

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Promotion of Internet Coordination Activities

Between

Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC)

And

Council of European National Top-Level Domain Registries (CENTR)

Whereas the RIPE NCC is a not-for-profit association and has as an objective to perform coordination activities for the support of the stable operation of the Internet;

Whereas CENTR is a not-for-profit association and has as an objective to promote and participate in the development of high standards among Internet Country Code Top-Level Domain Registries (ccTLDs) for the benefit of its members and the Internet. The organisation has a European focus;

The undersigned RIPE NCC and CENTR (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” or individually as the “Party”) wish to commit to an ongoing collaboration for the promotion of Internet coordination activities in the European region.

For the purposes of this collaboration:

- 1) The Parties will participate in, contribute to, and otherwise support each other’s meetings, events and other activities, and encourage their memberships’ participation in the same. CENTR will invite RIPE NCC staff to its General Assemblies and technical working groups and the RIPE NCC will invite CENTR staff to its Roundtable Meetings.
- 2) The Parties will regularly update each other on activities of mutual interest
- 3) The Parties will involve each other in projects of mutual interest and cooperate on a strategic level to further each Party’s mission
- 4) The Parties will promote the use of IPv6 among their respective memberships
- 5) The RIPE NCC and CENTR will continue to jointly organise trainings and promote capacity building in Europe, with specific focus on providing training to European policy-makers and other stakeholders.

This MoU and the collaboration described are independent from other collaboration efforts the RIPE NCC or CENTR may undertake or commit to in the European region.

The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this MoU is non-binding and does not create any obligations under the law.

The MoU shall enter into force when signed by the Parties and shall run until 31 October 2018. After this date, the MoU shall be automatically extended by one year at a time, unless one of the Parties gives notice to the other Party at least six months before the scheduled termination date of its intention not to extend the MoU.

The MoU may be amended, upon agreement by both Parties, at any time.

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