

EURID'S QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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From the General Manager

.eu continued to grow in Q1 2011, finishing the quarter with 3.39 million registered .eu domain names - a growth of 4.2% compared with Q1 2010. I am encouraged by our progress, especially by the strong annual growth in Bulgaria (43%), Estonia (39%) and Romania (22%), and the healthy 78% domain name renewal rate.

In order to sustain and improve this growth, we spent the first quarter preparing for new services and promotions scheduled for later in the year.

Much of our work focused on the launch of multiyear registrations (MYRs), planned for 7 April 2011. MYRs allow .eu domain names to be registered for up to ten years and in Q1 we prepared our registrars (and our systems) for this change. Not coincidentally, 7 April 2011 will also be .eu's fifth birthday and we also spent time planning our birthday celebrations.

EURid has long championed Internet security and this was another area of activity in Q1. In an effort to improve DNSSEC uptake for .eu domain names, and thereby reassure European businesses and consumers that they are benefiting from one of the safest top-level domains (TLDs) on the market, we laid the foundations for a new .eu service that will simplify the DNSSEC signing process. We also planned a series of DNSSEC seminars, so that .eu registrars can improve their DNSSEC knowledge and try the service first hand ahead of its launch.



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Marc Van Wesemael

Update

The .eu top-level domain and its registry, EURid, saw a variety of developments during the first quarter of 2011. These included the items highlighted below.

Online security

EURid took steps to encourage the adoption of the Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) protocol for .eu domain names during Q1. A new service and education programme were developed for launch later this year:

- An innovative, all-in-one DNSSEC signing and implementation service for the .eu accredited registrar community. Currently in test phase, rollout is expected in Q3
- A series of training seminars across Europe in Q2 to boost registrars' confidence when working with the DNSSEC protocol and their portfolio of signed .eu domain names.

These Internet security activities were announced by Marc Van Wesemael, EURid's General Manager, as part of his comments on the changing top-level domain (TLD) landscape, ahead of the fifth anniversary of .eu's public launch on 7 April 2011.

.eu multiyear registrations

EURid is extending the length of time for which a .eu domain name can be registered. The first quarter of 2011 saw preparations to enable the registration of .eu domain names for up to ten years. Coming into effect on 7 April 2011 to coincide with .eu's fifth birthday, this change will reduce registrars' renewal burden and protect their customers' .eu domain names for longer.

Preparatory system changes were implemented. Information about .eu multiyear registrations was shared with .eu accredited registrars during the quarter.

Two .eu Identity magazines

The Spring issue of EURid's .eu Identity magazine was published in January. This issue showcased small to mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) from the European tourism industry that use .eu websites to great effect.

A special fifth birthday edition was published at the end of March. In keeping with the birthday theme, SMEs in the celebration business with .eu websites were featured. European Commission Vice President Neelie Kroes and ex-ICANN CEO Paul Twomey were interviewed about the past five years of .eu. Online versions are published at <http://link.eurid.eu/identity>.

.eu brand in focus

During the first quarter, EURid updated the look and feel of the .eu brand. Brochures and leaflets were produced using the new visual identity. All subsequent communications material will be aligned to reflect this new, more engaging style.

Meeting registrars

EURid continued to meet registrars at industry events. The .eu team attended three trade shows in March – Ecommretail in Barcelona, Spain; WorldHostingDays in Rust, Germany; and Internet Expo in Helsinki, Finland. On 13 March, EURid hosted a dinner for registrars during the ICANN 40 meeting in San Francisco, USA, which was a great opportunity to meet overseas registrars.

.eu on YouTube

More videos were added to EURid's YouTube channel during Q1 and views have doubled in the year since the channel's launch. You can view the latest videos at www.youtube.com/europeanregistry.



About EURid and .eu

EURid is the not-for-profit organisation appointed by the European Commission to operate the .eu top-level Internet domain. The first initiative to establish .eu as a European top-level domain (TLD) was taken in 1999 by the European Council. Subsequently, EURid was appointed in May 2003 as the operator of the .eu registry. The actual service contract was signed in October 2004. The .eu TLD was added to the root zone of the Internet Domain Name System in May 2005. Technically speaking, .eu has been in existence since then.

Between 7 December 2005 and 6 April 2006, the .eu registry began accepting applications for domain names on a limited basis. Only those individuals and organisations holding legal protection for a name within a Member State of the European Union were eligible to apply during that time. This stage of phased registration is referred to as the Sunrise Period.

On 7 April 2006, EURid opened the .eu TLD for general registration on a strictly first-come, first-served basis.

The three organisations operating the national registries for Belgium, Italy and Sweden founded EURid in April 2003. Later, the organisations operating the TLDs for the Czech Republic and Slovenia also became members. The European Chapter of the Internet Society (ISOC) joined EURid in 2006, followed by the BusinessEurope organisation in 2007.

