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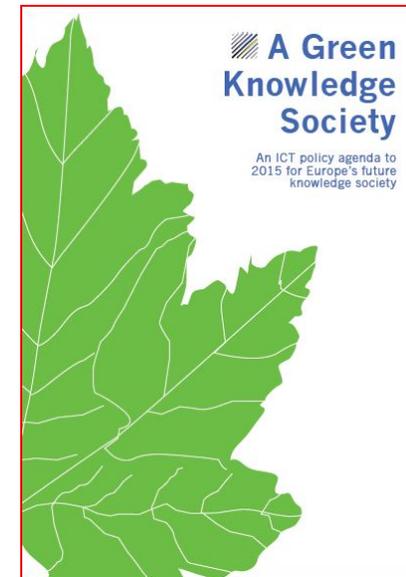
Changes in the EU

- **New Parliament**
- **New Treaty**
- **Renewed mandate for President Barroso**
- **New Permanent Council President and Foreign Policy Chief**



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Press release: The EU welcomes increased openness in the new ICANN approach

Today the Joint Project Agreement between the U.S. Department of Commerce and ICANN expires and a new phase begins with the release of the "Affirmation of Commitments" (AoC). The EU has continuously taken an active interest in the coordination and management of the Internet Domain Name System (DNS) and therefore welcomes this new approach.

"This is a significant positive move towards a new and more open "working environment" for ICANN and this document provides a good basis for further improvements of ICANN's transparency and accountability with the full involvement of and cooperation with all stakeholders, public and private players as well as the civil society", comments Swedish Infrastructure Minister Åsa Torstensson.

"This is a step in the right direction. Now all of us need to contribute to the implementation of the provisions of the AoC. A global, resilient and open Internet is a common responsibility. The EU looks forward to a continuous positive dialogue with ICANN, US Authorities and other stakeholders, to ensure an open and transparent Internet for the benefit for all Internet users."

Related News & Meetings

▶ [More countries get a say in how the Internet is run - The EU welcomes a new U.S. approach to ICANN](#)

Documents

- [EU ICANN statement](#)
- [Coreper Guidelines on Internet](#)

EU statements on the "Affirmation of Commitments"

The EU welcomes the AoC:

- A step in the right direction
- New and more open "working environment" for ICANN
- The increased role for governments and the GAC (public policy issues)
- A major challenge to implement the provisions of the AoC
- The responsibility of ICANN, but also all stakeholders and notably governments
- A continuous positive dialogue with ICANN, US Authorities and other stakeholders



ICANN meeting in Seoul – Oct 2009



- **First meeting after launch of AoC**
- **Introduction of International Domain Names**
- **GAC meetings (with ICANN Board etc)**
- **GAC Communiqué**



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Press release: Presidency message at international conference on Internet Governance in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt

Today the EU Presidency, represented by Minister for Communications Ms Åsa Torstensson, conveyed a message on the importance of an open Internet as a tool for democracy and growth in her speech at the IGF (Internet Governance Forum) in Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt today.



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Swedish minister for Communications, Asa Torstensson, giving her keynote address at the Internet Governance Forum 2009 in Sharm el-Sheikh.

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Documents

Speech by Asa Torstensson, Minister for Communication

EU messages at IGF



- **Internet - a global network that is open, global, resilient and accessible to all**
- **Respect for human rights, freedom of expression and privacy on Internet**
- **IGF is an important platform for global discussions and change of ideas and experiences**
- **IGF should continue another five years**
- **IGF should remain its multi-stake-holder approach**
- **IGF should remain its non decision body**
- **IGF could be further developed (visibility, engage more countries etc)**

EU at IGF in Sharm el Sheikh – Nov 2009

- **USG Sha Zukang**
- **DoC, State Department**
- **ICANN**
- **NGO:s**
- **ICC**
- **EU statement at Stocktaking session**



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 - ICANN process – review teams
 - gTLD development, trademarks etc
 - Future IGF
 - ITU, UN related issues and processes
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