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Policy Advisory Committee – PAC #42
Minutes – 28 November 2024 Meeting

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Minutes of the 42nd Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting held on 28 November 2024

Meeting Location: Hybrid meeting: on Microsoft Teams and at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel.

Meeting Time: Called to order at 11:00 am by the PAC Chair.

Members and representatives (non .ie staff) present:

Chair
Association of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys (APTMA)
CyberSafeKids
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE)
.ie Board Representative
.ie Accredited Registrar (Blacknight)
.ie Accredited Registrar (EuroDNS)
.ie Accredited Registrar (Hosting Ireland)
.ie Accredited Registrar (MarkMonitor)
Irish Reporting & Information Security Service (IRISS)

1. Introduction & Memberships Matters

Minutes from PAC 41

- The Chair reported that the Minutes from PAC 41 would be distributed alongside the Minutes for PAC 42. This was due to the short timeframe between the PAC Meetings.

2. Matters arising

2.1 End of Year PAC Business

- The PAC Secretariat reminded the PAC of the upcoming elections for Registrar Representatives on the PAC.

- The PAC Secretariat also reminded the non-voted members of the PAC that they will be contacted to confirm if they wish to continue sitting on the PAC in 2025.

  The Chair and Secretariat thanked the PAC members for their time and effort over the last year and stated that .ie would arrange for small tokens of appreciation. PAC Members would also have the option of requesting a charitable donation in lieu of a token of appreciation.

2.2 PAC Policy Proposals Updates – Transfer Policy Issue

- The PAC discussed the potential policy gap that had been identified in PAC 41 on domain transfers. The representative from Blacknight stated that there are two issues to consider:

- The issue flagged in PAC 41 involved an entity that was acting in bad faith. The representative stated this was a compliance issue, and not a policy issue. The CEO of .ie agreed and reported that action was being taken on this.

- The second issue flagged was that the current policy does not prevent domains in redemption from being transferred. The representative stated this could place burden on registrars.

- The CEO of .ie stated from a registry perspective, they considered this to be a "corner case" and would be reluctant to launch a PDP on it. They reasoned a PDP could be more appropriate if the issue became more widespread, but noted they needed to "balance the rights" of both registrants and registrars.

- Other PAC members agreed the issue should be resolved, but questioned it required a PDP.

- The representative from Blacknight stated their primary concern was that the issue is resolved, regardless if done through a PDP or other operational means.

2.3 PAC Priorities 2025

- The PAC Secretariat presented potential priorities for the PAC for 2025, sorted by complexity and importance.

  - **High Importance/High Complexity:** Mitigating impacts from NIS2, DORA, & CER

  - **High Importance/Low Complexity:** Establishing a Policy Review Working Group

  - **Low Importance/Low Complexity:** *De Minimis* issues (typos, corrections)

- The PAC welcomed the idea of a policy review working group, and the PAC Secretariat committed to organizing this in the new year.

- The PAC Secretariat also listed potential regulatory risks that may come up in 2025. This included NIS2, CER, and DORA, and a domain name alert system for AGRI regulations.

3. NetCraft Update

- The CEO of .ie presented on the Year-to-Date figures from NetCraft. Monthly figures ranged between **8** and **48** attacks by group. Phishing URLs were the most detected attack type.

4. NIS2 – Directive on Security of Network & Information Systems (NIS2)

- It was reported that there were no significant developments on NIS2 since PAC 41, and that the NIS2 Working Group did not meet due to scheduling conflicts.

- The PAC Secretariat highlighted the work on NIS2 that had been done by the PAC, NIS2 Working Group, and .ie over the last year on Alignment, Advocacy, and Awareness.

5. Any Other Business & Next Meetings

- The PAC Secretariat reported that they would send out a list of potential 2025 dates for the PAC's review.