EURid's head office, which is also the regional office for Western Europe, is located just outside Brussels in Diegem, Belgium. There are three other regional offices located in Pisa, Italy; Prague, the Czech Republic; and Stockholm, Sweden. Each office provides support for registrars and the general public in languages local to its region.

Multiyear registrations allow .eu domain names to be registered for up to ten years.

International

During the first quarter of 2011, EURid participated in the following events:

- CENTR General Assembly, Tel Aviv, Israel, 2 – 3 February
- 34th CENTR Administrative Workshop, Vienna, Austria, 16 February
- Domain Pulse, Vienna, Austria, 17 – 18 February
- Law enforcement registrar-registry meeting, Brussels, Belgium, 23 – 24 February
- IDC events, Lisbon, Portugal, 24 February
- ICANN Board GAC meeting, Brussels, Belgium, 28 February – 1 March
- Ecommretail Show, Barcelona, Spain, 2 – 3 March

- ICANN 40th meeting, San Francisco, USA, 13 – 18 March
- WorldHostingDays, Rust, Germany, 22 – 25 March
- Internet Expo, Helsinki, Finland, 23 – 24 March.

EURid continued to participate in the ccNSO IDN Policy Development Procedure (PDP) and Strategic and Operating Plan (SOP) working groups. EURid also continued to participate in the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom). A total of four presentations about EURid and various aspects of .eu were given at ICANN, CENTR and other international meetings. EURid attended four trade fairs during Q1 2011.

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The .eu domain

During Q1 2011, the number of .eu registrations increased by 53 372 domain names, or 1.6%, to 3.39 million. The total number of registrations at the end of Q1 represented an increase of 4.2%, or 135 289 registrations, when compared with the total number at the end of Q1 2010.

The number of Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs) in the .eu portfolio was 56 961, or 1.7% of all registrations, at the end of Q1 2011. The number of IDNs as a percentage of new registrations is similar to other registries.

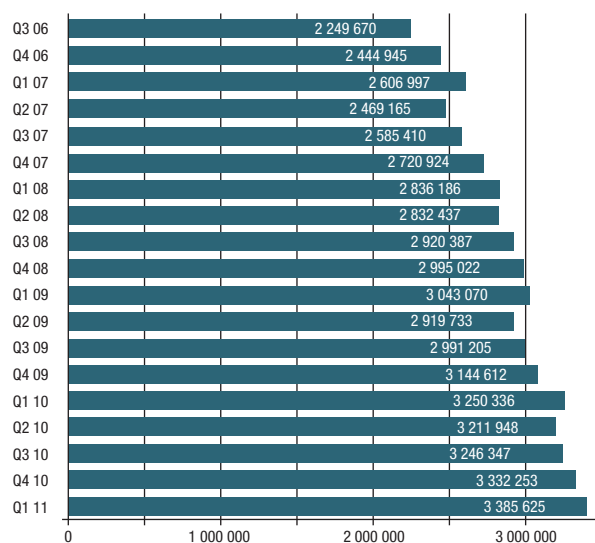
During Q1 2011, 19 445 domains out of 3.39 million were traded. This means that about one domain out of 170 was traded; unchanged from Q1 2010. In addition, there were a total of 862 accredited .eu registrars by the end of the quar-

ter. Finally, the countries in the top ten list of registrations based on country of registrar accounted for 84.3% of all .eu registrations.

During the first quarter, the total number of .eu registrations increased in 19 of the 27 EU Member States. Bulgaria, Estonia, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia all saw quarterly growth of more than 6%.

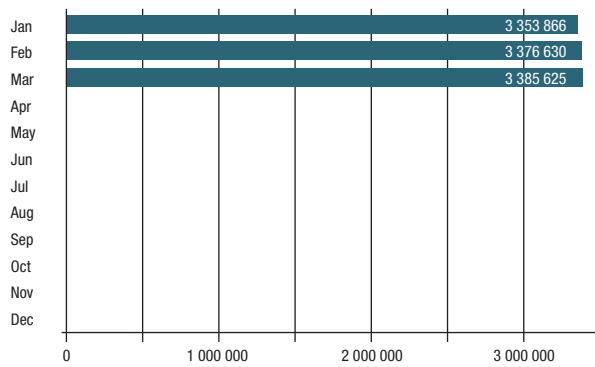
The national ccTLD market in EU countries^[1] increased by 2.5% during Q1 2011 and by 11.0% from Q1 2010. Within the European Union, the market for gTLD domain names, such as .com, .net, .org, .info and .biz grew by 2.3% during Q1 2011 and by 13.6% from Q1 2010, according to statistics from Zooknic.

