here at ICANN 51. So beginning of December at the next meeting of the high-level Internet governance group we will continue with our coordination work. So it's definitely for continuation that we aim.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes. Well, certainly, the joint event that we did with CENTR down in Brussels was a big focus for us in the last few months. It was an opportunity to speak with some government representatives, obviously, and also I think to build on the relationship that we have with CENTR and with the ccTLD community and build that sort of European technical community presence in a slightly more consolidated way.

We are preparing now for our RIPE meeting which happens in the first week of November. That's in London. Obviously the IANA oversight transition will be a very central part of the agenda there. We have a session on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November in our cooperation working group which will discuss that.

We have also published a draft RIPE community proposal on the IANA stewardship. It went to the Cooperation last Thursday – Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. If you go to RIPE.net, the first news item on the list there is a direct link to that, so you'll be able to have a look and see where it is. It's very straightforward minimal streamlined proposal, really focusing on just replacing that NTIA agreement with an SLA between the RIRs and ICANN. And at this point, it's very much a draft for inspiring or getting further input from the community, so it shouldn't be regarded as final,

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but we do hope that it will inspire some discussion on the mailing list and at the RIPE meeting in London.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you. I think it's worth mentioning also that CENTR had a really useful paper that fed into the discussion around IANA. I can't remember exactly what it was called, but it's on the website.

Joyce, do you want to say a couple of words maybe on ISOC? Thank you.

JOYCE DOGNIEZ:

I'm not a European person, so you should imagine me as [Frederick] [inaudible], which is probably not that easy, but I'll do my best.

From ISOC's perspective, obviously the IANA transition is part of the discussions. We're currently really focusing on the next three weeks I would say in terms of the ITU Plenipotentiary. So looking at really the overall Internet governance spectrum, I would, say in general terms.

In terms of Europe specifically, obviously we're focusing on continuing to develop our relationships with existing chapters and other communities, knowing that we have a special attention currently for the central and eastern European countries.

We have an additional person on the team, [inaudible], who is really focusing on central and eastern Europe. So you'll see hopefully some more movement in those regions.

As mentioned earlier, the main reason for being here is also to understand how we can better collaborate with all of you and with

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ICANN specifically in all of the regions, not only Europe. So how we can better coordinate our efforts knowing that they're different organizations, but still how we can coordinate our efforts knowing that there's only ten of our European chapters that are currently At-Large Structures in Europe, so there's potentially some more work to be done there as well in terms of awareness, in terms of collaboration and so on and so on.

Internet governance, in eastern Europe, we're also looking very much at technology development. We have done quite a few [IXP] workshops there as well, continuing to do that work there. So that's more on the development side. And obviously continuing collaborate in terms of technology and technical developments as well through the ITF and [ours].

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

So you've been really quiet, then. That's very impressive. Anyone else who wants to mention activities they've been doing? Maybe Iliya, you want to flag up your event maybe?

ILIYA BAZLYANKOV:

Yes, briefly. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, I'm organizing the fourth year in Sofia an event called Domain Forum, and the idea is to educate the local community with the news in the ICANN world with the new gTLDs, the Internet governance. It will be a one-day event and we expect about 30-40 participants from the country.



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JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. I know in the U.K. Nominet is very busy preparing the Parliament and Internet Conference on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, I believe. Anything else we should mention? Any comment or input? Anyone wants to flag up an activity? Olivier, please.

OLIVIER MURON: We are in the process of thinking about doing another IGF France. We've done one last year in March [inaudible] committee chair, Bertrand de la Chapelle [inaudible] organization committee is taking place and we're trying to have another event the first semester of next year, but we don't know the dates yet, so we'll keep you informed.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you. Just one thing that's coming to me which is that I fully agree with updating just one central calendar, the NCRC, but at the same time what I find useful is if we could sort of help each other. For instance, if we've got a French IGF, it's useful to know about it specifically because the NCRC list is very long.

I'm not sure how best to flag it up. What I'd be happy to do, for instance, is if on the dedicated Europe webpage on ICANN.org, if you want me to specifically flag up an event, I'll be more than happy to do so. Maybe that's one way of doing it. I don't know. Any thoughts on that?

Also, that goes back to this idea of a speakers' list which I didn't do a slide on here. It's a bit of a selfish interest, but I think you share that selfish interest, in a sense. When you think about organizing the IGF Paris and when I'm putting up workshops, we're organizing a big

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workshop with [inaudible] and the Polish government on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October and I know I've been bothering Chris and [inaudible] ISOC folks for weeks now saying, "We want speakers on this crazy very specific topic. Do you have anyone?"

So I'm very interested in either building a list of speakers where we know that on Topic X – say, on DNSSEC, we've got these people in the community that we can reach out to and/or that we have a contact point in each of the main ISTAR organizations – EURALO or ISOC, etc. – we can get ideas of speakers.

Laura, you've got a brilliant idea.

