



Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Report

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Year at a Glance — Timeline

2020

18-19 November

ICANN in partnership with Caucasus Online organized the fifth Eastern European Domain Name System Forum ([EEDNSF](#)) virtually.

2021

12 February

ICANN and *Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre* (RIPE NCC) co-organized Internet Measurement Day Armenia supported by the Armenian Internet Exchange (Arm IXP) as well as the Armenian Operators Union.

11 March

ICANN organized a DNSSEC training for the ccTLD registry from Uzbekistan (.uz).

19 March

ICANN org presented a lecture at St. Petersburg University's faculty of International Relations, on the role of ICANN in the Internet governance ecosystem.

20 March

ICANN70 regional readout in Russian (virtual event).

3 June

ICANN organized an online training workshop for Ukrainian registrars on contractual obligations, and the processes involved, with a focus on DNS Security Threats framework and personal data protection from a contractual compliance angle.

Regional Highlights

Eastern European DNS Forum Marked Five Years



The fifth Eastern European DNS Forum was held virtually, with the support of Caucasus Online, local regulatory body Georgian National Communications Commission and Ministry of Economy. ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman made welcome remarks emphasizing the importance of the Internet in the COVID-19 period and ICANN's role in keeping the internet infrastructure secure, stable and interoperable.

The two-day agenda included policy and tech days that gathered DNS experts from across the region, and globally. During the session participants discussed DNS security and threat mitigation, infrastructure development and Universal Acceptance. The forum attracted over 150 participants from 12 countries.

ICANN Signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgian National Communications Commission

In December, Göran Marby, ICANN President and CEO and Merhab Katamadze, Commissioner of the Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to leverage both parties' vision of a secure and resilient Internet infrastructure to support and protect the unique communities which make up one single, global community. The MoU was signed during the opening ceremony of Georgian Internet Governance Forum, that ICANN supported as a sponsor. Some of the joint activities that will be explored under the MoU will be Universal Acceptance, DNS security threats, studies and research projects, training, and exchange of expertise. This is the second MoU ICANN has signed with a governmental organization in the region. The first one was with the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies (MTCIT) of Armenia in December 2017.

Capacity-Development Activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

ICANN org held technical workshops and webinars on DNS Network Security, Domain Name Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and Universal Acceptance across the region.

Total number of workshops in FY21:

2

Total number of workshops in FY20:

2

TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Due to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, ICANN org was unable to organize any specific training for law enforcement agencies during this fiscal year.

Total number of workshops in FY21:

0

Total number of workshops in FY20:

1

TRAINING FOR NONTECHNICAL COMMUNITY

ICANN org also regularly helps to build capacity for the community such as accredited registrars and registry operators. In addition, ICANN org engaged with government and civil society for training that is relevant to these sectors.

Total number of workshops in FY21:

4

Total number of workshops in FY20:

2

Eastern Europe and Central Asia Community Leaders

For the list of Supporting Organization and Advisory Committees leaders, please refer to ICANN's [FY21 Annual Report](#), page 109.

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