Total .eu domain name registrations by quarter

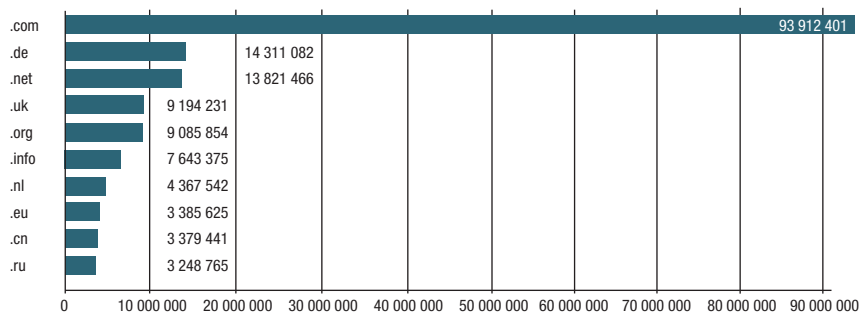


^[1] Data from national registry websites was not available for Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece and Malta.

Total .eu registrations by month, 2011



World top ten TLDs



According to the latest available data, .eu climbed one position and became the eight-largest TLD in the world during Q1. The latest available data for .cn are from February 2011 however, so this could change when .cn release data for March.

.eu IDNs, Q1 2011

Quarter	IDNs	Percentage
Q4 2009	56 036	1.78%
Q1 2010	62 609	1.93%
Q2 2010	65 109	2.03%
Q3 2010	67 074	2.07%
Q4 2010	57 826	1.74%
Q1 2011	56 961	1.68%

New registrations, deletions and renewals

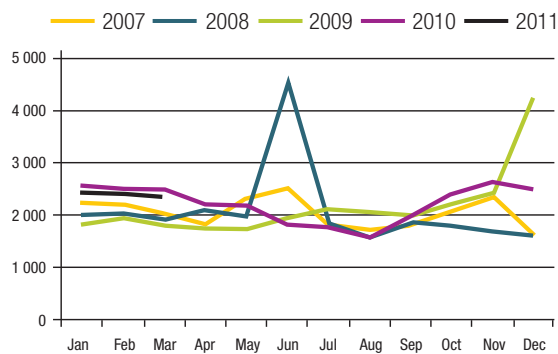
There were 212 918 new .eu registrations in Q1 2011. The number of new registrations per day was slightly lower than during the same months in 2010.

Registrants can delete domain names they no longer find useful from the .eu registry through their registrars. During Q1 2011, there were 164 735 deletions. A domain name headed for deletion is quarantined for 40 days after the date specified in the deletion request. It can be

reactivated during that period only at the request of the former registrant. The quarantine period is a safeguard to prevent domain names from being deleted by mistake. The deleted name becomes available for general registration after the quarantine period.

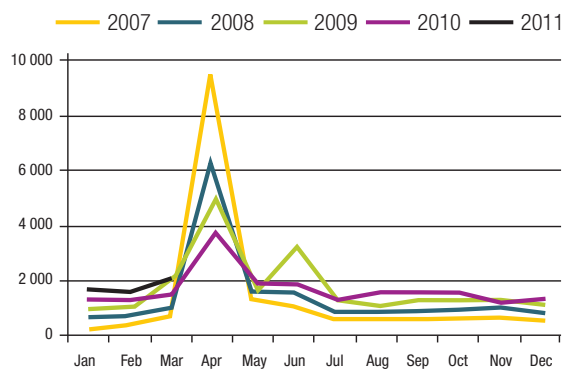
When combined, the new registrations and deletions for Q1 showed a net increase of about 600 names per day. Renewal rates stayed strong during Q1 at an average of 78%, somewhat higher than the industry average.

New .eu registrations per day



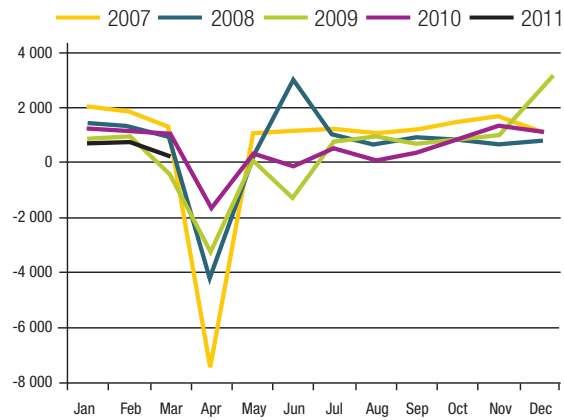
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Deletions per day



The month of April sees a spike in deletions each year, as many domain names come up for renewal then. April is the month the .eu domain was officially launched. This high peak is quite common for any TLD that was launched after the nineties, as those that were already in the market followed a more regular growth pattern.

Net growth per day



As stated above, Q1 saw an increase of about 600 names per day.

