



Bahrain Issues New Ministerial Decision Regulating the 2nd and 3rd Levels of Bahrain Domain Name (.BH)



MANAMA - The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications in Bahrain issued the Ministerial Decision No. 11 of 2018 regulating the registration and use of the Second and Third Top Levels of Bahrain domain name (.BH). The new decision replaces the previous decision No. 3 of 2008 regulating the registration and use of .BH Domains.

According to this decision, some principles have been set as follows:

- Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Bahrain (TRA) will undertake all the duties related to the registration and renewal of the domain names.
- The Authority may act as an accredited registrar that deletes, adds, modifies or changes domain names. In addition, all other accredited registrars undertake their duties according to the regulations set by the Regulatory.
- Domain applicant may register more than one domain, if available.
- Domain registration shall cease in the event of a decision to suspend it by a competent court or any

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- other competent authority, and the applicant will be notified of the same.
- Renewal of domain names will be subject to the domain names registration conditions.
 - Owner of any domain name may assign it to third parties, provided that such domain name is not subject to dispute or decision of cancellation.
 - A new Grievance Committee will be established to hear grievances pertaining to decisions issued by TRA. This shall be by a written request from the owner within 10 days from the date of notifying him of the decision in question. The committee shall decide on the application within thirty days from the date of its submission.
 - Domain names registered and valid before the date of implementation of this decision shall be valid and their owners shall settle their conditions in accordance with the provisions of this decision within one year from the date of its implementation.
 - New Official fees have been set for domain names registration and renewal.
 - This decision has been published in the Official Gazette on October 18, 2018, and entered into force on the day following its publication.
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ICANN Board Reaffirms Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data



LOS ANGELES - The Board of Directors of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) voted to reaffirm the “Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.”

The Temporary Specification was

originally approved by the Board on May 17, 2018 and reaffirmed on August 21, 2018, in order to establish temporary requirements for how ICANN and its contracted parties will comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and community-developed policies in relation to the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Under the procedures for adopting Temporary Policies outlined in the Registry Agreement and Registrar Accreditation Agreement, the Board must reaffirm the adoption every 90 days, and may continue to do so for no more than a year.

Source: ICANN

The .ME Registry Celebrates 10 Years with the Launch of IDNs



COLUMBUS, Ohio - To celebrate the first decade of .ME domain name launch, the .ME Registry, operator of .ME domain name extension announced the launch of a diverse range of internationalized domain names (IDNs) on November 12, 2018.

“Personal appeal and worldwide availability from day one is what made .ME domains so popular,” said .ME Registry CEO Predrag Lesic. “We feel that

November 12th is a very important day for us because with the launch of .ME IDNs, people around the world will be able to register .ME domain names using their own national alphabets. It does not get more personal (or global) than this!”

With this implementation, .ME will support the following languages and scripts: Arabic, Belarusian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chinese (traditional and

simplified), Croatian, Danish, Finnish, French, German, Hindi, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Montenegrin (Latin and Cyrillic), Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian (Latin and Cyrillic), Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, and Ukrainian.

IDNs may be registered for 1-10 year terms on a First Come First Served (FCFS) basis with .ME accredited registrars or their resellers starting from November 12, 2018. To access the complete list of .ME accredited registrars, please visit

<https://domain.me/accredited-registrars/#become-a-registrar>.

Source: PR Newswire

The Eastern European DNS Forum Comes to Moscow



BRUSSELS - The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced in a press release that the third Eastern European Domain Name System Forum will take place from December 4-5, 2018, in Moscow, Russia, following the success of the first edition in Kiev, Ukraine (2016), and the second one in Minsk, Belarus (2017). The event is jointly organized by ICANN and the Coordination Center for National Domains .RU/.РФ.

This event is part of ICANN's regional outreach efforts to raise awareness on issues related to the Domain Name System (DNS), and collaborate with stakeholders on key areas. It comes as a continuation

of the earlier engagement efforts to bring global discussions on the DNS to the regional level, and uncover the contexts surrounding the regional perspectives.

Sessions on the first day will cover technical topics. The second day will be devoted to policy-related discussions. The Forum's topics include:

- The current state and evolution of the Root Server System
- Universal Acceptance
- Internationalized Domain Names
- Artificial Intelligence and the DNS
- DNS abuse
- Transborder legislative issues affecting the DNS

ICANN's Chief Technology Officer David Conrad, and Chief Security, Stability and Resiliency Officer John Crain will be at the event participating in discussions related to the evolution and security of the DNS, and the current challenges faced. Other regional and global actors of the DNS industry will also attend the forum, contributing to the sessions with their experiences and areas of expertise.

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