

Annex

Modalities and conditions governing the collaboration between the Council of Europe and RIPE NCC

Whereas

1. The aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its 47 member states for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles that are their common heritage. In pursuit of this objective, the core values for which the Council of Europe stands are human rights, democracy and the rule of law.
2. These values translate into action to ensure that the Internet is a safe, secure and open environment where the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Internet users are respected.
3. The Council of Europe Internet Governance Strategy 2016-2019 promotes co-operation with civil society, the private sector and other actors, notably through the establishment of a platform between governments and Internet companies and representative associations.

Purpose of collaboration

4. The purpose of this collaboration is to promote a shared commitment and co-operation between the parties in order to strengthen dialogue between them and to explore ways to respect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Internet users in accordance with Council of Europe Conventions and standards.
5. The parties will ensure that collaboration occurs at the appropriate level within their organisations in accordance with the relevant procedures and arrangements of the Council of Europe. Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the participation of parties which are companies and/or their representative associations.

Areas of co-operation

6. The parties agree to share information, exchange views and best practices, develop co-operation and, where appropriate, partnerships in various fields.

Operational means and procedure

7. The implementation of the exchange of letters shall be assessed by the parties at regular intervals.
8. The parties will acknowledge and recognise each other's work and outcomes where relevant and appropriate. The Council of Europe authorises RIPE NCC to use the official logo of the Council of Europe to promote the visibility of collaboration between the parties under this exchange of letters, in accordance with the guidelines for visual identity. The parties will agree on the modalities for any further use of the Council of Europe logo in relation to future projects.
9. Nothing in this exchange of letters shall be interpreted as obliging either of the parties to take part in, contribute to or in any other way support any activities planned or action proposed or undertaken by the other party.
10. A liaison person will be designated by each party to act as the first point of contact and co-ordinate support and collaboration. This is without prejudice to persons entrusted with specific activities, who will communicate directly with each other while keeping the liaison person informed.