Renewal rates by percentage

Month	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
January	76%	77%	78%	79%	100%
February	78%	79%	78%	80%	100%
March	79%	80%	79%	83%	99%
April		87%	84%	84%	81%
May		83%	80%	81%	82%
June		79%	69%	80%	86%
July		81%	80%	82%	84%
August		79%	81%	82%	80%
September		78%	79%	82%	83%
October		78%	78%	82%	82%
November		77%	79%	79%	83%
December		75%	79%	80%	84%

Renewal rates remained strong in Q1 at an average of 78%, somewhat higher than the industry average.

Trades and transfers

When a domain name changes hands, EURid calls the process a “trade”. The registrar for the new registrant initiates the trade, which must then be confirmed by both the existing registrant and the new holder of the domain name. During Q1 2011, 19 445 domains out of 3.39 million were traded. This means that about one domain out of 170 was traded; unchanged from Q1 2010.

When a registrant wishes to change registrars, this is known as a domain name “transfer”. Transfers can be carried out at any time. A transfer is initiated by a registrant’s new registrar and must be confirmed by the registrant before it is processed. During Q1 2011, about one domain out of 190 was transferred, for a total of 18 012 transfers. During the same quarter last year, about one out of 200 was transferred.

Completed trades

Trades	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
January	5 775	6 541	5 443	4 941	6 553
February	5 848	5 669	6 119	8 202	8 656
March	7 822	8 512	10 033	17 004	15 935
April		7 624	17 925	55 764	25 869
May		6 600	6 016	20 057	6 481
June		6 026	5 875	9 097	12 957
July		5 795	5 355	5 451	5 034
August		4 874	5 195	3 625	6 010
September		5 070	5 650	4 431	4 177
October		5 593	6 389	6 274	5 344
November		5 900	4 865	4 246	5 746
December		8 546	4 900	6 118	4 419



Completed transfers

Transfers	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
January	5 431	3 951	4 602	4 313	3 564
February	4 977	5 097	5 311	4 609	5 278
March	7 604	7 518	7 982	10 190	36 458
April		6 345	12 582	10 863	69 060
May		6 288	4 606	4 968	12 895
June		4 483	4 869	4 474	4 230
July		3 876	3 575	3 944	3 448
August		3 772	2 952	3 714	3 667
September		4 229	3 509	4 124	4 428
October		4 326	4 102	4 132	3 729
November		4 860	3 602	4 018	3 382
December		4 967	3 419	5 122	3 578

DNS queries per minute

One method of determining the actual use of .eu domain names is by measuring DNS queries to the .eu name servers. The graph shows the

average number of queries per minute for each month. The number of DNS queries has grown steadily since the launch of .eu.

Number of DNS queries per minute



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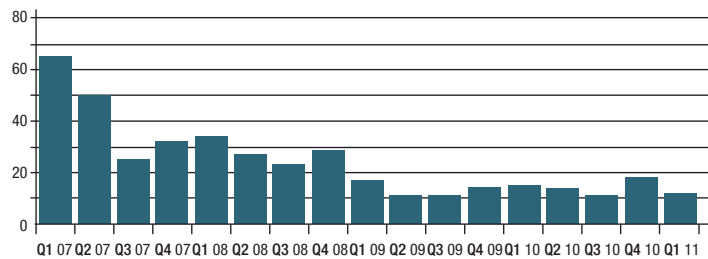
Domain name disputes

To protect intellectual property rights, an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) policy was established for .eu domain name disputes. This policy is described in more detail in EC Regulation 874/2004. The dispute resolution procedure is administered by the Czech Arbitration Court, an

independent body offering its services in all EU languages.

The ADR process for .eu disputes is similar to the dispute processes offered by most major top-level domain registries.

Domain name disputes filed by quarter



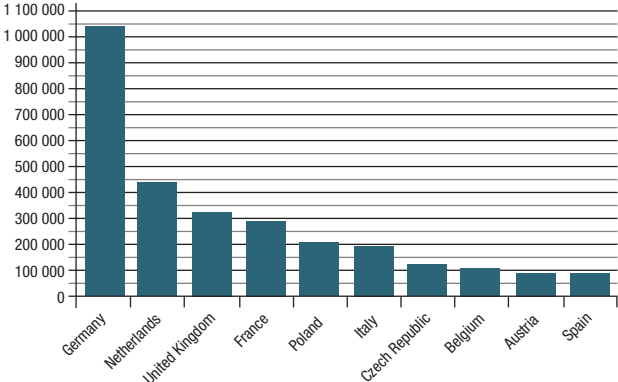
A total of 12 Alternative Dispute Resolution cases were filed during Q1 2011 compared with 18 during Q4 2010 and 15 during Q1 2010. The Czech Arbitration Court published 12 ADR decisions during Q1, 11 of which were in favour of the complainant.

