.eu in the ccTLD IDN “slow track”

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Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, 20 February 2014
The history

- EC Regulation 733/2002

- First thoughts of the European Commission in Q3 2009 for introducing ευ and ею (Greek and Cyrillic versions of .eu)

- EURid application in May 2010
October 2011 ccNSO Council resolution about strings bearing similarities to the original string

ICANN request for implementation plan to EURid in December 2011

EURid submitted the implementation plan in January 2012
3 February 2012, the Cyrillic string (ёю) passed the evaluation of the DNS Stability Panel. Assessment of the Greek string was still ongoing.

28 February 2012, the Greek string (ευ) failed the evaluation on the basis of “a subjective assessment” of the DNS Stability Panel. It is deemed to be similar to “eu”, “ey” and “ev”.

With the exception of “eu”, the other two ISO codes are not existing TLDs and one of them will never be
EURid involvement in the process to ensure a scientific basis for the evaluation of possibly confusing similarities

The new Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) - ccNSO IDN PDP working group 1

EURid applied for the re-evaluation of the Greek string through the EPSRP
Open questions

• ICANN process(es) inconsistencies: Confusing similarity is assessed differently in the gTLD and ccTLD environments

• Lack of transparency in several areas of the process

• Considerable delays in the initial stage of the evaluation process
Thank you!

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