

EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL REPORT

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Year at a Glance — Timeline

2019

19-20 September

A workshop held in partnership with the .GE registry tailored for local registrars, the first of its kind in Tbilisi, Georgia.

11-12 October

The 4th Eastern European Domain Name System Forum (EEDNSF), co-organized with the .am/.հայ registry, ISOC. AM, took place in Yerevan, Armenia.

2020

16 March

Mikhail Anisimov [joined](#) ICANN org as the Head of Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

10 May

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) and GSE conducted a Train-the-Trainer program for participants who are involved in local UA initiatives in the region.

Regional Highlights

ENGAGEMENTS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

ICANN org continued to build on the objective of maintaining stronger collaboration with Internet organizations in the region. ICANN org continued to participate and support a number of national, sub-regional, and regional Internet Governance Forums (IGFs). These forums still play a significant role in public discussion on Internet governance, and are an opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices. Besides the national IGFs that are organized in their respective countries every year, Russian Federation hosted the Asia Pacific regional IGF in July 2019, where ICANN org participated in a number of sessions.

Since March 2020, COVID-19 has necessitated postponing or cancelling many scheduled events, training, and face-to-face meetings. Regional ICANN org has adjusted its focus to work on awareness raising and collaborating with the broader community to deliver ICANN's messages and its Mission.

Regional media reached out for information about how ICANN org is contributing to the efforts to fight DNS abuse related to COVID-19.

VIEW the News Coverage:

- [RSpectr.com media focusing on cyber security](#)
- [“Teplitsa” media focusing on activities of civil society](#)
- [Video of live stream with blogger Mikhail Klimarev](#)

EASTERN EUROPEAN DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM FORUM (EEDNSF) CONTINUES TO GROW



This key flagship event continues to grow in importance throughout the region. The fourth EEDNSF was held in Yerevan, Armenia, in October and hosted by the Internet Society and .AM ccTLD registry. The EEDNSF was part of a series of Internet-related events called the N2 Forum that brings together local and international organizations and experts in the Internet ecosystem to share expertise and best practices.

The event gathered participants from seven countries in the region as well as ICANN Board members and technical experts. With a two-day agenda, the event focused on ccTLD operations, cyber security issues, and discussions around the multistakeholder model in the policy development process.

Capacity-Development Activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Note: The FY20 training calendar was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

ICANN org held technical workshops and webinars on DNS Network Security, and DNSSEC across the region.

Total number of workshops
in FY20:

2

Total number of workshops
in FY19:

2

TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ICANN org provides training for law enforcement agencies so that they can better handle abuse and misuse related to Internet identifiers.

Total number of workshops
in FY20:

1

Total number of workshops
in FY19:

1

TRAINING FOR NONTECHNICAL COMMUNITY

The 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 FY20:

2

Total number of workshops
in FY19:

1



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