The registrants

The countries in the top ten list of countries with the most .eu registrations account for 86.1% of all .eu registrations. German residents have

by far the most .eu domain name registrations, followed by residents of the Netherlands and United Kingdom.

Top ten countries with most .eu registrations





Total number of .eu domain names by country of registrant, Q1 2011

Country	Total names
Åland Islands	266
Austria	91 921
Belgium	105 733
Bulgaria	18 513
Cyprus	53 368
Czech Republic	124 708
Denmark	36 801
Estonia	14 101
Finland	14 171
France	292 329
French Guiana	59
Germany	1 043 315
Gibraltar	3 364
Greece	32 766
Guadeloupe	189
Hungary	40 087
Ireland	51 056

Country	Total names
Italy	194 953
Latvia	6 194
Lithuania	14 303
Luxembourg	26 724
Malta	7 124
Martinique	138
Netherlands	443 429
Poland	206 159
Portugal	12 659
Reunion	296
Romania	25 379
Slovakia	27 365
Slovenia	8 450
Spain	87 641
Sweden	75 795
United Kingdom	324 460

The table above is based on country codes. Some EU Member State territories (such as Gibraltar, the Åland Islands and Guadeloupe) have their own country codes which is why they are included in the list.

Popularity of .eu compared with ccTLD registrations, Q1 2011

Country	.eu/1000	ccTLD/1000
Cyprus	66.6	N/A
Luxembourg	53.2	119.3
Netherlands	26.7	263.5
Malta	17.1	N/A
Germany	12.8	175.0
Czech Republic	11.9	74.9
Ireland	11.5	35.8
Austria	11.0	122.7
Estonia	10.5	41.1
Belgium	9.8	104.1
Sweden	8.1	116.0
EU	6.8	86.5
Denmark	6.6	201.1
Poland	5.4	54.3

Country	.eu/1000	ccTLD/1000
United Kingdom	5.2	148.2
Slovakia	5.0	44.6
France	4.5	30.7
Lithuania	4.3	38.2
Slovenia	4.1	46.1
Hungary	4.0	55.4
Italy	3.2	35.6
Greece	2.9	29.3
Latvia	2.8	42.2
Finland	2.6	49.2
Bulgaria	2.4	N/A
Spain	1.9	27.5
Portugal	1.2	32.8
Romania	1.2	24.4

The figures above show the number of domain names per 1 000 inhabitants at the end of Q1 2011. They are based on population data from Eurostat and ccTLD information from national registries.



Growth by country, quarter over quarter and year over year

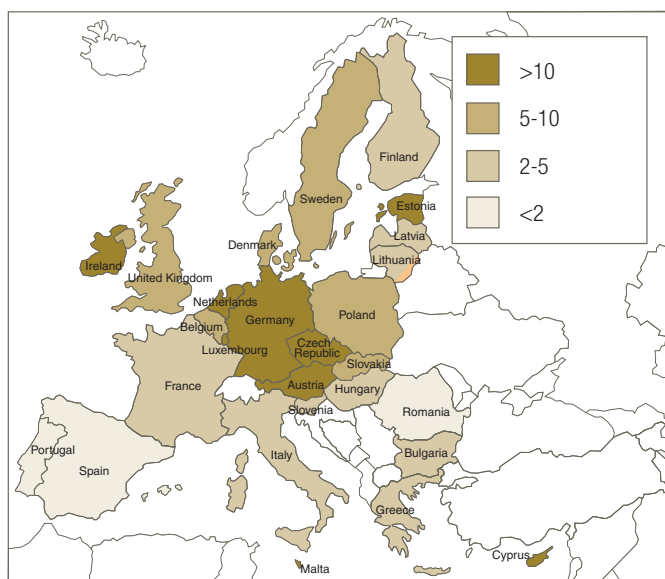
Country	Q1 2011 vs Q4 2010	Q1 2011 vs Q1 2010
Austria	3.0%	9.8%
Belgium	2.2%	6.3%
Bulgaria	6.7%	42.6%
Cyprus	-0.3%	1.3%
Czech Republic	2.2%	12.3%
Denmark	-1.3%	-5.2%
Estonia	7.5%	39.3%
Finland	-4.4%	-6.2%
France	2.5%	2.1%
Germany	1.5%	4.9%
Greece	2.2%	4.9%
Hungary	3.7%	16.1%
Ireland	0.0%	-0.5%
Italy	-0.5%	3.6%

Country	Q1 2011 vs Q4 2010	Q1 2011 vs Q1 2010
Latvia	1.1%	-1.2%
Lithuania	5.4%	12.2%
Luxembourg	1.0%	-1.0%
Malta	-1.7%	42.6%
Netherlands	1.6%	1.4%
Poland	1.0%	7.9%
Portugal	-0.3%	-0.7%
Romania	8.4%	22.4%
Slovakia	6.8%	15.5%
Slovenia	2.5%	12.4%
Spain	2.6%	8.1%
Sweden	-5.1%	-6.3%
United Kingdom	0.2%	-0.9%

By the end of Q1 2011, .eu domain name registrations had increased in 19 EU countries. As shown above, the .eu domain became especially popular in Estonia, Romania and Slovakia.