LAURA HUTCHISON:

I would say it's a brilliant idea. I just wanted to mention at the IGF there was a regional IGF organization meeting which had all the sort of national regional IGFs and a speaker list was something that they talked about then. I don't know what [inaudible] something that's going ahead.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Do you know who was organizing it that we could reach out to to ask?

LAURA HUTCHISON:

I can certainly follow up. It was sort of a loose organizations of regional [inaudible]. I'm not sure if anyone has taken a lead on it. I can go back on the list and check what's happening.

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JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: That would be useful. I don't know what you guys think, but maybe, at the very least, I think it would be great to have one contact point maybe in the initial [of the ISTARs] where we can just go to and say, "Hey, I'm putting this together. Who can you suggest within your network, within your community?" Does that sound like a good idea?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [off mic]

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Yeah. That's kind of what we do informally, but maybe they're [inaudible]. You don't have to say it to volunteer right now, but if you can suggest someone after today – someone from CENTR, someone from ISOC – that would be really helpful. I guess it could be [inaudible].

Maybe just the next slide. It's really a recap. We've built a lot of tools now in terms of moving to action. I think I got the sense that it would be useful to have this shared resource for everyone. I'm not sure whether you'll agree, but I'm thinking maybe we could make that Dropbox accessible to more people, if that makes sense.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] Dropbox is accessible to everybody was the news it was hacked.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Oh. Anything that is accessible can be hacked. A bit like a [Pentagon]. Right. Basically, as I've mentioned a few times, it would be great to

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receive your input, for instance, on volunteers in each of your communities that can give us an idea of our speakers.

Also, let us know if you want to. So now we're not going to have a calendar of events ourselves, but I will flag up as a follow-up. We'll post this on the European webpage. We'll have a direct link to the NCRC website of calendars so you can update it yourself. But if, for instance, you want to highlight your event on the ICANN calendar or the dedicated ICANN Europe page, I'll be more than happy to do so – for instance, for IGF France or others. We can do that informally. And generally volunteers welcome. Let's do more together.

Literally when I think about all this, at the end of the day, what interests me in doing my day job which is to educate people, to build awareness. I just want to be able to say if we're going to organize a national IGF in Portugal or Spain, how can we help them? How can we get together to suggest speakers? I get a country that contacts me that says, "I want to organize a workshop," I know I'd like to be able to reach out to you guys and get suggestions on speakers and that sort of thing.

That's what I want to do: have joint workshops, joint forces, wherever we can. 2015 is a fairly blank canvass. I know CENTR's got quite a few things already on the table organized. I don't know about you; I'm quite open to a lot of ideas. So please do come to us if you've got ideas and [we'd be] more than happy to organize activities together. I think there's plenty on the table. We might as well do it together.

Any thoughts on that? Any initial ideas before I hand over to EuroDIG?

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do you have reports from those events if we cannot attend, if ICANN is attending and have reports of what was said, what was important from our perspective, from ICANN perspective, and not just a general report that we could have from the organization.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: That's an interesting thought. We haven't had that suggestion before, I don't think. It was more about let's tell each other when there are events to make sure one of us are attending, but we haven't discussed actually how we debrief everyone. That's a good suggestion. Do you have any particular idea on how best we could do that?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think the NomCom in ICANN is using a [inaudible] which is just bullet points of what they said, what they did, what they think is important. Maybe something.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: I'll look into that format. I'm more than happy to go back to the group once I've learned a bit more and start doing that. That's a really good idea. I'd be very interested to get feedback from others on events we're not attending to [inaudible] bit of intelligence. Absolutely. Sharing information, exchanging information, intelligence is obviously very useful. I'll look at that format and come back to everyone, if we can just replicate that.

Any thoughts on that or any other suggestions? No? If not, we will move on to our next big, massive – EuroDIG. Yay! Over to you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you, Jean-Jacques. I promise I won't eat much of your free time, because I think we're all hungry and want to go for a drink. I take up the last sentence. Let's do more together. So the next opportunity to do something together is I guess EuroDIG, because by the end of this week, since everything goes well, we will start and open the call for proposal.

We have some delays at the moment because we are starting with a new website, so don't be surprised when you land on a totally different page. We hope we did it right and are looking forward to your feedback on the website, but also on the call for proposals. We would like to underline we are not asking for a session or workshop proposals. [inaudible] just for topics and key issues at the moment. We are not talking about sessions and so on yet, so need to confirm speakers or stuff like that.

Our next host is just sitting at the end of the table. Iliya and [inaudible]. They are representing the next host team from Bulgaria. We will have an open planning meeting in January – 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January. More details will follow soon.

This year we have the great challenge and the great opportunity to better reach out to eastern European countries. The EuroDIG process is rather stable by the way we come to the program and the way the event is managed. I think this is rather clear. There is always place and space for improvement on many fields, but this year we will concentrate on reaching out to southeastern European countries.

