



.eu Internet Domain Name

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Main events in the creation of the .eu Top Level Domain

- **Lisbon Summit 2000**
- **Parliament and Council Regulation 733/2002 (framework regulation)**
 - Modified by Regulation No 1137/2008 of 22 October 2008
- **Commission Implementing Decision 2014/207/EU of 11 April 2014 on the designation of the .eu Top Level Domain Registry** (replaces Commission Decision 2003/375) (Registry: EURid)
- **Commission Regulation 874/2004 (Public Policy Rules)**
 - Modified by EC Regulations No 1654/2005 of 10 October 2005; No 1255/2007 of 25 October 2007; and No 560/2009 of 26 June 2009.
- **Opening of the Registry (phased registration) 7 December 2005**
- **Opening of the Registry for general registration of domain names**

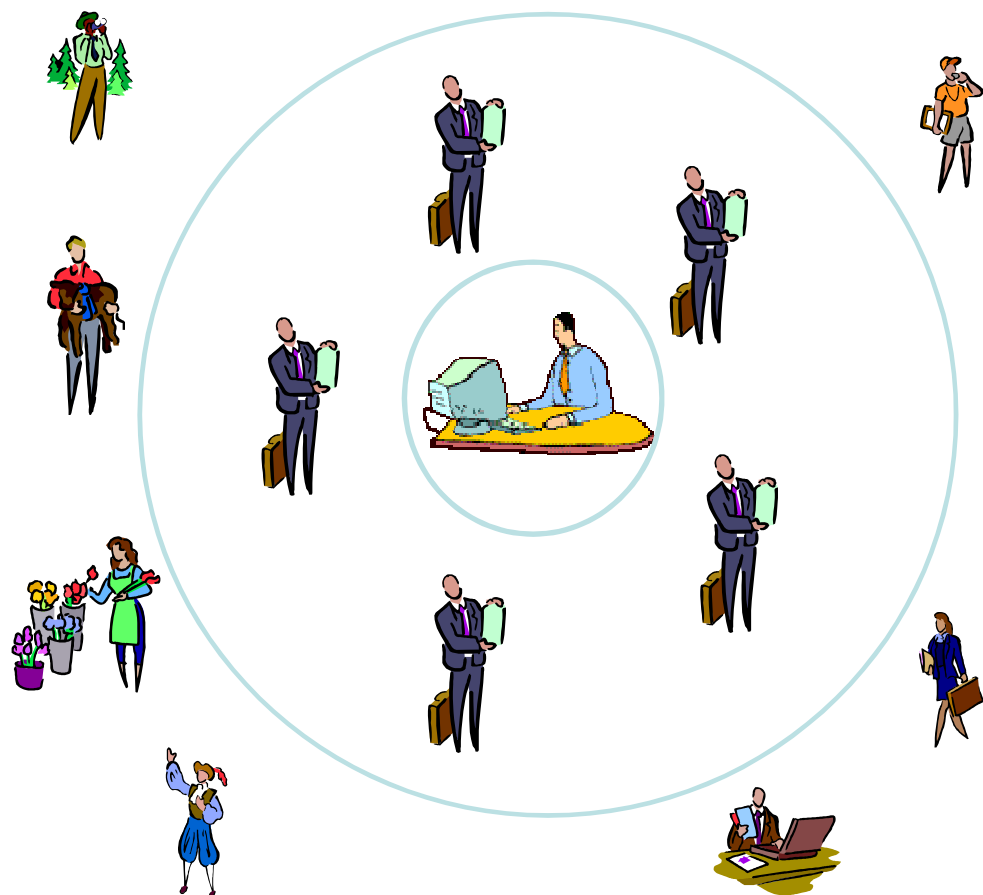
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How does the system work?



Registry: EURid

**Registrars: About 800
Accredited all over the world**

Registrants: Undertakings and individuals with residence within the EU

Prerequisite



**Residence
within the
European
Union**

Source: http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index_en.htm



Who can register under .eu? (Art. 4.2.b Reg 733/2002)

- **Undertakings having its registered office, central administration or principal place of business within the Community**
- **Organisation established within the Community without prejudice to the application of national law**
- **Natural person resident within the Community**
 - **Serbian citizens and companies can register a domain name under the .eu if they have a residence, as defined above, within the European Union.**



One of the priorities for the EU within the .eu TLD - the fight against cybersquatting

- **Phased registration**
- **On-line Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to solve disputes once the names have been registered**
- **Names reserved/blocked under specific circumstances**

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR, art. 24 EC Regulation 874/2004)

- **If you feel that “your” domain name has been registered by someone else and you do not want to go to court, you can recur to the ADR.**
- **Only available against holders of domain names:**
 - **registered in the absence of rights or with no legitimate interest in the name,**
 - **or names registered or used in bad faith.**
- **On-line procedure, quicker and cheaper than ordinary jurisdiction. Managed by Czech Arbitration Court (www.adr.eu)**



Reserved names

- **"First come, first served" principle (recital 20 Regulation 733/2002).**
- **Counterbalanced by the possibility for any holder of alleged rights to challenge the registration via the Alternative Dispute Resolution process (as well as via the standard national jurisdictional system).**

Further information

European Commission:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/doteu/index_en.htm

EURid Registry:

<http://www.eurid.eu>

Czech Arbitration Court (ADR):

<http://www.adr.eu>