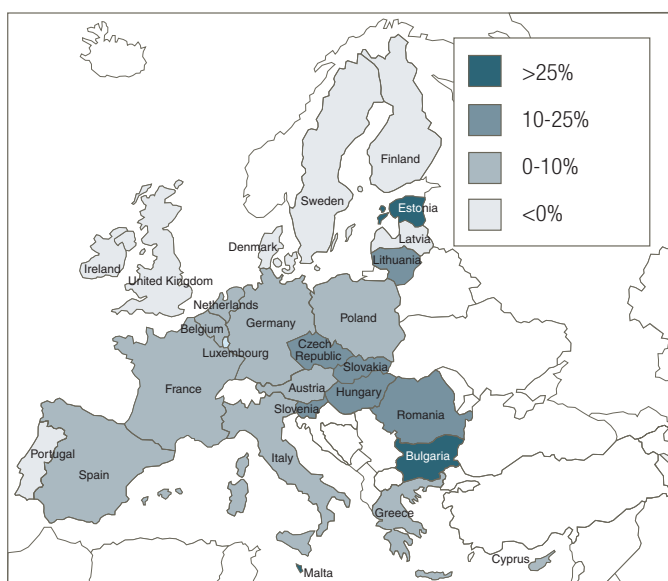
.eu domain names per 1 000 inhabitants, Q1 2011

The number of .eu registrations per 1 000 inhabitants varies from a high of 53 in Luxembourg to 26 in the Netherlands and around 1 in Portugal and Romania. In general, countries with a large number of ccTLDs per inhabitant also have a large number of .eu registrations per inhabitant.



Growth by country, Q1 2011 compared to Q1 2010

The countries with the fastest relative growth year over year were Malta (43%), Bulgaria (43%) and Estonia (39%).

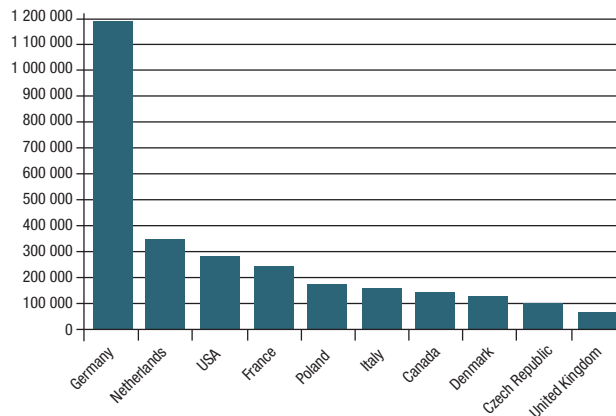


The registrars

.eu registrars can be located outside the European Union. Categorising registrations by country of registrar shows many similarities with the categorisation by country of registrant (see previous table Top ten countries with most .eu registrations). The main difference is that the USA, Canada and

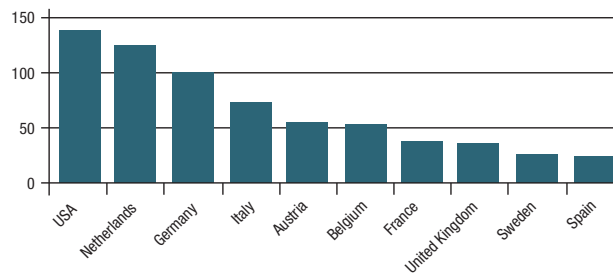
Denmark are on the top ten list based on country of registrar but not based on country of registrant, while the opposite holds true for Belgium, Austria and Spain. In Q1 2011, the countries in the top ten list of registrations based on country of registrar accounted for 84.3% of all .eu registrations.

Top ten countries based on registrations by country of registrar



In Q1, the UK replaced Belgium as the county with the tenth most registrations based on country of registrar.