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We are going to organize a round table for this country or we're giving them the opportunity and they will organize it themselves, because we are not giving them the agenda. People from these regions will take that responsibility up.

What we are trying to facilitate is travel support and the venue and the structure they need to get to discuss their themes. If anyone in the room has an idea whom to ask for setting up a travel fund for southeastern European countries, because this is key to get the people really here. There is a huge difference – remote participation and all that is fine, but actually you need to be there.

We were trying various times to get travel fund and was never successful, but I think this year it must be the case. And then it should become a tradition at the EuroDIG so that the gap between western European and also south and eastern European countries are not so [inaudible] anymore, but that we can merge.

The discussion from that round table should then feed into the EuroDIG so that it's just not a tiny little side event but really becomes part of the process.

Also, we are going to collaborate with the European Commission on how we can get EuroDIG to the next level in terms of political awareness so that the Parliamentarians are really aware that EuroDIG can be the platform for exchange not only during the event, but also during the year. Maybe looking into options and setting up a process on how to keep the discussion alive during the year, so that we are not only following a process on how to develop a program, but also a process

how are we going to deliver the message to the global IGF. We are looking into this as well.

Wolf, do you have something to add?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Not for the moment. Thanks. You're very quite complete. Next step is call for the proposal. We had in between [59 and 130] in the past years. It's every year a new surprise. You are all encouraged to participate. I can only underline it's a bottom-up process. It's a community who is designing next year program for the [inaudible]. It's not the secretariat. It's not the core team. It's a community. Please make use of it.

And absolutely who is interested, I have the last copies from the message from Berlin from our [inaudible] year event. At the end of the annual event, we compile from each session some key messages and they are put together and [inaudible] to the global IGF in Istanbul. So this is the way.

EuroDIG is partly [the link] between national IGFs and the global IGFs as the biggest regional IGF in Europe for the time being. So anybody who's interested in that, one of the last copies I can give you.

And, please, if you have any questions, let us know.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL:

Thank you. I think we should probably mention that there's going to be a round table. Do you want to mention that?



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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I did.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: You did. I beg your pardon. Any question on EuroDIG or suggestion? I know I will definitely put forward proposals for workshops myself and I hope that [inaudible] will consider it. I think RIPE does quite a few workshops, very well-received. EuroDIG [inaudible] repeat that.

I must also congratulate Sandra and Wolf, not just for organizing EuroDIG, but also for making sure that they represent a community on their fliers, such as Jimmy here and [inaudible], but also for having a photo already of the new GAC chair in the very shirt that he was wearing yesterday whilst being elected. Very good. [applause]

WOLF LUDWIG: This is a sort of vision, huh?

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Exactly. It's visionary. Very good. Any questions for Wolf and Sandra or comments? I think it should be another good one, and Sofia is a great city, of course. So eurodig.org – go and propose.

This is time for closing. I've done a summary of what I suggest as action points. I will circulate it to the small group. What I would encourage you to do is if you're interested in this track and want to remain particularly involved, let me know to make sure we include you going forwards.

I just want to flag up whilst I'm here a few things coming up. Of course we've got RIPE 69 in London which is going to have some really

interesting discussions indeed and parties. If you haven't been to RIPE before, you should go, in part because if it's your first RIPE, you have whiskey night. It's a really nice community. I would encourage you to go. Plus, it's in London. It's a great place.

Other than that, we have a mention. We've got this big workshop on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October in [inaudible] local country code registry and the Polish government and the Free and Open Source Software Federation, an NGO. We're looking at having about 200 delegates. Yes, we're going to talk about Internet governance, what is ICANN transition, but also topics such as data protection, [inaudible], security and even everything you ever wanted to know about the Internet. So this should be a pretty good session. It's a day-long session on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October.

On the IANA transition as well, [inaudible], we're planning a workshop on the transition for Brussels. It should be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. We'll post that. We're just confirming the date. At the moment, it should be the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

We'll also be in Copenhagen on the first of December to do another transition workshop. We're looking to do one also in Germany. They just had one a couple of weeks ago in Berlin and we'll do a follow-up. We're waiting for dates for that. We should be first half of December.

I should say, if you are interested in organizing discussions around the IANA transition, please let me know. We're very keen to communicate and [inaudible] people to give us input. As you all know, we don't have much time and we need a lot of really good input and lots of brains coming together to make our organization and our community evolve smoothly and towards a good place.

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Any final point from anyone? Questions, comments? No? Thank you. There's drinks outside. There's food outside.

We should celebrate the fact that it's been a really good week for Europe. I'm glad that we had some of our American colleagues here to witness our European Coordination Meeting. There's not that many Americans at ICANN. We need to help them.

We've got a new GAC chair who is European. We've got a new vice chair who's European. We've had the ICANN leadership awards that went for a second year in a row to a Brit. We should be very proud of that. Another European contingent. It's been a good ICANN for us. Let's make sure that in Marrakesh we come in force and we repeat those achievements. Thank you and have a good evening.

[applause]

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