Top ten countries by number of .eu registrars



.eu registrations by country of registrar

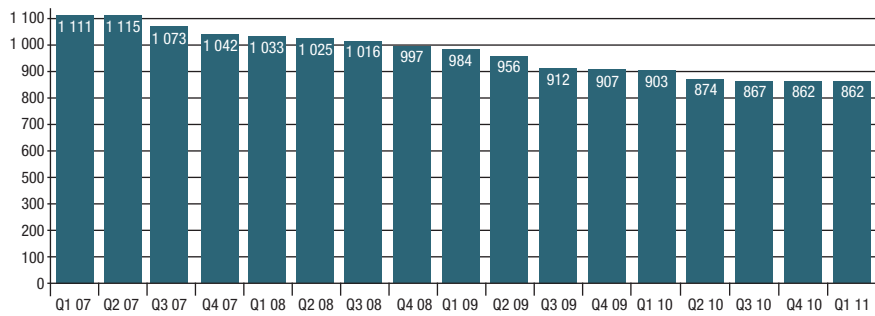
Country	Names managed	Number of registrars
Anguilla	488	1
Australia	17 743	9
Austria	40 678	55
Bahamas	7 673	1
Barbados	713	1
Belgium	67 122	54
Bulgaria	921	2
Canada	144 403	23
Cayman Islands	262	2
China	1 820	4
Cyprus	6 093	2
Czech Republic	101 324	15
Denmark	125 608	17
Estonia	8 659	1
Finland	4 682	6
France	242 032	38
Germany	1 198 577	100
Greece	28 614	15
Hungary	25 106	19
India	58 153	1
Ireland	8 835	6
Israel	757	3
Italy	163 991	72

Country	Names managed	Number of registrars
Japan	256	2
Korea	939	3
Latvia	1 859	2
Lichtenstein	229	1
Lithuania	11 186	4
Luxembourg	54 908	3
Malaysia	153	1
Malta	84	1
Monaco	11 887	1
Netherlands	344 406	124
Norway	38 131	4
Poland	175 498	14
Portugal	1 231	4
Romania	9 871	10
Singapore	796	1
Slovakia	12 614	12
Slovenia	706	2
Spain	44 248	24
Sweden	48 939	25
Switzerland	12 627	3
Taiwan	146	1
United Kingdom	68 492	35
USA	286 274	137

An accredited .eu registrar managed an average of 3 921 .eu domain names during Q1.

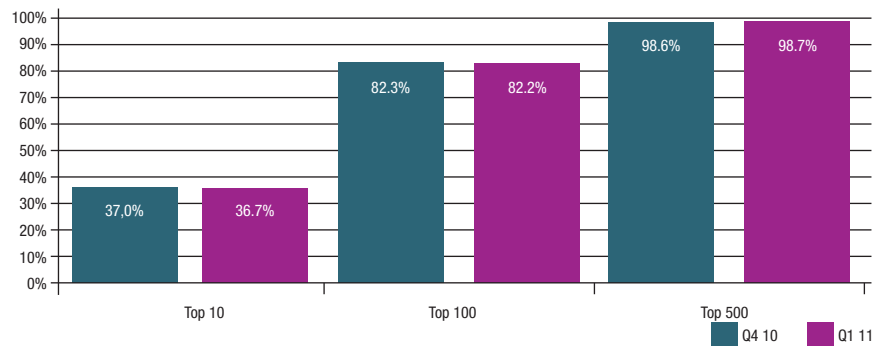


Total number of accredited .eu registrars by quarter



At the end of Q1, there were 862 accredited .eu registrars. New .eu registrars are accredited every quarter. The total number has decreased over the past several quarters because of mergers and acquisitions within the domain name industry as well as decisions by large registrars with subsidiaries to consolidate several .eu accounts into one account.

Market share of top 10, top 100 and top 500 registrars



The top 100 accredited .eu registrars manage about 82% of all registrations which means that many registrars are small businesses. Compared to the previous quarter, the market share of the top 100 registrars has decreased somewhat.

Human resources

In terms of human resources, there were a total of 64 employees working at EURid's four offices at the end of Q1 2011. Geo Van Langenhove joined

the EURid Management Team as Legal Manager in January 2011.

Headcount per office, first quarter 2011

Office	Headcount	FTE*
Diegem	46	41
Pisa	6	3.8
Prague	6	4.1
Stockholm	6	3.3
Total	64	52.2

* Full-time equivalents

The management team



Marc Van Wesemael
General Manager

Marc Van Wesemael has an MBA from Lessius Management School (Antwerp) in collaboration with Northwestern University (USA) and a degree in electronic engineering from the University of Ghent. He has worked in the telecom and software industries as a consultant and as a manager in software engineering, general sales and marketing. For ten years he was the Managing Director of not-for-profit DNS Belgium, the registry for .be.



Giovanni Seppia
External Relations Manager

Giovanni Seppia previously worked at ICANN as European Regional Liaison. Prior to that, he was General Manager at CENTR. He has also served as Head of External Relations for the Italian Registry (ITT CNR) and has three years of experience in various roles at the European Commission.



Bart Foutrel
Finance Manager

Bart Foutrel has a masters degree in business sciences from Lessius Hogeschool, where he focused on finance and insurance plus accountancy and tax law. During his studies, he worked as an accountant at MENSURA, an insurance company. After graduation he worked as an adviser on Global Compliance Service at PricewaterhouseCoopers before joining EURid in early 2008.



Geo Van Langenhove
Legal Manager

Geo Van Langenhove previously worked for companies in various technology fields, such as Nuance Communications, EuroFiber and IMEC, where his practice focused on intellectual property, contracts and litigation. He graduated from the Universities of Brussels and Leuven, College of Law. He holds an advanced masters degree in Intellectual Property rights from the University of Brussels.



Peter Janssen
Technical Manager

Peter Janssen has a masters degree in computer science from the University of Leuven. He joined the Belgian registry for .be in 2000 in the guise of Technical Director and was responsible for the domain's liberalisation in December 2000.



Els Verstappen
Human Resources Manager

Els Verstappen held a variety of HR roles at Scarlet, a telecommunications company, before joining EURid. Most recently, as HR Business Advisor, she was responsible for HR support for line management, selection and recruitment, among other things. Before working at Scarlet she was employed at KPN Belgium and at a European non-governmental organisation.



Brigitte Lagrou
Communications Manager

Brigitte Lagrou previously worked at VASCO Data Security as worldwide product PR manager and EMEA PR manager. Prior to that, she was PR Manager at Telenet. She also worked for several years in PR agencies, on local and pan-European ICT and consumer goods accounts.

The board and strategic committee



Pierre Verbaeten
Chairman of the Board

Pierre Verbaeten is Chairman of the Computer Science department of the Catholic University of Leuven, where he lectures on networking and distributed systems. He also leads the DistriNet research group, which conducts basic and applied research in computer networks, security, middleware, multi-agent systems and embedded systems. In 1989, Mr Verbaeten became the first manager of the .be registry, which was transferred to the not-for-profit organisation DNS Belgium on January 1, 2000.



Domenico Laforenza
Director of the Board

Dr. Domenico Laforenza is the head of nic.it, the registry for Italy's .it top-level domain. He is also the Director of the Institute for Informatics and Telematics of the Italian National Research Council in Pisa. Between 2003 and 2007 Dr. Laforenza was a member of the Next Generation Grid Expert Group, which was selected by the European Commission to define the priorities of future research in the grid technologies sector. He has also been a consultant to various EU Member States' research agencies in Austria, France, the United Kingdom, Ireland and the Netherlands. He holds a doctoral degree in computer science from the University of Pisa.



Danny Aerts
Director of the Board

Danny Aerts is the Managing Director of the Swedish Internet Infrastructure Foundation (IIS), the registry for the .se top-level domain. A native of the Netherlands, Mr Aerts moved to Sweden in the mid 1990s. In 2006 he left his position as CEO at Swedish web portal Spray to join IIS. Mr Aerts has also been employed at several telecom companies, including Unisource Mobile, Telia and PTT Telecom. He graduated cum laude from Utrecht University, where he studied economic geography.



Tomáš Maršálek
Director of the Board

Mr Maršálek is an independent IT consultant and member of the CZ.NIC collegium, a body associated with CZ.NIC, the registry for the .cz top-level domain. Previously he was a chairman of CZ.NIC and the Managing Director of the Czech Neutral Internet eXchange node (NIX.CZ). After graduating from the Czech Technical University in Prague with a masters degree in radio electronic science, he began his professional career at AT&T. Mr Marsalek is a cofounder of GTS, the biggest alternative telecommunications operator in the Czech Republic. He also helped establish the IP network in Central and Eastern Europe on behalf of British Telecom.



Marko Bonač
Director of the Board

Marko Bonač received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics (1981) and a masters in computer science (1988) from the University of Ljubljana. Between 1981 and 1992 he worked as a researcher and project leader in the field of computer networks. Since 1992 he has been the Director of Arnes, the Academic and Research Network of Slovenia, which is also the registry for the Slovenian top-level domain, .si.



Philippe de Buck
Member of the Strategic Committee

Philippe de Buck received a doctorate in law from the University of Leuven. After a post-graduate course in tax studies at the Ecole Supérieure de Sciences Fiscales (ICHEC) in Brussels, he joined Agoria, the Belgian multi-sectoral federation for the technology industry. There he filled various functions until 2001, when he left the CEO position at the federation to join Business Europe in the role of Secretary General. Mr de Buck is also a member of the board of directors for both ING Belgium and BASF Antwerp and sits on the advisory board of the European Policy Center.



Christopher Wilkinson
Member of the Strategic Committee

Christopher Wilkinson is the Chairman of the Internet Society European Chapters (ISOC-ECC.ORG). He has degrees in natural sciences and economics and experience in international affairs. His working life spans several international organisations and the European Union. He was closely associated with the creation of ICANN and the GAC. He initiated the .eu top-level domain.





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